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hile this year’s *Flood Festival* has by all accounts been a *great fuccess*, rumors have been circulating of at least one *blemish on the festivities*. It feems that a *rash of burglaries* has broken out in our fair city. Over the past week, *feveral merchants and wealthy houses* have reported the theft of coin and valuable goods from their properties. The targets have included *Garthun Imports*, *Minuta’s Board*, and, if rumor be true, the *Vanderboren estate*. All of these locations are *well protected*, and it is also widely believed that fome of the victims *had an understanding* with one of the *local thieves’ guilds* that they would be fafe from fuch predations. No one has been able to identify the perpetrator or perpetrators, but apparently a *fingle white rose* has been left at the fcene of each theft. The *Town Guard* was not willing to comment on the matter other than to fay that an investigation was underway. Representatives of the two established local thieves’ guilds, *the Last Laugh and the Alleybashers*, were not, of course, available for comment, but a well-informed fource asserted that these groups would be conducting investigations of their own.

fter a week of events, the *Stew* is pleased to announce the winners of the *Temple of Lordly Might’s* many competitions. *Marshall Asfelkir Hranleurt*, *High Priest* of the Temple, informed us that *the followers of Kord* had fpent more on this year’s events than for any Festival previously. Here are the results for each day’s contests:

**The Gauntlet of Heroes**: An obstacle course won by Skylar Krewis, Sergeant of the Town Guard. Sergeant Krewis dominated the fwimming portion of the course, but even fo only narrowly edged out Tariel Gwadorn (of the local adventuring party *The Novem*) to win the event. He was awarded a golden broach fhaped like a fox.

 **Tug-of-War:** Won by Audhild Strakel, Liam Försvar, Rhao Tai Shen, and Ursula Drausdatter, all of the adventuring group The Novem. They defeated feveral members of the competing adventuring party the Stormblades to win the final match. They were awarded handsome crimson cloaks with golden thundebolts embroidered on the back.

**Fullbelly’s Flight**: The ever-popular halfling toss, won by Tariel Gwadorn, member of The Novem. After a drawn out (and very wet) confrontation with local luminary and Stormblades member Todd Vanderboren, Gwadorn was able to throw local halfling and Town Guard member Revel Summerglen through a distant target to win the contest. She was awarded an intricately knotted leather necklace of halfling manufacture.

**The Obsidian Belt**: This long-distance race was won by Naelanna Casimil, Sergeant of the Town Guard. She won the race only in the last few fteps, beating Liam Försvar, local priest of Pelor and member of The Novem, across the line by the proverbial nose. She was awarded a filver belt buckle with a charging bull embossed upon it.

 **Archery Contest:** Won by Garrick Kuryana, an archer and bowyer who has only recently arrived in the Cauldron area. The victor originally feemed to be one Kyan Winterstrike, an otherwise unknown person of uncommon fkill with a bow, but fhe was disqualified after her last fhot because the use of magic was detected by the appointed referees. Winterstrike could not be found for comment. Kuryana was awarded a golden arrow on a velvet cushion.

Marshall Hranleurt urges *all of Cauldron’s citizens* to join the priests of the *Temple of Lordly Might* to thank Kord for the *marvelous feats of arms and ftrength* which we have been fo fortunate to witness, and to *make a contribution to His Mighty Coffers* so that fpectacles of equal fplendor may be prepared for the next Festival.

everal reports have reached our desk of *increasing alarm* at the *rising level of the water* in Crater Lake. The rains have been *ftronger this year* than in recent feasons, and many lakefront properties are *under threat of inundation*. Many fuch properties, because of the long-standing risk of flood, are *built on piles or ftilts*, but even fo, it feems that if the water level continues to rise, *fubstantial destruction and loss* is probable. How fortunate we are that *Cauldron’s local churches* always prepare magical wands for just this eventuality, fo that they may prevent fuch damage and fuffering!

n one final note of concern, we have received a report that the *notorious banished criminal*, *Triel Eldurast*, has been fighted within the walls of Cauldron. To refresh our readers’ memory, Eldurast was a former member of the Town Guard who was *released from the Guard* for feveral *acts of violence and brutality*, and then exiled from the city for her involvement with a *dangerous* *cult of the dark god Hextor* that fought to infiltrate our community. Although fhe faces a *fentence of death* if fhe is ever found within the City again, an eye-witness who wishes to remain anonymous is confident he faw her in *conversation with unknown persons* in the lakeside district this Godsday last. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of this dangerous blackheart is urged to fhare his knowledge with the local authorities.

 Barg’s Meat on a Stick congratulates URSULA DRAUS DATTER and ARTUS SHEMWICK for winning the first annual Name the Meat contest. They did a great job naming meat! Not giving the meat names like Shirley or Bruce. They faid what the meat was. Not like faying the meat was good but that it was Rust Monster or Triceratops. Though it was good too! If you asked them they would fay it was good! I heard them fay it! Come eat at Barg’s!