

Slide from 1A

sideways pretty hard. Then the trailer went up at an angle and we couldn't get out." Barkemeyer and her granddaughter remained calm while the trailer settled. "We couldn't get out. But we were OK. So I was calling out, 'Hello! Hello!' And then every-

thing came down on the trailer. "But no windows were broken and I and my grandbaby were OK," she said. SVFR firefighters removed the debris that was preventing the trailer door from opening. "We knew that the occupants were OK at this point, so we deliberately looked around and formulated a plan," Barrett said. "The hill seemed fairly



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stable so we went to the front door, cleared the debris and assisted the occupants out." Firefighters helped Barkemeyer and the infant from the damaged RV before members of the Florence Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) offered them counseling. Tom and Candace Zahara, with the Disaster Action Team, helped Barkemeyer fill out the necessary paperwork so that she and her granddaughter could obtain emergency accommodations, food and clothing. The rescue effort was accomplished quickly because of the relative safety of the pair, according to Barrett.



Siuslaw Valley firefighters set up a "do not cross" line around Barkemeyer's RV at Siuslaw Marina and River RV Park and survey the damage of the landslide. Emergency vehicles line the entrance to the RV park as the first responders get to work rescuing Barkemeyer and preventing further damage.

"This type of action is opposite to how we train. We train that time is critical and we need to act fast. Knowing the occupants were stable, we were able to plan and take our time," he said. "It took a total of 10 minutes from first arrival to patient extraction. Still quick considering the situation." For her part, Barkemeyer was remarkably calm considering her ordeal, and said she would continue with her plans for the day. "We are going to stay in a hotel tonight," she said at the time. "We were already planning on it for the Super Bowl,

so we will just go ahead and do that. After all, it is Super Bowl Sunday." When contacted, Lane County Road Maintenance Manager Orin Schumacher said that the heavy rains in the western part of the county had caused a number of slides during the weekend. Senior members of his department were aware of this incident and visited the scene shortly after the slide occurred on Sunday. "Richard Perkins, Road Maintenance Supervisor, has been to the site each day since the slide occurred,"

Schumacher said. "He is in the process of working with the managers of the RV park to coordinate the removal of a trailer that is located down the slope in a potentially dangerous spot. There is a large tree that needs to be removed in order to stabilize the hillside. Once this trailer has been removed, the road and hillside above the trailer can be dealt with more safely." Reports continue to arrive of slides and flooding from the weekend's storm. See Siuslaw News' Saturday edition for updated information.





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Work plan from 1A

"With that, we are always in motion, and we're always thinking of how to be better and work faster or be more efficient," Reynolds said. "Timing is everything. There may be some refinements in choosing the timing of things, and how you begin planning and building the financial forecast of our priorities." Before the unanimous vote to approve the 2017-18 City Work Plan, the five city councilors voiced their approval. Mayor Joe Henry said, "We already have a financial five-

year projection we look to and continue to modify. It's continually being updated. It would save a lot of staff and council time in the budgeting process." Councilor Joshua Greene mentioned the council's approval of four ordinances approving the annexation of properties near Rhododendron Drive as a sign of positive change. "That's change. It's been an organic process and is happening naturally. The door is open and it's good," he said. "We just want to acknowledge the shifts in making things happen. It's a good thing and it's healthy."

It is even messy sometimes, according to Councilor Susy Lacer. "We have a lot of disruptions going on around our city, bumpy roads and construction and detours and a fair number of inconveniences, but that's what happens when you are 'A City in Motion' with our goals and our very ambitious work plan. There are these temporary disruptions on the road to becoming the kind of community that we all want it to be," she said. The 2017-18 City of Florence Work Plan will soon be available in digital form at ci.florence.or.us.

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Henry said, "In my view and based on Section 22, Article 7, of the Florence City Charter, it is my duty and that of the Florence City Council to conduct the business of the city in a non-partisan manner and that the council may not 'coerce command or require any appointed city official or employee to influence or give money, service or anything of value to promote or oppose any political committee.'" "As long as I am mayor, I will resist any attempt to try to influence the city to promote or oppose any political committee or cause, and encourage the city council to conduct its affairs in a bi-partisan manner." Florence Police Chief Tom Turner did not return phone calls asking for a statement by press time.