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## Petition will require city of Hillsboro to schedule fall election

Cafe owner Ehnert, agronomist Moen running for office

By COLE SHORT

A signed petition has been filed with the city of Hillsboro requesting that a special election be held to fill the unexpired term of former Hillsboro City Commissioner Shawn Skager, who recently moved to Bismarck.



Ehnert

Kate Ehnert, owner of The Hillsboro Cafe, turned in the signed petition to the Hillsboro city auditor's office Friday, July 23.



Moen

Hillsboro city attorney John Juelson said Tuesday that he believes the petition "has more than enough signatures" and appears valid, meaning a special election will be legally required to fill Skager's seat.

Skager won a four-year term on the city commission in the June 9, 2020 election, leaving nearly three years on his remaining term when he resigned.

Juelson said he expects the Hillsboro City Commission to discuss setting a date for the required special election at Monday night's commission meeting.

Although nothing has been set in stone, Juelson said it's probable the city election will be held in about three months.

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## Sanford golf tournament in Hillsboro raises \$24K

By CORY ERICKSON

After a year plagued by the COVID-19 pandemic, July 16 marked a return to near normalcy for Jac McTaggart.

The Hillsboro Sanford Medical Center senior director joined members of 29 other teams in the 23rd annual Sanford Health Foundation Hillsboro charity golf tournament, hosted at Goose River Golf Course.

More than \$24,000 was raised at the event following a year off due to the ongoing pandemic.

"We had a good time," McTaggart said Wednesday. "We were down a little bit, but we expected that."

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McTaggart



PHOTOS BY CORY ERICKSON

Hillsboro farmer Cody Kritzberger watches from the cab of his combine as wheat is harvested three miles southwest of Hillsboro Wednesday.

# HUNG OUT TOO DRY

## Crop conditions vary around the area during ongoing drought

By CORY ERICKSON

Considering the severe drought conditions affecting much of North Dakota this year, Cody Kritzberger is thankful his wheat crops are as healthy as they are.

Though, the Hillsboro farmer admits he may feel differently if the area remains through the soybean and corn harvest.

The 2021 small-grain harvest kicked off in earnest this week — one of the earlier starts to harvest in recent years — with growers seeing mixed results in their fields due to dry, hot summer.

"We need the rain, there's no question," Kritzberger said. "I don't think we're to the point where we need to give up or lose hope."

Nearly all of North Dakota



Wheat along Highway 200 south of Hillsboro was being harvested this week. Conditions for the crop varied across the region due to drought conditions.

is experiencing at least a severe drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

In central North Dakota, conditions range from extreme to exceptional drought — the highest category the monitor

recognizes.

Across the Red River, much of eastern Minnesota is also experiencing extreme drought.

Local agronomist Sarah Lovas said much of the Red River Valley is holding onto residual

moisture from last year, and that may be a saving grace for the small-grain harvest.

"In this neck of the woods, we have a lot of Fargo clay, known for its water holding capacity," Lovas said. "There were places last year that were really wet, and we have a lot of subsoil moisture that's still there."

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, 66 percent of the state's winter wheat was rated either poor or very poor.

More than half of North Dakota's barley was rated poor or very poor and nearing harvest conditions.

Lovas said that some fields in the area will have decent yields for area farmers, but she's aware of a local farmer who may struggle to reach 10 bushels per acre of wheat in at

least one of his fields.

"I don't want to make it sound like the yields are going to be OK all over, but I think for the most part it's going to turn out OK."

Kritzberger began his grain harvest Tuesday and expected to wrap up by Friday.

While wheat isn't his main crop, he said he's been pleased with what he's seen in his fields between Hillsboro and Blanchard.

"We certainly haven't had a wonderful season but it seems like, in farming, any time you start complaining you can go 10 or 20 miles in any direction and find someone who's had it worse," Kritzberger said.

One of this year's saving graces, he added, has been the

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# Beehive holds ribbon-cutting ceremony

## Reynolds bar and grill to start offering lunch, dinner specials soon

By COLE SHORT

REYNOLDS — Co-owner Jordan Adams had to oversee a number of repairs and undoubtedly cut through a little red tape before reopening the Beehive Bar and Grill in Reynolds earlier this year.

Surrounded by friends and family, Adams finally had a chance to slice through a bit of yellow tape to celebrate the bar and grill's return over the weekend.

Adams held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the remodeled Beehive on Saturday and announced that the Reynolds social hub will begin offering lunch and dinner specials starting next month.

The Beehive had been a popular pop-in spot for noon

meals under previous owners Al and Rita Butler and Adams said he's excited to begin serving up grub to customers in the near future.

"We'll be doing things pretty similar to the way Al and Rita did it," Adams said. "We'll be offering lunches from 11 to 2 and fire back up for supper with nightly specials and have Saturday breakfasts."

The Butlers closed the Beehive and placed the Reynolds restaurant and bar up for sale in August 2020.

The business remained closed for nearly four months before reopening around New

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Jordan Adams uses a giant pair of scissors to cut through yellow and black tape during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday marking the grand opening of the Beehive Bar and Grill in Reynolds. Adams said the Beehive will begin offering lunch and dinner specials next month.

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