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News and events taken from around the world

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Kosin Field, Boy Hero

City of Yaport

A child fell through a crack in the earth. She was trapped for several days, no food, no water, and no hope. A hunter tracking pray came across a strip of cloth and marks in the dirt indicating a slip. Moving the brush he found the small hole and the marks of a child sliding into it. He called once, there was no sound, he called a second time and heard a faint cry. To the city he ran to gather assistance. Many came but, none able to fit in the small hole. No magic about, no potion or scroll or practitioner of magic in the city able to assist. A small boy stepped forward claiming he could fit. With ropes, down the hole he went, descended into the dark of the earth. Time seemed to stretch, moments seemed to take longer, the rope still being pulled into the hole. Another rope attacked, then another, and yet another. With the fourth rope tied, the rope stopped, again is was if time stopped, there was no sound, no one breathed a breath. There were tugs on the rope, the men pulled and pulled. The third rope appeared, then the second, then the first, then a small hand, then the child, he was clutching another with his other hand, a girl child dressed in dirty finery. The lass was the youngest daughter of a visiting lord, she had been missing for days yet he was not aware. Lady Rasinfer governor of Yaport gave him an ear full of her thoughts. Presented the brave peasant lad with metal and title



The peasant boy Kosin Field receiving a metal of bravery and the title of squire from the governess the Lady Rasinfer in the public square of Yaport.

Lucius Wedge

Enchanting new Inn

City of Yalca

A new inn has opened its doors in the beautiful city of Yalca. The Brass Harp, just opened by Salas Cerdonian, a newcomer to the city, provides a unique cuisine of highly palatable dishes and custom wines. The lines for this new establishment were seen spanning four blocks and the patrons waited for nearly four hours just to get in the door. It was a wonder the establishment did not exhaust the food stores, and even more so how they were able to keep up with the orders. I myself was not able to attend the grand opening as the lines were far too long by the time I arrived. However, I was able to speak with Sir Cerdonian and he assured me The Brass Harp will be open every day of the week from dawn to hours past dusk for the next two months. After which he plans to only remain open five days a week and serve food only for lunch and dinner.

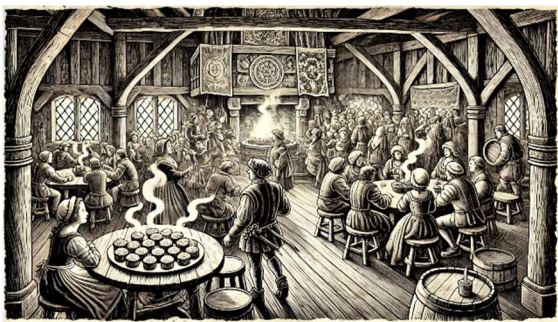
Speaking with the patrons that managed to enter the establishment I found many sampled several dishes and wines while there with their only disappointment was being asked to leave to other patrons could be served. The menu for dinner and lunch will remain as follows.

Crystal Brook Soup

A velvety broth simmered with woodland mushrooms, pearl onions, and a hint of wild herbs. Served with a crust of spiced bread.

Dragonfire Skewers

Tender strips of roasted spiced lamb marinated in smoked paprika and honey, then lightly charred over an open flame. Accompanied by a tangy onion relish. (cont page 2)



Lines down the street for the new Inn. Patrons enjoying the tasty food.

Stolen Items Recovered

City of Tal-From

Portia Parson

After weeks of robberies though out the city, authorities have managed to recover a large cache of items, however those responsible have yet to be found.
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Festival

Burkrose Landing

Portia Parson

Night Bloom Festival begins tomorrow as the city awaits the blooming of a rare orchid.
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Grand Opening Delayed

Aynor

Philbert Maxwell

Flood waters rush the new market place destroying the market and delaying the grand opening.
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Enchanting new Inn

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Moonlit Salad

A light, refreshing blend of crisp lettuces, shaved radish, candied walnuts, and crumbled goat cheese. Drizzled with a lavender-honey vinaigrette.

Honey-Glazed Fig & Brie Tartlets

Warm pastries filled with soft brie and ripe figs, baked until golden and drizzled with a sweet herb-infused honey.

Hearty Main Courses

Royal Pheasant Pie

A sumptuous blend of slow-braised pheasant, root vegetables, and herbs baked under a flaky pastry crust. Served with a dollop of rosemary-infused cream.

Spice-Kissed Sea Trout

Fresh-caught River trout (or local fish) rubbed with a secret spice blend, pan-seared to crispy perfection, and finished with a citrus-butter sauce. Accompanied by sautéed greens and toasted almonds.

Oak-Smoked Boar Shank

A tender boar shank smoked over oakwood, basted with sweet mead and rosemary. Served with garlic mashed turnips and roasted winter squash.

Elven Harvest Risotto (*Vegetarian Specialty*)

Creamy rice simmered with forest mushrooms, leeks, and green herbs, then finished with a swirl of elven herb-oil. Garnished with shaved aged cheese and a dusting of enchanted flower petals.

Thrice-Baked Potato Wedges

Crispy on the outside, fluffy on the inside, dusted with a mixture of coarse salt and exotic peppers.

Caramelized Root Medley

A colorful assortment of carrots, parsnips, and beets slow roasted with honey and thyme until sweet and golden.

Rosemary Braised Grains

Hearty grains gently cooked in savory stock with aromatic rosemary and onions, perfect to accompany any meaty dish.

Maple-Laced Apple Crumble

Juicy spiced apples under a buttery crumble top, drizzled with warm maple syrup and served with a dollop of clotted cream.



Spice-Kissed Sea Trout, among the house favorites



The goods recovered from the thief ring included pearls, jeweled daggers, rings and pendants. Many of the gems and pearls were already removed from the jewelry.

Portia Parson

Stolen Items Recovered

City of Tal-From

A rash of burglaries has hit the city of Tal-From over the last few weeks. The homes of the upper crust to the lower slums have been victimized. Anyone with any sort of wealth was an open target for these thieves.

By absolute chance, a small group of academy cadets while working for the city sewer department while on winter break, was assigned the task of clearing out an

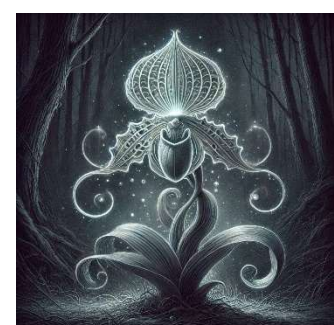
infestation of large rats and beetles in the northern sewers. While there the group came upon a secret door that led them into a tunnel, then into a basement. It was there they found a pile of treasure. Two guarded the room while the other two went for assistance. The city guard entered the home and arrested eight individuals. It is believed these thieves are members of a new hidden guild operating in the city.

Portia Parson

The Night-Bloom Festival Commences

Burkrose Landing

In the city of Burkrose Landing in the Heskin Territories has a festival once every six years when a very peculiar orchid blooms under the twin half-moons of Shaen and Rilao. The interesting event, set to be tomorrow at midnight, has Shaen rising as Rilao is setting displaying the opposing half faces. The festival was once called the wishing festival because the people believed that if you are present when the bloom opens then you can make a wish and it will come true. The festival's name was changed about 200 years ago when a young warlord's wish failed to come true, he banned the festival and ordered the orchids to be destroyed. Many of the plants survived and the people of the city changed the name of the festival to help prevent being blamed for wishes not coming true.



The Wraith Orchid that blooms once every six years. Can only be found in the north-west Heaskin Forest.

Philbert Maxwell

Grand Opening of The Coral Plaza Delayed

City of Aynor



The newly built Coral Plaza market in Aynor devastated by flood waters.

The grand opening of the new Coral Plaza shopping center has been delayed for several weeks after a rogue wave pommelled the coastline of Aynor yesterday. A surge wave of some 14 feet swept through the docks and into the city. Other than minor cuts and bruising there were no serious injuries to report. A few buildings with windows on the surf side were destroyed and some homes and businesses were flooded out.

The residents were assisted by a few local adventure wizards who, through the use of spells cleaned up the buildings and repaired the structures. The area looked almost new before dinner time.

The new plaza did not fare as well, goods and merchant stalls were washed out into the harbor, mud and silt left behind on the streets. Cleaning efforts have begun but it will take some time to rebuild and for the merchants to restock their wares. It is estimated the loss of goods totaling in the hundreds of thousands of gold coins. The cause of the rogue wave is still under investigation.

Many residents, although grateful for the assistance of the adventuring wizards for their help, are asking why the wizard refused to help rebuild the market. This is brewing speculation and rumors by the general public. Local authorities say they are following every lead and although they release the wizards to travel, they remain in contact with them in case questions arise.

The site contractor claims he has enough material on hand to complete the market repairs.



Alina Nethersole

Jungle Quakes Shake Townsfolk

City of Ashbourne

Strange quakes originate from the jungles north of the city. Damage to the city proper has been minimal, however, some of the older structures in small towns and villages in and around the jungle center have reported some damage from cracked walls to collapsed buildings. Reports from the affected villages detail several injuries and only a few deaths. Livestock frightened by the quakes have busted they're through fences and broken out of stables. Rangers and farmers are finding problematic rounding up their livestock as the animal predators are taking advantage of the situation and enjoying the free meals.