

# RARE helps IDA thrive

By Emily Mentzer  
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INDEPENDENCE — Since Americorps RARE volunteer Imani Hall started work as the manager for the Independence Downtown Association, seven new businesses have opened up.

There were “a lot of different things that we’ve accomplished over the last couple of months,” Hall said.

Hall’s work with IDA through the Resource Assistance for Rural Environments program wraps up at the end of July. The downtown association has secured a grant for a second RARE volunteer to continue and improve on Hall’s work, he said.

One thing Hall will suggest to the new RARE is to consider encouraging multiple events at once.

“I think one of the best things we can do with the downtown is try and pair events together,” he said.

The Parade of Lights in December was well attend-

ed, with twice as many lighted floats as in years past, Hall said.

“It was a great reception downtown at Sojourn, which happened to overlap a ribbon-cutting at Pearl on C and Keeaumoku Hawaiian Grill opened that night, so it was a really vibrant downtown,” Hall said.

It wasn’t just IDA-sponsored events that went well, but fundraisers, too, Hall said.

“The Walk of Hearts this year went really well,” he said. “I think we made the most money.”

A flower basket fundraiser was added during the spring, which Hall said did OK.

“We definitely didn’t make as much as we would have hoped,” he said. “We’re hoping it will be strong in the years to come. It’s still really exciting to create a new fundraiser, be out in the community and do more things that are engaging citizens of Independence and Monmouth in the downtown Independence.”

Hall worked to secure grant funding for Boomtown Brewing, coming soon to downtown. Also, IDA now has a Square — a chip reader allowing the organization to accept debit and credit cards.

“It helps in the sense that we don’t need cash for everything, so we should be able to make more money through fundraisers,” Hall said.

While membership hasn’t increased much during Hall’s tenure, he said IDA has created a new brochure and membership packet.

“Hopefully with the new membership pack, we’ll be able to bring more people in to support the downtown association — not only businesses, but people who live on Second and Third streets,” he said. “Hey, you love coming down for live music at Independence Grill or paint and pinot at Brew, you should support the business association, because we support downtown businesses.”



Kyra, Noah, Ethan and Polk County Sheriff Mark Garton at the sheriff’s commendation ceremony at the Polk County Courthouse on Friday.

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## Teens honored for rescue efforts

By Stephanie Blair  
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DALLAS — “Every job is a self-portrait of the one who does it. Autograph your work with excellence.”

This is the inscription on the challenge coins which were given to Ethan Collins, Kyra Orwick and Noah Woods by Sgt. Todd Fenk, along with plaques of commendation from Polk County Sheriff Mark Garton. In the community conference room of the Polk County Courthouse on Friday, Ethan, Kyra and Noah were given commendations for their actions on June 30.

“On June 30, at about 9:45 a.m., the sheriff’s office responded to a serious injury at the home of 6-year-old Noah Woods. The caller, Ethan, reported that his cousin, Noah, had seriously injured his wrist and his stomach. Deputies arrived seven minutes later, and they found Noah, and he was being given first aid by Ethan and his sister, Kyra,” explained Garton. “Deputies were surprised by the effective care that they were giving Noah and there was really nothing more ... to be done until medics arrived. Deputies



Noah Woods with his letter of commendation.

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worked to help keep Noah calm and help him get through the ordeal until the ambulance was there to take him to the hospital.

“Deputies on scene spoke to Sgt. Fenk after the incident and said that Kyra and Ethan and Noah all showed exceptional composure for their age.”

The sheriff added that the medics on scene were also pleased by the care that Noah had been receiving before their arrival.

The three involved in the incident each played a role in ensuring the best care for Noah, Garton said.

“Kyra provided immediate first aid to Noah and protected him from further injury,” as stated on her

plaque. “Ethan provided immediate first aid to Noah and called 911,” as stated on his plaque and “Noah remained calm throughout this ordeal. His actions on this day showed exceptional maturity and composure for his age,” as stated on his plaque.

“It’s not very often that we get to do this because a lot of times there isn’t as positive an outcome,” said Garton. “A lot of people may not have done what they (Kyra and Ethan) did, so we really appreciate all of that.”

Family and friends attended the commendation, along with deputies and a few members of the county’s Board of Commissioners.



McGarvey

Side

Strain

Duddles

## Corrections posts ‘most wanted’

DALLAS — Polk County Community Corrections lists these individuals as “most wanted” for July. Citizens with information on the whereabouts of any of them can call Community Corrections at 503-623-5226.

- Barry Thomas McGarvey, born Dec. 19, 1978, 5-9, 180 pounds, brown hair, green eyes. Charge: Delivery of heroin.

- Christopher Side, born March 16, 1981, 6-2, 200 pounds, brown hair, green eyes. Charge: First-degree burglary.

- Richard Dawayne

- Strain, born Jan. 19, 1968, 6-1, 220 pounds, white hair, brown eyes. Charges: Possession of meth, failure to appear.

- Pamela Rashell Duddles, born July 30, 1967, 5-5, 120 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Charge: driving intoxicated.

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**Solution on Page 10A**

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Row →

Three-by-three square →

Column ↓

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7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
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**How to do Sudoku**  
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