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A car crash on Highway 99W north of Rickreall Thursday killed Jesus Negrete Ramirez, 47, of McMinnville, and passenger Con suelo Aguinaga Martinez, 49, of McMinnville. A separate crash killed Diana Glover, 62, of Dallas.

Three killed in two car crashes Thursday

Itemizer-Observer staff report
POLK COUNTY — Three people died as the result of two separate car crashes on Thursday night.
Diana Marie Glover, 62, of Dallas, was driving a 2011 Toyota Rav4 eastbound on Highway 22 at about 4:45 p.m. when her car was hit nearly head-on by a 1991 Toyota pickup traveling westbound and driven by Mark Allen Strutton Jr., 27, of Willamina, Oregon State Police said.
For unknown reasons,

Strutton's vehicle crossed the centerline.
Glover was pronounced dead at the scene. Strutton was taken to Salem Hospital for treatment.
Highway 22 was closed for more than four hours with one lane opening after a couple of hours, though it was cleared that night.
At 5:30 p.m., OSP troopers and emergency personnel responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash on Highway 99W at milepost 52, north of Rickreall.

When emergency crews arrived, they discovered two vehicles traveling in opposite directions had collided. The driver of a 2002 Honda Civic, Jesus Negrete Ramirez, 47, of McMinnville, and passenger Con suelo Aguinaga Martinez, 49, of McMinnville, were pronounced dead at the scene.
Preliminary information indicates the Honda was traveling northbound when, for unknown reasons, it swerved into the path of a

southbound 2002 Volkswagen Passat.
The Volkswagen struck the Honda on the passenger side and both vehicles came to a rest on the shoulder.
The driver of the Volkswagen, Kimberly L. Williams, 49, of Keizer, was taken to Salem Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.
Amity Fire and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted OSP at the scene.
The crash closed the highway for a few hours.

Policy: District bound by law

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The rights of transgender students are included in the district's nondiscrimination policy.
That policy also prohibits discrimination or harassment against staff or students based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, and national or ethnic origin, in addition to others.
Legal guidance to the district regarding enforcement said that Title IX protects the rights of transgender students to use the facilities assigned to the gender they identify with.
The district sent a letter to the parents of affected students, those in physical education classes with Yoder, explaining the policy and the legal support behind it. Meetings were also held with students.
Those in attendance Monday also were concerned about the notification process, saying that all parents in the district should have been sent the letter.
Some at the meeting disagreed with the district's in-

terpretation of Title IX, including Sutton and Dallas resident Kris Golly.
"We are seeing school districts across the nation voting on agreements on this very issue," Golly said. "As we all know, Title IX was adopted to give equal access, and part of that being to education."
"In this particular case, no one in the Dallas School District is being excluded from an education, even if they were to dress down in a bathroom of their biological sex. This still would not exclude them from participation in PE class."
Golly asked the district to consider a policy written by the Alliance Defending Freedom, a group advocating for religious freedom, and said the group would be willing to work with the district on its policy.
Superintendent Michelle Johnstone said the policy will remain, but, at the board's direction, she will discuss with the district's lawyers how to respond to concerns.

Minet payment from Indy OKd

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — The Independence City Council approved advancing \$340,790 toward the December debt service payment for Monmouth Independence Networks.
The money comes from Independence's water fund.
The total December payment is \$1,051,027, with 55 percent coming from Monmouth and 45 percent from Independence. Monmouth will be asked to pay \$407,791, which comes from Monmouth's Power and Light fund.
Minet will pay \$302,446, and will owe each city the money advanced, plus 3 percent interest to be paid back no later than Dec. 31, 2021.
The amount exceeded what the city budgeted for pay for Minet's debt service, said Councilor Tom Tackas.
"It seems like we're trending way upward based on what we're contributing," he said. "Do we have very specific ways of addressing that? Any projections for the June payment?"
Councilor and Minet board member Jerry Hoffman said Minet's board is looking into marketing and acquiring addresses that are not Minet subscribers.
Minet corporate finance officer Mark Thoenes said, based on rough projections, he anticipates the city of Independence will be asked to cover 80 percent of the debt payment due in June.
The debt was originally taken out by both cities — Monmouth and Independence — to pay for the infrastructure to build Minet. The intent was for Minet to be able to pay for itself, but so far this has not been the case.
Minet General Manager Don Patten said Minet employees are focusing on finding new sources of revenue.
City Councilor Marilyn

Morton recused herself from the vote to approve the payment based on a perceived actual conflict. Morton works for Minet.

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| MOCKINGJAY PART 2 (Digital 2D) (PG13) | (12:50 3:50) | 6:50 | 9:40 |
| THE GOOD DINOSAUR (Digital 2D) (PG) | (12:20 2:40 5:05) | | |
| *STAR WARS: (Digital 2D) | | | |
| THE FORCE AWAKENS (PG13) | | 7:30 | 10:30 |
| *STAR WARS: (Digital 2D) | | | |
| THE FORCE AWAKENS (PG13) | (10:40 2:50) | 6:00 | 9:10 |
| *STAR WARS: (NEC Dolby 3D) | | | |
| THE FORCE AWAKENS (PG13) | (12:10 3:20) | 6:30 | 9:40 |
| *STAR WARS: (Digital 2D) | | | |
| THE FORCE AWAKENS (PG13) | (9:30 12:40 3:50) | 7:00 | 10:10 |
| ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE ROAD CHIP (Digital) (PG) | (11:00 1:10 3:20 5:30) | 7:40 | 9:45 |
| IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (Digital 2D) (PG13) | (1:50 4:35) | 7:20 | 10:00 |
| SISTERS (Digital) (R) | (11:25 2:05 4:45) | 7:30 | 10:15 |

Thursday Dec. 24

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* Starred attraction beginning December 17. No passes will be accepted. This policy will be in place the first 18 days of Star Wars beginning 12/17 (Thursday)

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