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## Treasure hunting

*The Wonder gives new life to secondhand items*

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Guitars await the strumming of strings to bring their music alive. Fishing poles anticipate the next great catch. A smattering of antiques intersperse with video games. A Remington typewriter foretells the clickety-clack of its keys to write the next chapter. Even scuba diving gear envisions a purpose in the middle of the prairie.

All this and more fills shelves at The Wonder in Mott, now under the ownership of Brad Wold. “It’s almost like a huge rummage sale,” he says about the secondhand store. “Such an off-the-wall assortment.”

Wold has been collecting treasures for about five years, going to thrift stores and rummage sales as a hobby.

Some of the nostalgic discoveries unearth special moments, he says.

“You look at it and you go, ‘Wow, I remember

that from when I was a kid.’ That’s the coolest thing. It jogs your memory of back when you were a child. It’s fun to see stuff. Also stuff where it’s, ‘What the heck is that?’ Then you have to figure it out,” he says. “That’s fun for me.”

“I like it when you come across something that either you had as a child or your remember as a child and you haven’t seen it for 40 or 50 years,” he shares.

He already owned a house in Mott for the past 10 years, where he was storing his finds.

“I didn’t know how to sell stuff. I just knew how to buy it,” he says with a laugh.

But he noticed The Wonder, a secondhand store at 119 Brown Ave., and visited with Marge Everhart about purchasing the business.

They sealed the deal about a year ago, then

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## City of Mott continues work

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During its regular meeting Sept. 8, the Mott City Council heard an update on the city’s infrastructure improvement projects, again discussed selling city property north of the golf course and held its budget hearing.

### Projects underway

The first phase has begun on a \$3.5 million water and sewer improvement project, with Tand Construction, Mandan, completing a portion of the project this year and the remaining half to be completed next year.

Earlier, the council prioritized certain blocks for water and sewer line reconstruction in two areas of the community, including a section of Brown Ave., for the infrastructure project. The project is addressing deteriorated sewer infrastructure and outdated water mains.

During its meeting last week, the council formally approved a change order removing two blocks of Indiana Avenue and Fifth Street from the project, so two other alternate areas could be included. The council also approved a change order to replace a gate valve, which is not functioning properly, for an additional cost of \$12,400 using contingency funds.

In another project, work is expected to start this week on the emergency replacement of two blocks of water main. Basaraba Excavating, Wilton, is replacing the pipe in the 100 blocks of East Second St. and East Third St. The underground work is expected to take about a month. Restoring the surface of those streets will be completed later, Moore Engineering Project Manager Grant Dockter told the council.

Temporary water lines were being placed prior to the project starting. The council approved a change from conventional directional boring to using close tolerance pipe slurrification (CTPS) to remove existing asbestos cement pipe, then installing new PVC pipe in its place. It also

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## HOMECOMING 2025



Stella Tharaldson reacts to being crowned homecoming queen by Prom King Pierson Frieze during coronation ceremonies at Mott-Regent High School Monday, Sept. 15. From left to right are Ruby Nasset, Jaycia Thomas, Alexia Schaible, Tharaldson, Emily Manolovits and Jada Ottmar. Homecoming activities continue with a parade at 2:30 p.m. Friday, and the football game at 6 p.m. in Mott. | PHOTOS BY LUANN DART



King Pierson Frieze and Queen Stella Tharaldson were crowned during coronation ceremonies Monday to represent Mott-Regent High School during homecoming activities.