

# The Fengate Official

T H E O F F I C I A L P A P E R O F F E N G A T E

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- What is happening in Thanés Drift?
- Captain Abraham's is back!
- A New Barony?
- Hassenbrook booming!
- Rumors from the back page.
- Westhill? A new start?

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**A W O R D F R O M O U R D U K E**

Men and Women of Fengate. We have known dark days and dark times over these past several years. We have seen our beloved Duchy taken from us in a single evening, and found all our hopes centered upon a single town left within our grasp. Through the uncertainty of who did this to us or why, through the weariness we felt after performing the tasks of many when we were but few, through the loss of our leadership at the demise of beloved Duke Garric Runehammer, we as a people and as a Duchy have risen from the ashes.

We have gone from holding one city to reestablishing control over some of the post

prominent trade ports on this continent. Hassenbrook has been routed of undead that its people might return to their lives. Hope's Crossing has been liberated from the con-



trol of the accursed Spider Queen, that its citizens and children might no longer serve as her food. The Guild has rebuilt itself anew from the scraps of its former glory. We all stand, together and unbro-

ken, with eyes not downcast in our sorrow but held high to our burgeoning horizons.

The only message we have to those who assaulted us so cruelty is thus: Water sleeps, Fire smolders, but Enemies never rest. Justice comes.

By my Blood and Fire,  
Duke Callem Roseweaver

**A W o r d f r o m o u r C o u n t**  
C H R I S T O F E R B A S A R A B E

A lot can be said of the adventurer's over this past year since I was rescued from the bottom of a trunk.

I have seen and heard of displays of grand honor, giving to the weak or poor and overall hope around the Duchy.

We have spent some time fighting battles against those who are trying to take over.

Be wary!

All paths and directions that have been presented to us do not all lead to this, "master" that everyone is speaking

about.

Others are trying to obtain their hold on the weak and oppressed.

Stand together adventurer's of Fengate. For only together can we defeat them all.

My thanks to you all.

## Thane's Drift Status Report

BY: ANNE STONEBUILDER

Thane's Drift, the most impressive mountains in Fengate history. What happened? How did it get taken over? Who has control of it now?

Unnamed sources have stated that our beloved under city is in the hands of our long-time foe, the Baracore. These untrusting, evil, nasty, non-drinking dark skinned dwarves are responsible for killing our beloved Duke

Runehammer and setting off all of the defenses of the city.

The outer areas of the city that previously housed visitors, commoners and trade is relatively a ghost town.

"We dug about 10 feet in and the ceiling collapsed on us," stated the foreman Dingus Stonestriker. "I lost two more when that happened. I cannot allow them to continue to do this for the next few years.

We will lose too many lives and it is not worth it any longer."

Ducal troops have surrounded the area to keep our workers safe from any assaults.

"We have done what we can to patch up the vandalism that took place before our unit arrived here," said Capt. Marlow Willbrook, "but to date there are no signs that whoever has control of the

under city has any desire to come to the surface."

Sources say that we may be close to getting caravans to ship out any belongings to citizens that need them.

Parts of the former city register have been recovered. This would be used to help identify who the items belong to.

## The River Watch

BY: CAPTAIN ABRAHMS

*"I am one of  
the best river  
ship captains in  
Western  
Evendarr"*

You all know that I am one of the best river ship captains in Western Evendarr. I know that I do not need to remind you often. That is why I am happy to report that my territory remains pretty calm as always.

The waters still are lightly traveled. I do not foresee this thing changing until you all get those trade cities up and

going again. There have been some new ships in the area that seem to have come from the west of Fengate. They have been relatively quiet so I see no cause for alarm.

Otherwise, no strange creatures or ghost ships have been spotted. The worth thing that I have encountered out here is a shortage of rum due to lack of trade.

Does anyone know of a good batch that has recently come in need of a Captains' consumption?

## New Barony Talks?

BY: ARNIE SWATZER

Are there discussions to place a new Barony a few miles north of the old Rosewood location?

Sources claim to have heard Count Basarabe and Duke Runehammer discussing where to actually put the new and improved "Rosewood."

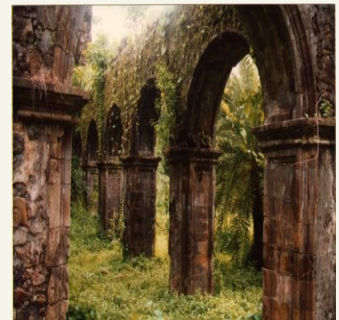
We went to our Ducal cartographer, Salomon DeFinley, who stated some of his concerns to the protection of our Duchy.

"Out towards the Northeast portion of our Duchy, we have a small contingent of troops at Ent's Pass. With the

loss of Rosewood, there is a huge hole in our defenses."

He went on to add, "I made a funny, did you quote me on that?"

Yes Salomon, we did.



## Hassenbrook: The Start of Trade

BY: WARREN THORUMON



Hassenbrook has become the booming center of trade for us in Fengate.

In recent months, Hassenbrook has opened its doors and trade routes to all citizens of Fengate. Between the shipping and road routes, business is at the booming point.

“Hassenbrook has not been this prosperous in years,” states business hobling Willard Gets, “I have turned my idea of the Bank of Fengate into reality. In a matter of a year, the Bank of Fengate is the biggest financial building in all of the duchy.”

Citizen’s of Fengate have multiple

reasons to use the Bank of Fengate. Some of them include not having to worry about late fees, not having to worry about getting their money stolen and they can pay bills directly from the bank, among other things.

Hassenbrook is also instilling trade routes with Hope’s Crossing and Westhill.

Discussions regarding Ent’s Pass and Thanés Drift are still underway.

## A Call to Practitioners of Magic

BY: THE GUILDS

This is a call to all wizards and mages across Fengate. The guild needs more members to fill our ranks and insure the function of both the earth and celestial guild halls throughout the Duchy of Fengate.

We are still in a state of war and need every available scholar and templar to join our ranks to help us rebuild what

was lost on the Night of Knives.

We need potions and scroll makers. We seek those to oversee daily guild operations and tend to our troops and adventurers. We also need formal and cantrip capable casters to help insure the proper upkeep of our formal magic scroll libraries. And

among other things, we need able healers and celestial scholars to see to the protection and replenishment of our lands.

We ask that you answer the call for Fengate and Evendarr.

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## A New Start at Westhill

BY: HAMILL MARKUS

Westhill was always a major fallback point for Hope’s Crossing during the Saurian War.

Recently, Westhill was in a population crunch thanks to the abduction of enslaved citizens by the spiders of Hope’s Crossing.

After the spider disappearance, Westhill began to gain its citizenry back.

It is the belief of this reporter that Westhill is too close to the dark and dangerous swamp. Even though years ago, the Saurians were destroyed by the old Count Pyre, other things and beings seem to have bred to take their place.

I wonder what horrors and evil lurks in there now?

The Duke is also rumored to be

looking to appoint a new Baron or Baroness for Westhill.

The spirits rest our dear Baroness Mara Anni.



RUMORS FROM AROUND  
THE DUCHY

- ~ "I heard there are folks around who really like snakes for comforting. I don't know what they are thinking."
- ~ "I hear that the ghost of the former Baroness haunts near the new tavern."
- ~ "The Jin Formi have not been seen for a while. I guess they bugged out."
- ~ "Why is the Big Stick Tribe buying up all the land around Westhill?"
- ~ "WHO wants to be the first goblin barony in Fengate? You can't be serious?"
- ~ "I have seen some odd trade ships that have been floating in from the western rivers. They do not look like anything I have seen before."
- ~ "I hear that strange lights have been seen coming from the swamps again. Has something finally come back?"
- ~ "The water around Westhill seems to be contaminated with spider silk. What is going on around here?"
- ~ "I hear there is a new powerbase in Fengate. Yeah, his name is Samael."
- ~ "The Duke is not looking well these days. Did he take over the Duchy too soon?"
- ~ "Count Basarabe is having problems contacting Rosewood. Wait, was he able to do that before it flew away?"
- ~ "The Duke is really a greater undead and working for 'the master' and is helping him conquer the Duchy."
- ~ "Those are some of the most domesticated sarrs I have ever seen....getting led along by leashes and all."
- ~ "Hope's Crossing sure is looking good these days. I am so glad those spiders are gone."
- ~ "It will take years to get all the spider webs out of Hope's Crossing. I wonder where she went?"
- ~ "I keep hearing that there are trolls under Hassenbrook that just want to be real people. Isn't there some type of magic that can do that for them?"
- ~ "That Rezeire fella is wearing a lot of black and white. Do you think he works for Evendarr City?"

## H o n o r i n g   t h e   F e n g a t e   D w a r v e s

BY : U N K N O W N

Over a year ago a great tragedy struck Fengate and all of our major cities were assaulted. This night has come to be known as the "Night of Knives." Even more troubling is the vast amount of the dwarven population which bravely fought in battle and permanently died before their time.

We honor our past Duke's:

Thane Jord Ironcrown, who fell in battle against werewolves.

Thane Garric Runehammer, who fell in defense of Thanes Drift on the Night of Knives.

We should also honor and remember their heritage and many of the ways in



which Fengate was founded.

Every year, January 5th, marks the Day of Peace in the dwarven tradition. This day is one in which no dwarf will raise

arms, disputes are put away or set aside, and arguments are quelled. The Day of Peace marked a day of contemplation for the dwarven race.

January 27th marks the New Brew Festival. This is when each brewer will bring out their batches for tasting before being put away to age to perfection.