

# Fourth: Celebrations promise to be fun, safe

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Because of the large crowds, the park will be closed to boats, kayakers, and canoers on Friday and Saturday during Western Day Festivities.  
But don't forget to cross the S-curves to Monmouth, where the Community Art Show gives local artists a chance to flaunt their work with others.

Bounce houses, music and a beer and wine garden also grace Main Street Park on Friday and Saturday.  
On the big day, start off with breakfast at the Polk County Fire District No. 1 Station 90. And then? The choices really are vast.  
Dallas, Monmouth and Independence all have fabulous choices of activities on Saturday, and it may be possible to

see almost everything.  
The Mini-Marathon, Children's Parade, Car Show and Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club's Grand Parade kick off in Monmouth at Western Oregon University and go past Main Street Park.  
Where the grand parade and mini-marathon end is where the party begins again in Riverview Park. Admission is \$1 for the Fourth of

July. Proceeds pay for the fireworks.  
Over in Dallas, barbecues have been heating up at Dallas City Park for hours already for the BBQ Throwdown competition, which begins at 11 a.m.  
Fifteen teams take pride in their rubs, meats and cooking techniques to create mouthwatering selections. Taste them for yourself

with a tasting ticket, on sale for \$1.  
Vendors and music will accompany the barbecue competition at Dallas City Park before fireworks are ignited from Roger Jordan Community Park.  
Saturday night, join more than 20,000 people on the lawns of Riverview Park to listen to country band Cloverdayle and watch the fireworks

shoot out over the Willamette River, or find a comfortable chair in your backyard in Dallas and "ooo" and "ahh" over the display there.  
The best thing about the Fourth of July in Polk County is there really is something for everyone, whether it's crowded carnival fun, or more mellow art and music in the park, fierce barbecue competitions or whimsical parades.

## 2015 Relay for Life of Polk County

How Do You Thank A Hero?

With every passing year of Relay For Life, I am more grateful to the incredible support this event receives from its sponsors and more thankful to live in the Polk County community where generosity seems to know no bounds. Over \$30,000 was raised through sponsorship this year, coming from either cash contributions or goods and services necessary to host an event this size. For the first time, all ten tents, all 50 8-foot tables, and all 100 folding chairs were donated rather than rented. Garbage/recycling service, porta-potties, bottled water ~ all donated and all contributing to a very successful Relay. And can you imagine the impact the \$20,000 in cash donations will have on cancer research and patient services!

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## Salem woman dies after Saturday crash

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**  
MONMOUTH — A single-vehicle crash west of Monmouth on Saturday claimed the life of one woman and injured three other people.  
At 6:53 a.m. on Saturday, a 2005 Dodge Neon driven by Triston Ferguson, 21, of Salem, was traveling east on Highway 194 about three miles west of Monmouth. Ferguson attempted to negotiate a curve, but left the roadway on the south side, spun out of control and rolled over several times onto a field on the north side of the highway.  
Several residents heard the crash and assisted with first aid of the injured.  
Catherine Bartlett-Twete, 20, of Salem, was partially ejected during the crash, sustained critical injuries and was pronounced dead on the scene.  
Passenger Kayla Lane, 19, of Salem, sustained moderate injury and was transported by ambulance to the Salem Hospital. Passenger Kodi Cooper, 21, of Salem, was critically injured and transported by helicopter to the Salem Hospital. Ferguson sustained moderate injuries and was transported to the Salem Hospital by ambulance.  
The crash is under investigation by Oregon State Police. Anyone who may have witnessed the crash or who was with the occupants prior to the crash, contact troopers at the Salem Area Command: 503-375-3555. Senior Trooper Jay Davis and recruit Kevin Ely are the primary investigators.  
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