

COMMANDERS SCRAPBOOK OF
BENNETT & DENNIS HERRICK MEMORIAL POST 626
THE AMERICAN LEGION
GLADSTONE MISSOURI



FOR: JULY 2018 – JUNE 2019
BY: DOUGLAS W. MILLISON

BOOK 1, JULY – DECEMBER 2018
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Preamble to the Constitution

For
God and Country
we associate ourselves together for the
following purposes



To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



COMMANDERS BIOGRAPHY

Commander, 2017 – 2019

Douglas W. Millison

Commander Millison joined the Army in Seattle WA and began his career as an Armored Reconnaissance Specialist in 1979, attending OSUT and Anti-Tank Missile training in FT. Knox KY. His first assignment was with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in the Fulda Gap on the then E/W German border.

He served on active duty for just over 20 years as a Scout, Scout Section Leader, Company and Squadron Training NCO, G3 Range Scheduling NCO, Scout Platoon Sergeant, and Squadron S3 Operations NCO. He graduated in the top of his class at the Basic NCO Course and the Advanced NCO Course as well as the Scout Platoon Leaders Course.

His tours of duty included FT Knox KY, Bad Hersfeld Germany (11th ACR), FT. Lewis WA (9th ID), Mannheim Germany (8th ID), FT. Riley KS (1st ID), Hohenfels Germany (7th ATC), FT. Ord CA (7th ID), FT. Lewis WA (G3 DPTM), and FT. Riley KS (1st AD). His last overseas tour before returning to FT. Knox and retiring in 2000 was to another border, Camp Gary Owen (2nd ID) on the N/S Korean border.



After retiring from the military in 2000 he returned to the Seattle area and worked in the marine industry for 6 years manufacturing doors, hatches, and windows for watercraft of all types and sizes. Commander Millison then went to Skagit Valley Community College and acquired an Associate's Degree in electronics technologies which gave him the skills to work for the Navy at Naval Radio Station Jim Creek (T) in Arlington WA as an Electronics Mechanic Helper, ensuring that ULF communications were maintained with our Boomers around the world.

Now fully retired he spends his time volunteering at the National WWI Museum and Memorial and the KC VA Medical Center as well as assisting Post 626 serve the veteran, community and youth of Missouri.

Commander Millison has been a member of the American Legion for 24 years. Since joining the Post in 2014 he has served the Post on the Public Relations, VA&R, Membership and Fundraising Committee's, and served on the Honor Guard and Volunteer Team. He also assumed several officer roles as the Historian, Internet Administrator and Vice Commander before becoming the Commander in 2017.

He completed the American Legion Extension Institute in 2014 and Graduated the National American Legion College in 2017. Millison has just completed his 4th year as the 3rd Districts Vice Commander. On the Department level Millison serves on the add-hoc Centennial Committee and the Leadership Training Committee

Doug is married to Michelle, and has two children from a previous marriage, James and Sierra who live out of state. Michelle's son Jesse is married with two children and is in the area.

Post 626 Officers for 2018 - 2019

COMMANDER



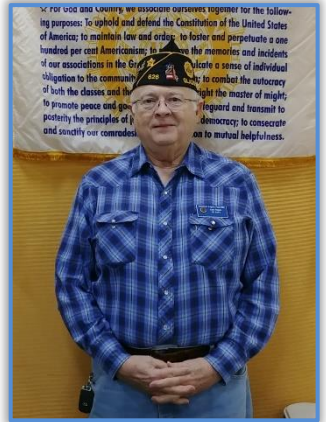
Douglas Millison

ADJUTANT



Phyllis Rosales

SR VICE COMMANDER



Larry Ragan

JR VICE COMMANDER



David Bowman

FINANCE OFFICER



R.D. Mallams

CHAPLAIN



Craig Lantz

HISTORIAN



Jane Janssen

SERVICE OFFICER



Billy Thompson

SERGEANT AT ARMS



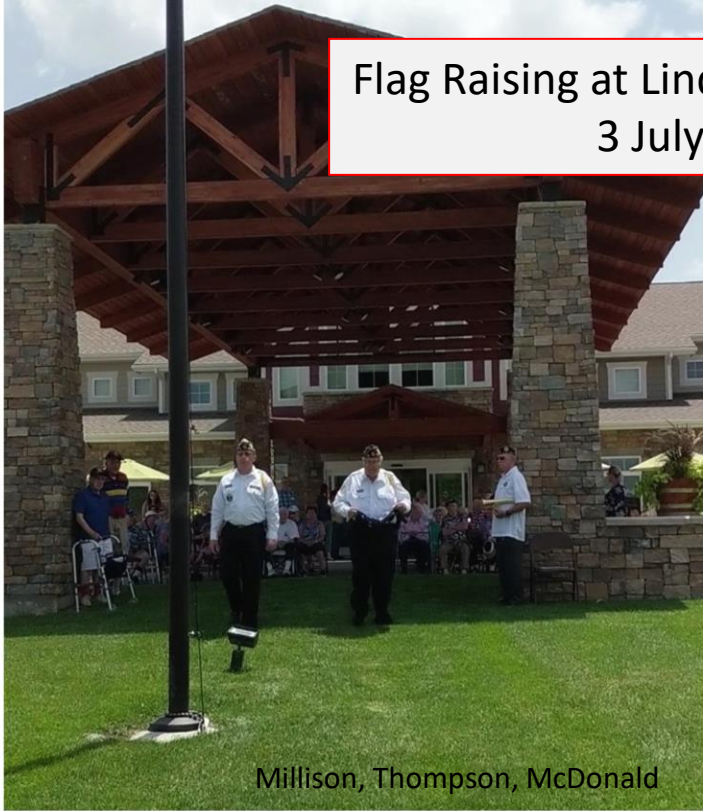
Andrew Lester

1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
The Year in Pictures



JULY

Flag Raising at Linden Woods Village 3 July 2018



Millison, Thompson, McDonald





LEGIONNAIRE's of Post 626

Please join us for our fourth annual Initiation and Induction ceremony being held at the Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N Holmes St. on the 19th of July starting at 5:30 PM in the Linden Room.

Guest Speaker, provided by our American Legion Baseball Team:

Bennie Wierzbicki

MR. Wierzbicki coached over 1,000 games ranging from youth levels to College Woodbat Summer League teams. He has been a Professional Baseball Scout for the Philadelphia Phillies organization for 13 years.

We will also Initiate new members, Induct new officers, pass out awards, show our appreciation to members who have reached a 5 year anniversary and enjoy a great meal with our friends, new and old.

The Post is supplying drinks, plates and flatwear and we ask everyone else to please bring their favorite potluck item with serving utensile.

Please bring your spouse! This would also be an excellent time to bring a prospective new member along as your guest to show them what your Post is about. Space is limited so Please RSVP to Gaila Sullivan at 816-436-5860 or email the Post at bennettherrick626@gmail.com with your dish choice and number in party.



Ragan



Millison



Sullivan





Girls State Graduate Wilhelmina Buchholz



American Legion Baseball Coach
Clark Conover, 626 Owls



Herrick Memorial 626 Owls



Presenting Baseball Chair Thompson with Team shirt



Guest speaker Bennie Wierzbicki Pro Baseball Scout





Legionnaire of the Year, Billy Thompson



Membership Team, Robker, Duncan, Millison, McDonald Thompson

Outgoing Officers, Robker, Sullivan



Initiates, Stratton, Napoli, Cunningham



Inductees,
Lester, Sgt at Arms
Ragan, Sr. Vice Commander
Thompson, Service Officer

Post Everlasting Ceremony



Hole Sponsors for Elks Lodge 2376 Golf Tournament benefiting the Veterans Home in Warrensburg



McDonald
Lester
Murch
Braton



AUGUST



Recognizing Regal Plastic and Elks Lodge 2376 for their sponsorship of students to Boys and Girls States



Continuous Membership Awards for Rosales and Lantz



Rosales, McDonald, Murch, Thompson, Sullivan, Braton, Millison, Farris, and family members

Supporting Elks Downs-Syndrome fundraiser

SEPTEMBER

Hmmmm, suspiciously quiet...

OCTOBER



Honor Guard Dinner



Gladfest Tent Crews

Jacobs, Duncan

Millison, Bowman, Sullivan



Ragan, Rosales, Dubuc



Ragan, Napoli, Dunnam



Stratton, Thompson



Thompson, Sullivan, McDonald, Murch



Hobby Hill Park Dedication



Friday Fright Night
Braton, Rosales, Duncan



Past Historian Millison receiving
Open Class Award for Yearbook



S. O. Thompson attending Caregivers
Working Group Symposium



PR Chairman Millison receiving
Toot Our Horn Award



HISTORIAN AWARD

One Year Post History-Open Class

First Place

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

2017 - 2018



Toot Our Horn Award

Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial Post 626

Has met the requirements to promote the
American Legion locally and state wide.

2014

2015

2016

2017


2018


NOVEMBER


PROGRAM


**10:00 Veterans Gather
Performing Arts Center**


10:25 Falcon Fieldhouse


 Prelude: "Fanfare for Justice" – Richard Saucedo, (Falcon Brigade Band, under the direction of Meara Mitchell)


 Welcome to Students and Staff (Dr. Smith)


 Veterans are escorted by Kansas City Celtic Pipes & Drums into the Fieldhouse & are seated in VIP area

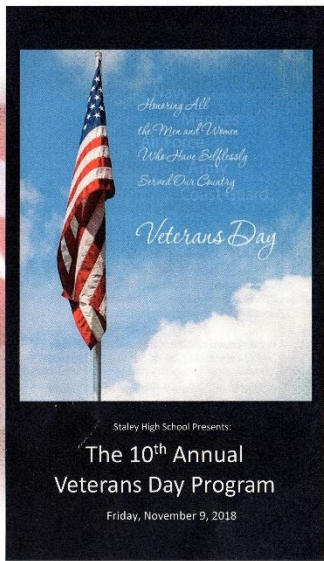
 Presentation of Colors (Bennett and Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post 626)

 Pledge of Allegiance – (Private Brody Geist)

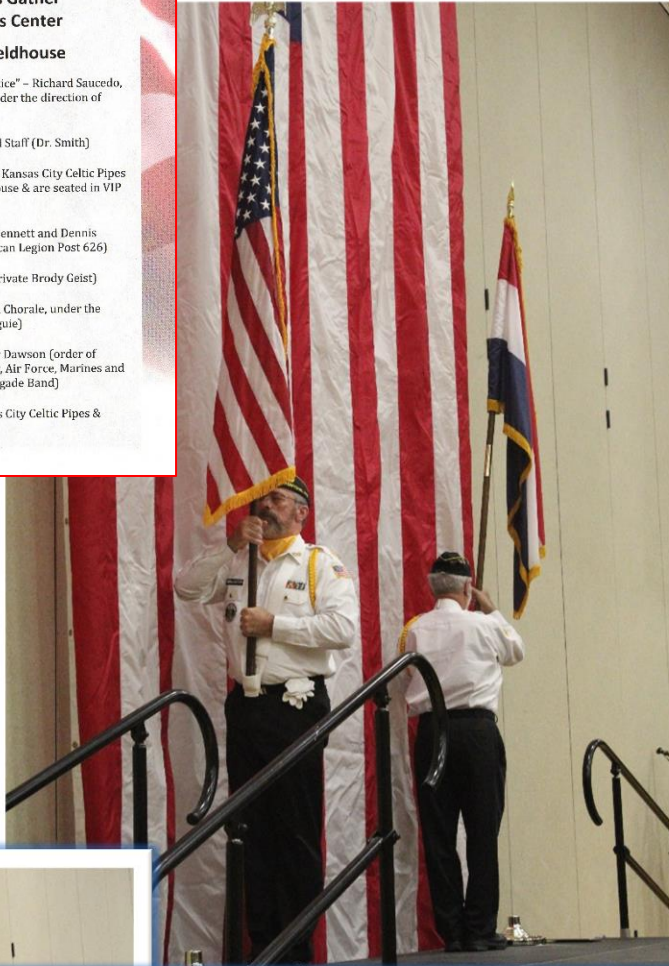
 National Anthem (Falcon Chorale, under the direction of Tracy Resseguie)

 Veterans Salute – arr. Jay Dawson (order of recognition: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard) (Falcon Brigade Band)

 "Amazing Grace" (Kansas City Celtic Pipes & Drums)



Millison & Farris present the Colors at Staley Veterans Day program





**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST
626 AND
THE GROUNDHOG DAY
THEATER**

Present

Richard Montano and



In

**A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
MILITARY PERSONEL**

6906 N. Oak Trafficway
Gladstone, MO 64118
The Groundhog Day Theater

Facebook messenger or email
groundhogdaycomedy@gmail.com

**Veterans Day Comedy Show
Live Stand-Up Comedy
Friday November 9th**
Doors Open at 1900 (7pm)
Show Starts at 2000 (8pm)
Tickets - \$10

Money raised goes to support The Comedy Academy at The Groundhog Day Theater and Military Personnel. Come out and support your local community as well as the United States Armed Forces and their families.



Bowman, Thompson, Millison



NOT one of the comedians...



Thompson, Sullivan



Robertson





Bowman, a local scout leader, Rounds up help to decorate Big Shoal for Veterans Day



Bells of Peace – McDonald, Marquis, Tucker, Bowman, Thompson



Poppy Donation Day – Marquis, McDonald, Tucker, Bowman

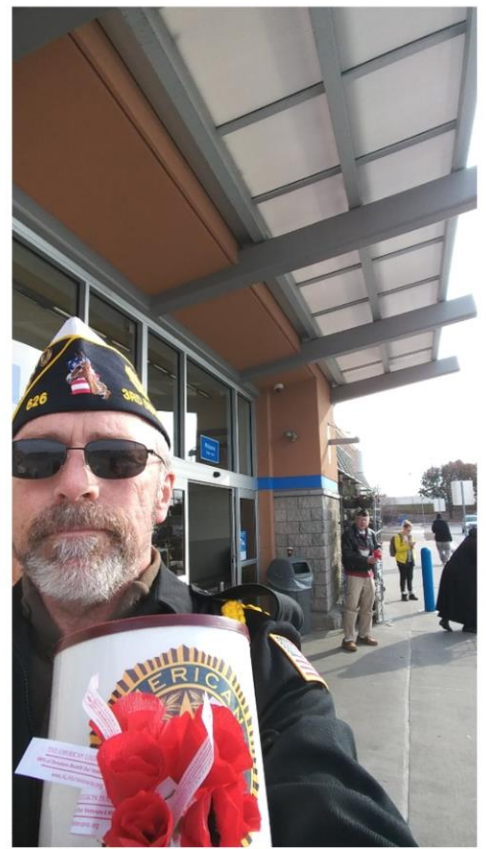


Marquis, McDonald, Thompson, Stratton

Lester, Stratton



Murch



Millison, Stratton



\$54 in coupon savings inside



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Veterans and poppies



KELLIE HOUX/Staff Photo

The Bennett & Dennis Herrick American Legion Post 626 in Gladstone collects donations and hands out poppies, the symbol of World War I, at the Gladstone Walmart Sunday, Nov. 11, the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day.



Staging for Veterans in the Classroom

Veterans in the Classroom



Thomsen

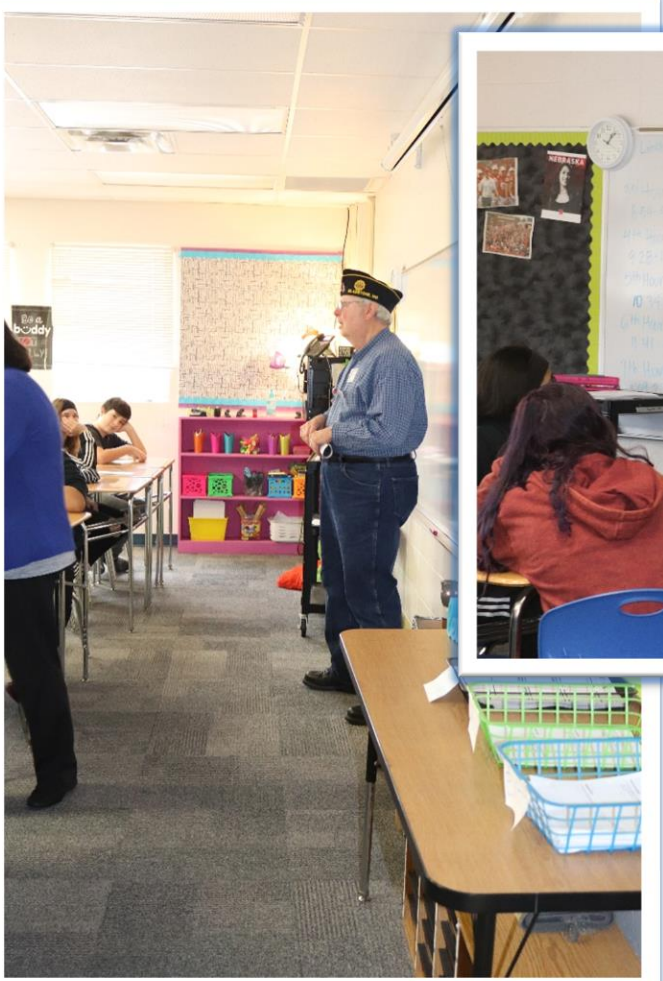


Sullivan



Thompson





Robker



Bierle





Stratton



Millison







Bowman, Mallams



Benes



Stratton, Thomsen



Millison



Bierle



Commander Millison recognized by the Chamber of Commerce for the Posts contributions to their activities.



December Membership Meeting at the Community Center.

Getting ready for Post Oratorical Contest





Contestant families



Thompson, Rosales

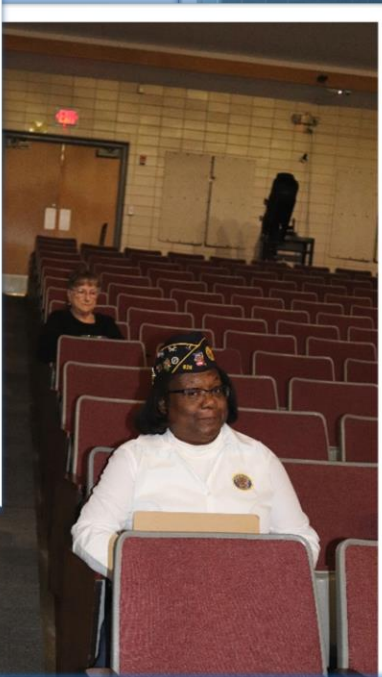


Bowman, Lantz

Robker



Sullivan, Bierle



Millison,
Benes



Staley Highschool Students





3rd Place, Mamus Ogolor



2nd Place, Aaliyah Aramjoo



1st Place, Elisha Knapp



(Consolation Prize,
Oratorical Chair Benes)



Rosales presenting
Mayors Christmas
Tree donation.

The official rededication of the Antioch library branch takes place Jan. 4. | **PAGE A8**



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ACHIEVEMENT

Staley student wins county-level American Legion oratorical contest



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Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post 626 Commander Doug Millison, Elisha Knapp and District Oratorical Chairman Ron Pardeck pose for a picture after Knapp wins the county-level competition in Liberty on Dec. 10. She won \$200 as well as a Patrick Henry Oratory pin.

GLADSTONE — Mamus Ogolor, Elisha Knapp and Aaliyah Aramjoo-Hull from Staley High School competed in the American Legion's High School Oratorical Contest on Nov. 19.

This was the second school-level contest that the Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post 626 has sponsored in Gladstone. Local high schools are invited to send three students to compete with one student from each school moving on to the county, district and eventually national competitions.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that

teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

Knapp placed first in the school-level competition, receiving a certificate, a \$50 gift card to Barnes & Noble and the Bronze Patrick Henry Oratorical Award Program Medal. She went on to win the county-level competition in Liberty on Dec. 10 and won \$200 as well as a Patrick Henry Oratory pin. She advances on to the district level competition on Jan. 12 at American Legion Post 58 in Smithville.

"The Bennett and Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post 626 of Gladstone congratulates Ms. Knapp on her accomplishments," said Commander Douglas Millison.

"What these students do is quite remarkable and earns our deepest respect. They prepare an oratory that must be not less than 5 minutes long and not more than 6, speaking on their viewpoint of Articles of the Constitution. All the while they are being judged on everything from originality and comprehensiveness to voice and style. And when you hear the students speak with such knowledge of, and appreciation for the topic, it's something else. Remarkable."

Contestants are competing for scholarships up to \$2,000 at the state level, and up to \$18,000 at national. High school students under age 20 are eligible.

"We are looking forward to seeing Ms. Knapp continue on," said Millison, "and with this experience under her belt she will be all that much better prepared."

Wreathes Across America, White Chapel and...



Bierle, Millison, Bowman, Braton
Duncan, Thompson



Rosales



Murch helping out the VFW





Dennis & Bennett Herrick



Parents and Post Charter Members Loren & Marjory Herrick



...Clay County Veterans Memorial



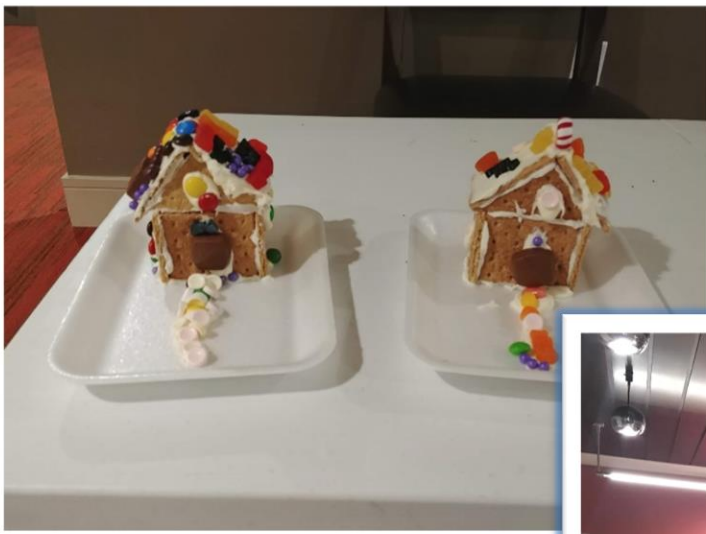
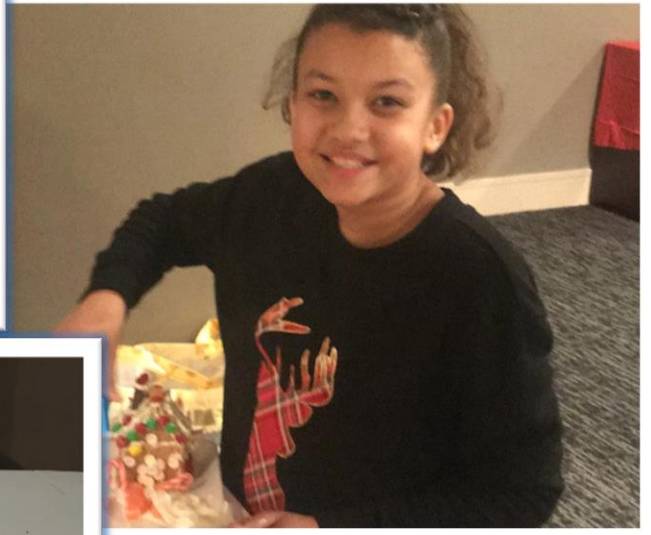
End of Year Party, The Heights



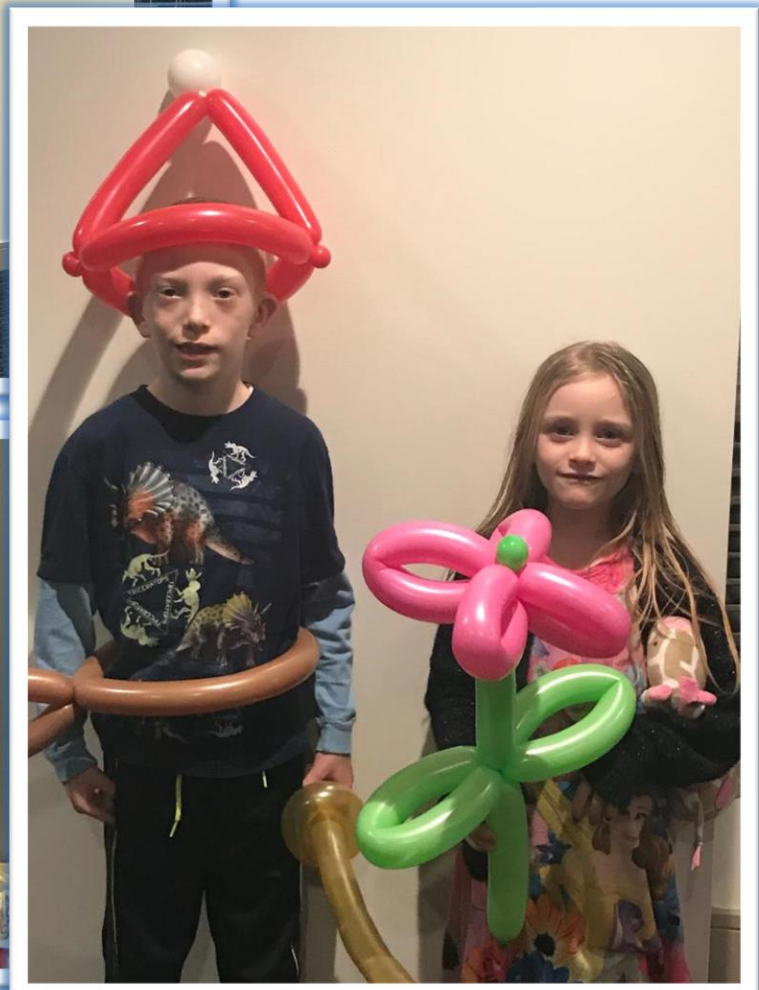
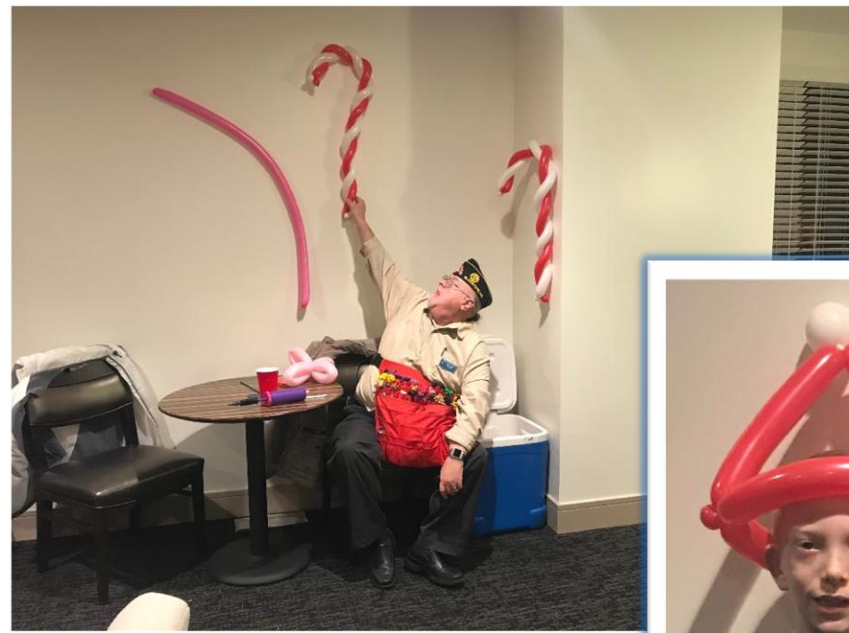
Rosales's Ginger Bread Station



Thompson & Bowman



Lantz doing his thing







Mega 50/50 Drawing



Raffle Prizes Drawing



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