

Stonegate News of 596

The News of January 596

AREA FARMERS REJOICE

Many farmers in the River's End area have expressed a great debt of gratitude to the warriors within the town who killed the Yeti. This beast had been terrorizing herds in the North March for over a week. Much larger than the one slain last year in the South March, this fearsome creature required several kills per night to curb its enormous appetite. On Saturday, the monster entered the town and was immediately confronted by the Drae Mage name Dinen. The Yeti gave chase to the hapless wizard while the others stood and watched. Eventually the adventurers rallied and began attacking but their blows did not seem to have any effect against the Yeti's tough hide. Tired of chasing the elusive Drae, the beast's next move was to enter the tavern in search of food. Distracted momentarily by Sarathan Ebonheart's brave but foolish challenge, the Yeti paid no attention to the group of travelers who stood nearby. A young wizard named Talin displayed his magical prowess by slaying the beast and saving the tavern from any further damage.

PHANTOM SLAIN

Early Friday evening Lord Negeon Mangus entered town with Sheriff Rothor and a young guide named Alexander Faerun. Lord Negeon demanded that a group follow Alexander to the Oracle of knowledge and try to find out how to kill The Phantom. A party led by Angus Ebonheart, Sheriff of Galavast did just that. Upon finding the Oracle Angus placed his hands in the proper spots and the stone face magically came to life. As he felt the stone become warm to the touch, Angus asked the question and was told to seek the Witch Doctor. The Oracle then extracted much of Angus' essence and left him on the brink of death. One of the healers saved him and they returned with the answer that they had sought.

Saturday afternoon saw the Witch Doctor enter the inn and give to Angus a beautiful stone with magical properties. He told the group that this stone had the power to destroy The Phantom. Later that day The Phantom entered town with an army of undead to seek his revenge. Bravely Angus used the stone as soon as The Phantom entered the inn, but the attack was resisted by the apparition and Angus and the others were forced to retreat in disbelief. Walking around town confident that he had avoided death The Phantom demanded the stone in return for allowing the town to stand. When it finally found Angus and the others huddled near a small pond, The Phantom demanded to know who held the stone. Angus raised his arm and The Phantom ordered his undead minion to kill

Angus while he shot bolts of flame into the group. While out-maneuvering the underling Angus made his way to The Phantom and used the magic of the Witch Doctor's stone to destroy it. With a hideous shriek, The Phantom dissipated and was gone and the minion was slaughtered by the group.

BANDITS ELIMINATED

Late Friday night a group of bandits who had been terrorizing many local roadways were slain by a large group of adventurers. One of the cowardly brigands surrendered and begged for mercy claiming that he would take the group back to their secret treasure chamber. Seeing an opportunity to get some treasure the adventurers agreed. The cowardly Dwarven bandit showed the way and also a scroll that the bandit leader carried. This scroll had a riddle upon it which was the key to opening the secret lair. When they arrived at the entrance Devine Carmine spoke the correct words and the magic doorway swung open. Within the cavern the group encountered a few traps which took their toll on the party, but did not prevent them from finding the treasure that they sought.

BLUE DIAMOND CRUSHED

A group known as the Blue Diamond entered the tavern on Friday night. These scoundrels who were accompanied by a particularly annoying Hobling, were up to no good. The Hobling attempted to waylay Sheriff Angus of Galavast and at that point a battle began. Almost all of the group's members were slain, but a few escaped.

LORD ARIANUS OF GALAVAST VISITS

In an unprecedented occurrence Lord Arianus, Hight Wizard of Galavast paid a visit to Lord Negeon Friday night. The two went into a private chamber to speak and it is unknown what they spoke of. Upon emerging from the chamber both seemed in good spirits and we can only conclude that they were not contemplating anything catastrophic and that their talks must have gone well.

OGRE GENERAL LEADS ARMY

Just after dusk on Saturday an Ogre calling himself Olos entered town with an army of Orcs, Ogres, and a few Drae. He said that any who wished to join him could, but all declined his offer and chose to stand in his way. Olos then ordered an attack. The tenacity of his forces took the town by surprise and their line of defense quickly fractured. As the battle raged many brave warriors such as Galin Plant and a brave Elf challenged Olos himself but none were successful in defeating him. With most of his

force destroyed Olos left the battle unscathed and will surely return unless he is found and killed.

PUBLIC EXECUTION HELD

An unknown man of unknown origin was executed for the crime of treason. Lord Negeon also heard evidence in the case of Rocco the sheep farmer and found that Devine Carmine was guilty of assault. There were other cases to be heard but The Lurker made an appearance and cut the affair short.

POSITIONS OPEN

Due to the death of my personal garrison I, Lord Negeon Mangus, will be seeking brave men who wish to earn some extra pay guarding the town of River's End. Apply with Sheriff Rothor at your next available opportunity.

Lord Negeon Mangus
Ruler of River's End, Friend of Sarr, Defender of the North March

RUMORS AT RIVER'S END

A gateway to another world has opened near River's End and strange creatures have been sighted.

Lord Arianus of Galavast is now working for Lord Negeon.

The Drae will soon declare war on River's End.

Sheriff Rothor is a puppet for Lord Negeon.

Fenswick Goldtongue is truly a prince who is simply travelling incognito to see the world and find a wife.

The Sarr have discovered a new vein of gold which is richer than any in Dyllaria.

Byron Evergreen has secret ties to the corrupt government of Dollos.

The Lord's Wand is a powerful artifact which is buried beneath one of the town's bridges.

The Mangus' are not getting along with each other.

Strangers from Mythamber are stealing livestock from outlying farms and driving them south to their own city.

LETTERS

The Brotherhood of the White Bear is looking for men and women to join its ranks. The Brotherhood is a group dedicated to promoting and protecting economic growth in Dyllaria. Currently, we have a need for trap diarment, Alchemists, Mages and healers. If you are interested in joining or for more information contact myself or Sarathon Ebonheart.

ARTEMIS SILVERTREE

Attention all members and initiates of the Brotherhood of the White Bear! We will meet on the night of February 23 in River's End. If you cannot attend please contact me. We will initiate new members and discuss our plans for the next few months. I hope to see all of you there. Brelan, I have recovered your medal and will return it to you when you arrive.

ARTEMIS SILVERTREE

Announcement !!!

Lord Negeon Mangus announces that Glad Storm the healer is the new Heral of River's End. All citizens will be held on Saturday February 24.

WEARY TRAVELERS

Be advised an extreme disturbance in the tranquil boring lives you lead is almost upon you. This disturbance is me certain...

...services will be available to you through my disciples and myself and some may wish to sleep with one eye open. Be so advised!

You who thought yourself so sly and crafty as to steal from me. You have given yourself away by your own foolishness. You know who you are. Tremble in the coming retribution.

SEBASTIAN ARRENIEUS COE

Dear People of Dylleria:

I, Sebastian Arrenieus Coe, am presently composing a journal concerning the topic of the creatures located here in my homeland of the wondrous Great Southern Forest and Dylleria. I will be returning from to see some of you when the awakening of the land once again comes to us and the brightness for the days grows stronger. I will be conducting interviews to gather information on any and all creatures, rare or common, to be placed within this tome. Upon completion, copies of this journal will be available to anyone with a few copper to purchase it (probably between 10 and 15 copper). I am presently gathering information from my old master and several friends in the area around my home. Specific information regarding creatures of the Forest of Tears and the Forest of Shadows will be greatly appreciated since I have never traveled to those regions and my teacher hasn't been there since he last traveled through those regions, when he was too young to wield even a Hobbling pickaxe. Anyone supplying a significant quantity of information will be given a free copy of the book and one Endow/Delayed Endow/Flame Blade/or Enchanted Blade spell (choice of one) upon the completion of the tome.

SEBASTIAN ARRENIEUS COE

ANNOUNCING

Sebastian Arrenieus Coe is announcing that he will be taking in students to whom he will teach new spells, instruct and guide in the ways of magic, counsel in the development of their abilities and introduce to the Order of Raven. Anyone interested in speaking with Templar Coe about this should respond via this newsbearing herald which travels throughout all of Dylleria. The cost of coming under the instruction of this illustrious and experienced mage will be a modest fee of six copper per weekened (thus, three copper a day). All proceeds will go to the Order of Raven. The fee will allow the apprentices to have scribed into their spell books any and all spells held within Templar Coe's tome of spells (so long as he is fatigued by so doing) at the base cost of 3 copper per spell per level [which is the minimum cost for scribing supplies]. No additional fee will be charged. The fee will also include daily training sessions in the casting of spells, casting accuracy and the strategy of spell combinations. The possibility of investment into Templar Coe's permanent Celestial circle (when he establishes it) will be greater for those who have been apprenticed by him. Templar Coe has, as some of you know, been away training with his master, Marius, and he (Templar Coe) will be returning in the springtime. He will be awaiting the response of those interested.

ALAEAREANDRIANA COE

-Writing for Sebastian Arrenieus Coe-

**ATTENTION
ORDER OF THE RAVEN**

Myself, Larus Wolfhurst, and Falgar Shinglefoot are very sorry that we were not able to meet up with you at River's End. We were detained at a nearby village and were humbly asked to aid them in defending their people against of all things a dragon. Well, Prince Bazil Ravenhurst must have been watching over us because no harm was done to the villagers and we escaped with minor injuries. We confronted the beast with all the fury of the Raven and were lucky to have taken it by surprise. After dealing a hefty amount of damage to the creature we were knocked back by one sweep of its powerful wings. We scrambled to our feet in time to see the beast take flight and disappear into the darkness. We were indeed lucky and I hope to never encounter the beast again. Falgar says we should seek the lair and slay the beast, but hopefully I can talk the fool out of it.

Also, if Perianna Took the Hobbling reads this entry, we want to reassure you that we have what is coming to you and until we meet it is safe with us. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

We shall never forget !

We few, we noble few
We band of bothers
We shall never forget Prince Basil Ravonhurst
In whose memory we serve.
Shall never forget duty
Shall never forget honor
Shall never forget courtesy
Shall never forget friends
Shall never forget enemies
Shall never forget the Code of Chivalry
Which is our highest ideal,
To this we pledge our lives, and our honor.

Your bother,

Larus Wolfhurst
Member of the Order of the Raven

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SHERIFF FOUND MURDERED

Late Friday night Lord Negeon's eldest son, Rorthor, was found murdered in the town garrison. The Sheriff was killed in his sleep when his guard abandoned his post. It was Rorthor's permanent death. The guard claimed that a Troll attack lured him back to town and he did not resume his position in the face of continued assaults. When Lord Negeon learned of the guard's ineptitude he slew him on the spot. Some days after the incident a

contract was found tying Lord Arianus of Galavast to the murder. Lord Negeon in a fit of rage condemned Lord Arianus and declared a bounty of 1,000 cp for anyone who would bring him the wizard's head.

NORTHERN BARON VISITS

Baron Thermo of the far-off land of Elysia paid a visit to River's End this month. He and Lord Negeon toured the town and seemed to get along well. Many of the townsfolk marveled at the Elysians' power and grace. The Baron and his entourage greatly aided the citizens in their fight to recapture the garrison from King Olos and his army, and for that we are all very appreciative. It seems that Lord Negeon's new allies from the north have tipped the balance of power in Dyllaria from Stonegate Keep to River's End.

SHAPE SHIFTERS THWARTED

The people of River's End were afflicted by a creature of unknown origins. The beast could take the shape of any person and would assume his or her identity in order to infiltrate the town hierarchy. It seems that this was all an elaborate plan to take control of the town. Once discovered the creatures were killed by a group led by Larus Wolfhurst, Falgar Shinglefoot, Angus Ebonheart, and Lord Negeon himself. It is uncertain how the creatures originally entered the population, but during the final battle with the townsfolk it took the form of Azrael Bloodstorm, the Drae archer who was with Falgar and Larus. Throughout the course of the battle Azrael's clone changed shapes many times before finally being slain. In the end the SHAPE SHIFTERS were defeated and all the victims were found alive.

DRAGON RUINS THE HAMMER AND SHIELD

During the middle of the night on Friday a young Dyllarian Dragon flew into town. The creature was immediately confronted by a large host of adventurers who promptly ran away. Angus Ebonheart rallied the group after the beast demolished the back door to the tavern, and they attacked it with great courage and ferocity. Many fell to the dragon's powerful jaws, wings, and poisonous tail. Many brave warriors such as Angus, Urik, Wolfgar and The Krilll continuously stood toe to toe with the enormous creature. Eventually it suffered wounds severe enough to force it to flee. Once the beast took flight most of the combatants returned to the inn. Angus wisely watched it fly and when he saw it circle back toward the tavern he began yelling for everyone to get outside. Because of Angus' quick thinking only Chalene Silvermoure was hurt when the dragon landed on the roof and collapsed it. The dragon was within the tavern and began dealing damage to those still alive. In an extreme show of bravery, Angus rushed in behind the

beast and dealt enough blows to kill it. All this happened so quickly that Chalene was saved and, thanks to the leadership of Angus, the town was spared.

DRAE LEADER RESCUED

Near dawn on Saturday morning a young girl entered town claiming to have seen a strange light near the old pond. A group led by Herald Glenstorm and the Hobling Perianna went to investigate. The lights were caused by a rift which had been opened into another world. The adventurers were unsure what this pane of light was, but when Glenstorm touched it the rest soon followed. All of the adventurers of swirling lights. Eventually they came to rest within a thick and swirling fog.

There was no ground and the mists flowed like a river and carried the group along. First they were set upon by odd creatures made of mist. After a rather interesting battle with these beings in which Kallammar eventually slew them, the group continued on. Next they encountered a shard of glass floating in the mist. The glass had the image of a man in it and it was immediately shattered by one of the adventurers. The man introduced himself as Gyro the Magnificent, a traveler of many worlds. He explained that he had been trapped when one of his gateways collapsed while he was passing through it and that he had been floating for some 8 years.

After meeting Gyro the group continued along the path and eventually found a small urn which was an illusion. Upon touching it the group became trapped in a bubble made of force. An Astral Pixie came along and said he could free them if they answered his riddle. They gave the wrong answer and he left laughing, apparently dooming them. Soon, however, a pair of gentlemen came along who apparently had set this trap. After a lengthy discussion the two strangers mentioned The Phantom. They said that it used to reside in this strange place and told the party that if they cleared its old dwelling that they would be allowed to return home. Upon agreeing to this the adventurers were set free and led to a doorway in the mist.

At the doorway the two strangers prodded the group into entering. Inside were a pair of nasty Fire Elementals which gave the party many problems. Gyro could not remember any of his magic and thus he was swarmed by the creatures and nearly killed. The party came to his aid and also freed a Drae who was being held captive. A small amount of loot was procured and the adventurers returned home safely.

RUMORS AT GALAVAST

Lord Arianus is teaching Sheriff Angus the ways of magic.

The Bugbears have been unified under a strong leader and plan to attack the town.

Dinen Davere Is secretly working as a slaver for The Broken Blade.

Deep in the mountains near Galavast lies an ancient graveyard.

Dannacus still lives and his plotting against Lord Arianus.

A large group of Dark Dwarves has moved into the region and have made a pact with The Broken Blade.

The Red Mage is tired of running the Yawning Dragon and he may be willing to sell it for the right offer.

The soil around Galavast is no good for growing food crops because it is tainted with the curse of undeath.

An apparition has been seen running through the town at night stealing children.

AROUND DYLLARIA

Lumberton Shire - Lady Morgan is having trouble dealing with the Orc Wars and the Fractured Skull tribe has joined forces with a few other tribes. The town militia is not performing well and a major change is about to be made.

Dollos - Town leaders have sent an official request to Stonegate asking for lower taxes on Dollosian Brandy.

Stonegate Keep - Upon hearing of relations between Lord Negeon and a powerful northern noble, Lord Balladan's advisors urged him to seek this noble and begin negotiations. Lord Balladan refused and said that these outsiders will be welcomed into his lands if they wish to establish diplomatic ties with Stonegate Keep.

The Free City of Mythamber - The death of General Othgood Storvalin has caused major waves in the ruling class. Some say that a change of power is eminent.

ATTENTION GOOD PEOPLE OF DYLLARIA

I am currently seeking applicants for the title of Mayor of Galavast. This position, although extremely demanding, will carry considerable weight and authority. You will work closely with Sheriff Angus Ebonheart to keep the town safe, but you will also be in charge of collecting taxes and greeting diplomats. The position will pay adequately and you will receive bonuses based on your job performance. It is also time that I take a new apprentice. My last apprentice, Vance Galvilis, attempted to kill me and then tried to take Galavast. Luckily neither plan was successful. Many new spells will be scribed for you if you are chosen and you will be invested into my personal Celestial Circle. If you prove worthy then you may be considered for a position within my cabinet. I will be in

town on the 29th of March and all applicants should speak with me personally. Both positions will be filled at that time.

Lord Arianus
LORD ARIANUS
High Wizard of Galavast

We are proud to announce that Chalene Silvermore and Proteus the Dwarf have accepted the path of chivalry and have become initiates to the Order of the Raven.

We shall never forget-
FALGAR SHINGLFOOT
LARUS WOLFHURST
Order of the Raven

To my friends the Dark Ones,

I have been busy with my studies and have found brothers like me who have taught me more than I ever thought possible. I wanted to let you all know I am alive and well. The last one of you I saw was the Seeker, and he seemed to have weaseled into and out of some hot water. I am proud of his actions, and I know my employer will be pleased. As for the rest of my friends, I am greatly missing your humor and wisdom. I wish to leave with you a little poem to explain where I am.

There is a peaceful sound I hear
A Bob-White calling very near.
A calm feeling comes over me
As leaves rustle in a tree.
Silent and sudden with a cautious peer.
The ghostly appearance of a white-tailed deer.
With a chattering voice and tail in a swirl
I become the subject of a curious squirrel.
Meandering thought this blissful scene
Flows cool water in a woodland stream.
Mother Nature's gentle hand caress me here
Calms my spirit and quiets my fear.

Remember that your strength and power comes from your union with each other, watch over each other until I return to once again aid you this spring.

Your friend,
Spitting Death

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SPECTER DEFEATED

Upon arriving in town Friday night the adventurers found it abandoned and crawling with undead. Only Lord Arianus remained and he was safe within his Celestial Circle at the rear of the Yawning Dragon. Most of the players bravely went to face the ghoul and zombies but a few of the more cowardly ones hid within the tavern. Hearing all of the commotion Lord Arianus emerged from his chambers and immediately began questioning the newcomers concerning the whereabouts of Sheriff Angus Ebonheart. None seemed to know where the highlander was. Arianus, disturbed by this news, returned to his quarters promptly. He returned later to inform some members of the populace of the situation.

It seems that Lord Arianus had arrived in town a few days earlier and had determined the situation to be beyond his control. He successfully sneaked into the Yawning Dragon and the Celestial Circle to contemplate the dilemma. Over the next few nights he sneaked out into the town and found that the undead were coming from the Earth Circle. He also learned of the Specter and his minions. Much more was to be learned later with the help of one Arianus simply called The Seer.

First, it was determined that the Specter was there against his will and he continued to haunt the town as a result of it. This was accentuated by the fact that he continuously asked for a medallion. When a messenger arrived demanding that town leaders follow it a group quickly formed. Indigo Questarius, Dinen Davere, Thistle the Hobling and many others accompanied the apparition to the top of town and the enormous rock which overlooks the Shadowgate River. As the apparition drew near to the stone a magical portal began to glow. One by one the group entered into the doorway.

As they adjusted to the dim lighting, the heroes' eyes locked onto an Elven corpse seated within. Wearing a crown this undead lord raised his head and began to speak. He said that he was an ancient Elven King and that he was trapped by no other than Dannacus himself. He had a medallion which controlled the Specter and would gladly trade it in return for his bottle of essence. Upon hearing these things Lord Arianus sent for The Seer to use his special gift of sight to aid in locating the bottle. When the old man arrived his revelations were neither clear nor helpful.

During this time the town had been made safe again for the commoners to return and so Lord Arianus sent his newly appointed mayor, Kern Darkway, to meet with them and persuade them to come back. Kern and his party encountered some trouble in the form of a Medusa and most of them, including Kern, were turned to stone. Upon hearing of this Lord Arianus, Dinen Davere, Chalene Silvermoure and a few noble others were led by Kiche' Golden Claw the Sarr to the cave. Upon their arrival they discovered that the one known as Joseph had slain the Medusa and all was well. Among the treasure found

within was a glowing bottle. When Lord Arianus was presented with this he stared in awe and said that it was the one which they sought.

Lord Arianus, Kern, Dinen, Chalene, and the others left the cave without acquiring any treasure and hurried off into the night. When they arrived at the tavern some time later they told all those present to be patient and await the coming of the Specter. When the Specter arrived Kern showed the medallion and as the apparition approached to retrieve it Lord Arianus imprisoned the creature. The Specter's minions immediately attacked but were easily defeated. The Specter was later disposed of.

LORD ARIANUS SPEAKS

I, Lord Arianus, High Wizard of Galavast, am pleased to announce the appointment of Kern Darkway as Mayor of Galavast. He is in all respects a capable leader and should be treated with the same respect and loyalty that you all have shown myself and Sheriff Angus. He is to act on my behalf when I am away from Galavast and any wrongs done against him or Angus will be punished severely.

Also, let it be known that I no longer seek an apprentice. That position has been filled by one Dinen Davere. I have been approached and am currently considering the formation of a Celestial Casters' Guild within Galavast. Many capable casters will be needed and you will benefit greatly.

EARTH CIRCLE HEALED

Saturday evening saw Lord Arianus, Dinen, Palagon, Garrett, and others repair the Earth Circle. The others kept watch while Lord Arianus performed a ritual which stopped the undead from channeling into the circle. This dilemma was apparently linked to the Specter's presence.

LETTERS

To members & initiates to the Brotherhood of the Whitebear, I expect you to join me in Lumberton on April 19th. At this time, I will promote initiates to full membership. I will also clarify many things & organize the Brotherhood to maximize our proficiency.

To Stormwind, I need to meet with you & discuss a matter of importance.

To Falgar Shinglefoot, I would like to meet with you & discuss some things.

Until we met again, Artemis Silvertree

RUMORS AT LUMBERTON SHIRE

Proteus the Dwarf is coming to Lumberton to meet with Perianna and announce their intentions to marry.

A local Astrologer's Guild is anxiously awaiting the grounding of a star near Lumberton Shire.

The Dark Dwarves have returned and are joining forces with the Fractured Skull Orcs.

A terrible plague has been claiming the lives of nobles and peasantry alike.

Lord Balladan is about to remove Lady Morgan's noble title and proclaim Artimus Silvertree as the town's new Lord.

A hideous monster with large hammer-like hands has been sighted in the area.

Ambassador/General Thistlethorn and The Great Old Guy are mad at each other.

The Order of the White Bear is growing too powerful and will soon rule the town.

A new race of humanoid known as ratmen has been encountered in the Orcan Lowlands.

AROUND DYLLARIA...

In Galavast: Lord Arianus has offered a reward for information concerning the whereabouts of Sheriff Angus Ebonheart.

In River's End: Lord Negeon, enraged by the murder of his herald, GlenStorm, raises his bounty on Lord Arianus to 5,000 coppers.

In Mythamber: Citizens protest and nearly riot over the appointment of Tartan Ballindroch as new High General. Tartan is an Erlunn Elf and a former commander in the Hearth Guard at Stonegate Keep.

In Barris: The High Council sends official word to Lord Balladan of unusual activity surrounding the Fortress of Kaas

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Help Comes To Late !

As dusk approached on Saturday evening, King Aug and his Fractured Skull Orc Army staged an assault on the Hobblings which nearly resulted in the death of The Great Old Guy. The village's women and children were in the process of evacuating their homes when the first attack came. The Hobbling Lumberjacks fought bravely but many died in the initial engagement. When the second wave came they brushed aside the Hobbling defenders and set fire to the village. The Great Old Guy attacked the Orcs virtually alone and rallied what Hobblings still lived to his side. Taken by surprise by the old Hobbling's power the Orcs were again repelled. Exhausted, The Great Old Guy led his people to a group of little known caves which Artemis Silvertree told him of. Only 42 villagers survived, 9 of which were males, 20 of which were females, and 13 of which were young. Among this group was Captain Raspberry Wiltflower who was later put to death by The Great Old Guy for the murder of Lady Morgan Scenarius. Help from Lumberton Shire came too late to save the village but the sheer number of townspeople who eventually came forced King Aug to retreat. Many farms outside of Lumberton were burned and pillaged as well and no one feels particularly safe as long as King Aug still lives.

Raspberry Wiltflower Executed

Raspberry Wiltflower Captain of the Hobbling scouts assigned to assist with the defense of Lumberton Shire was executed shortly following the Orc attack. It seems that Raspberry, one of the Hobblings' most highly decorated scouts, entered Lumberton Shire to seek help and ended up attacking a towns person and killing Lady Morgan. Raspberry's reasons for committing these atrocities were not clear, but The Great Old Guy had him obliterated. Raspberry received his final death as a result.

Rhea Skylark Abducted

Late Friday night a man entered town with what appeared to be a magical staff. He said that he had found it in a nearby stream and that he was not sure who its owner was. After much discussion Rhea Skylark came over to observe the scene and the staff. As soon as she touched it her and the staff both vanished. The man was totally surprised as was everyone else. He left town saying that he would try to figure out what may have happened. Multiple times throughout the night Rhea appeared as a vision asking for help. There was no one who knew how to help her and everyone feared that she may be lost.

On Saturday afternoon a farmer named Sullivan entered Lumberton Shire seeking Lady Morgan. When she emerged from the crowd Sullivan told her of a suspicious man that he had seen talking to Rhea's vision the previous night. Her Ladyship decided that the militia and her should investigate. Many from the town also went along to see what was happening.

Once there the recently appointed Sergeant Flint interrogated the man and got a full confession from him. The man begged Lady Morgan for mercy and accompanied the group back to town saying that he would help. On the way he said that his master was trapped in another dimension and the only way to return was for him to follow directly after a Biata. A weak dimensional portal was going to open and only five or six brave souls would be able to pass through it without it collapsing. The master was planning to follow Rhea through this gate but Lady Morgan decided that a group would be sent in to save Rhea and kill this unknown being who had entrapped her. Upon their arrival back in town Lady Morgan instructed Chalene Silvermoure to get a group together. Along with Chalene the party consisted of Proteus the Dwarf, Urik, Seudor, an Dinen Davere. The portal opened and Urik bravely led the way as the group entered. After a long struggle in which Urik was charmed by the being and Chalene was silenced, the group prevailed. Rhea was freed from her bonds and they returned to town through the same portal which by they left.

Bandits Escape

An alleged highwayman named Midgon was apprehended by Lady Morgan's men on Saturday. A bounty hunter named Therebol had entered town earlier seeking Midgon and asked that he be detained if he was seen. The rogue was wanted for having stolen some items in a neighboring town. Midgon was held by the Lumberton Militia until Therebol returned. When he returned the bounty hunter thanked Lady Morgan and led his quarry out in bonds with an armed escort of townsfolk.

As they neared the outskirts of town, Midgon's band killed Therebol and sprung their leader free. A lengthy chase yielded little results as the bandits escaped into the countryside.

Spiders Infest Local Fields

A man named Marwick entered town trying to buy some formal components which would aid in his attempt to rid his fields of spiders. It seems the critters have become quite a problem. A retired adventurer, Marwick said he would attempt a ritual to fix the problem. Many other farms have The same problem and if it is successful the ritual could help many local farmers produce more food.

Obituary April 596

In Remembrance: Breelen Silverleave

On April 20, 596 in Lumberton Shire, Breelen Silverleave gave his life defending the town from an orc attack while others stood and watched. This was not the first time he willing sacrificed his self for the good of the town. A few months ago he lost both a life and an ear while attacking a carnivorous plant. His example should be followed by all

especially those who sat and allowed the orcs to burn defenseless Hobblings. For Breelen, it was not his worry whether he had a treaty with them, he just protected what needed protection. He will be remembered as a TRUE courageous warrior.

Letters

Lady Morgan,

I have items that belong to you. I will return them to you when we meet again.

Talin

People of Dylleria,

My name is Marius. I am urgently concerned about a certain member of the Order of the Raven. His name is Coe. He is my pupil. Several months ago he left for Lumberton, but I have not heard from him yet. I fear the worst. Coe contacts me every month to keep me apprised of his studies. It has been several months since I heard from him. Please watch for him.

Marius Bendletwine

Lady Morgan Le Fay Scenarius:

I would like to apologize regretfully for the disrespect shown to you and your citizens by one of my Hobblings. I understand that the unfortunate incident left your town without a leader and therefore further delayed the arrival of any assistance against the Orcs. I hold Raspberry Wiltflower completely responsible for his actions and he has been dealt with properly. I hope that you will not let the actions of one pompous Hobbling damage our long standing relationship. As far as I am concerned our treaty is still in place. It may be some time before we can get back to lumbering at our regular pace since nearly 3/4 of our people were wiped out. I can assure you, however, that we will do everything within our power to uphold our end of the bargain and make the monthly shipment to Lord Balladan.

Thank you,
The Great Old Guy

Rumors At Galavast

Sheriff Angus Ebonheart has begun working for Lord Negeon Mangus and will eventually kill Lord Arianus.

The Traveler's Stone has been emitting an eerie glow sometimes at night.

Lord Arianus is considering making necromancy illegal.

The Bugbears are amassing a large force.

Strange poisonous mists have been rising from the Shadowgate River.

A merchant from Helmwood seeks the pelts of Bugbears and will pay top price for them.

Lord Arianus is a lich.

The Earth Circle no longer functions properly.

Giant Armadillos from the Valley of Bones are slowly moving north into the area of Galavast.

Dwarven miners stumbled across an ancient tomb near Galavast and died of some unknown disease.

Around Dyllaria

LUMBERTON SHIRE - A potentially explosive situation is calmed when The Great Old Guy apologizes to the people of Lumberton. Lady Morgan still is undecided in her response.

STONEGATE KEEP - Lord Balladan officially backs Lady Morgan one-hundred percent and publicly commits to giving more aid against the Fractured Skull.

Lord Balladan will arrive in Lumberton Shire in June for a grand feast with the towns people and the Hobblings.

AELIN - Marauding Ogres overwhelm Stonegate forces protecting the town and burn many buildings. Trade has slowed almost to a halt and High Merchant Ivy Rose condemns Balladan for not supplying enough troops to protect the town. Ivy is also upset that his Hobling brothers and sisters in Lumberton have not been protected.

FREE CITY OF MYTHAMBER - First General Seth Farrius offers assistance in the Lumberton Orc War in return for abolishment of Lumberton Shire as a taxing station.