

No time



Del Foley of Roseburg competes in the Calf Roping competition Saturday at the 67th annual Cottage Grove Rodeo. Unfortunately for Foley, he missed the calf and recorded a 'no time' in the event. The two-day rodeo drew more than 3,000 people. Complete rodeo coverage starts on page 1B.

photo by Matt Hollander

City Council seat to remain open until after Labor Day

Ward IV seat open after Price's resignation

BY MATT HOLLANDER
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The Cottage Grove City Council decided on Monday night to wait until after Labor Day to fill the vacancy left by former Ward 4 Councilor Kate Price, who resigned earlier this month. By extending an application window through the end of August, councilors are hoping to attract as many qualified applicants as possible.

"The City's suggestion to the Council is, 'Don't rush into anything,'" said City Manager Richard Meyers. "The summer is a slow time; many people are away on vacation, including current councilors. Our recommendation is to set aside a wide window for potential applicants, and to make sure that all current councilors can be involved in that process."

At the suggestion of Council-

or Jeff Gowing, the City Council decided to set an application deadline of Aug. 28, with the timeline for interviews and an appointment to be determined after the application window has closed. However, that process is expected to be completed within the first three weeks of September.

A vacancy on the City Council (or mayor), as outlined in the Cottage Grove Charter, is filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining council members. The appointee must be a resident of the same ward as the predecessor in office, unless the predecessor was a Councilor-At-Large. The appointee's term of office runs from appointment until the next general election, at which time a candidate will be elected to serve the remaining term. The next general election is in November, 2016.

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Petitioner says Prozanski recall effort will continue

BY JON STINNETT
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Cottage Grove's Pam Duffy said that she had different plans for retirement, plans that didn't include spearheading an effort to recall Democratic state senator Floyd Prozanski. Still, Duffy's efforts continue about a month after she filed paperwork to attempt the recall, which she said is "going very well."

"Things are moving along as we thought they would," Duffy said, though she added that she has not yet attempted to count the signatures the effort has garnered so far. "We've had a lot of positive feedback and mostly gotten electronic petitions."

Duffy, the recall effort's chief petitioner, has been involved with Cottage Grove's 912 Project for some time but said she has not undertaken such a momentous political effort such as the recall before. Petitioners will need the valid signatures of 8415 voters — a number equal to 15 percent of the votes

cast in the last election for governor in Prozanski's district — to force a recall election, and Duffy and others will have until Sept. 4 to gather them.

In a recent statement to the Sentinel, Duffy cited several issues with Prozanski's time in office as reasons for the petition effort, but she later called the senator's authorship of Senate Bill 941 the "straw that broke the camels' back." The bill was signed into law by Governor Kate Brown in May and will require those who wish to transfer firearms to appear before a gun dealer and undergo a background check in certain circumstances. Duffy wrote that the bill would turn "law-abiding citizens into criminals for storing a firearm in a friend's safe or safeguarding one for a person who has no safe place for their firearm," adding that the bill "infringes on the Second Amendment rights of Oregonians to bear arms."

"He has shown such utter disregard and disrespect for the people in his district that I felt I had to do something," Duffy said, continuing that she will not

be suspending her efforts as the sponsor of a similar recall effort against House Majority Leader Val Hoyle did last week.

While Hoyle said she wasn't paying much attention to the recall efforts against her, Prozanski has said that he's taking the similar effort against him very seriously while standing behind the bill he authored. Duffy said she also sought the recall because of how Prozanski treated those assembled to comment on the bill for a public hearing.

"He had three rooms of people for a public hearing, and because of the size of the crowd he said there would only be time for the testimony of 60 people," she said. "But then he called a halt, probably because the majority of people there to talk were against the bill."

Duffy said she also took issue with Prozanski attaching an emergency clause to the bill, making it effective as soon as it has passed.

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The Bohemia Foundation's Faye Stewart joins Mayor Tom Munroe, members of the National Guard and area youth to dedicate the playground equipment at Bohemia Park on Wednesday, July 8. A dedication of the park's chess tables will take place Sunday, July 19 at 5 p.m.

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