

# Fourth Year Anniversary Edition

We at the Stronghold Gazette would like to thank the people Horizon's Stronghold and all of Oz for our past four years and look to a future of many more.

## County Seat Elections Coming!

By Thuun

For years, the county seat has been in the hands of Lairabee. For years, their actions have spoken for their agendas and interests as they took control of the main road from the yellow brick road and placed high tolls on all merchants and travelers, causing a severe lack of funds to the laborers and workers. After raising awareness and getting enough support from the citizens, the Sabernocks have jump-started elections for a new county seat, and hope to bring positive change to the county. Although they would be honored to hold the position themselves, the Sabernocks express their feelings quite clearly. "We'd be happy with anyone who'd have more interest of their county than interest is their purse."

There seem to be various stances from the county's citizens and the travelers who frequent them, however the common opinion is that whoever holds the new seat should be a town with a diverse population that can bring different views and skills to the table.

"I'd think a town with numerous guild representations, or one with an established government would be good choice." Says Dora Honeyleaf. "The county seat could do for a change." Claims Qulrain from Nightlite, who claims Nitelite would be a good candidate for its numerous commerce dealings. Horizon Stronghold tavern owner Noctus comments that having held the seat all this time, Lairabee offers the most experience, while Strongholds local Bureaucrat commented that their town

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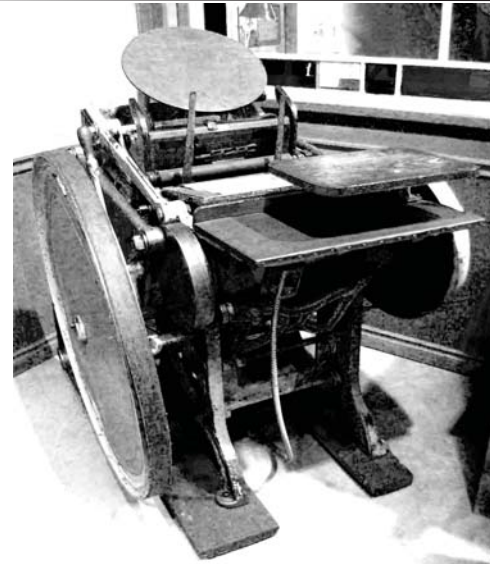
## Oogle Attacks on the Rise

by Rowena Way

The Rippers Guild headquarters in Coran Teen has been busy as of late. Guild members report increased number of patients presenting with damaged or removed eyes. Many of the patients arrive in shock, but those who are able to explain how they sustained their injuries make the situation quite clear. "The roads aren't safe," Marie, one of the patients, explains, "My caravan was attacked by Ooglies! They weren't even interested in the merchandise."

With the LairaBee toll booth charging people on their way into the county, and now the dangers presented by Ooglies, many long time trade routes are being abandoned. "There are safer places to go in Munchkinland," Marie shrugs. With the County Seat elections coming up soon, the LairaBees are going to have to consider how these issues will impact the public perception of their control of Lairabee County. "I'm not concerned," Alimena LairaBee asserts, "My family is willing to pay whatever it costs to get the roads fixed and the Ooglies dealt with as soon as possible. Our constituents know that." Tim Clay, a member of the Masons Guild chapter in Sabernock had a different take on the situation though, "We don't need to find someone to pay! The Sabernocks could take care of the roads immediately if the LairaBees didn't have the whole process held up in negotiations and paperwork!"

Either way, one thing is clear; the roads in Lairabee County aren't safe. This author recommends traveling cautiously and in large groups, as well as investing



in some heavy duty eye protection. "The Ooglies are more than a nuisance to be argued over in political debates," Dr. John of the Rippers Guild warns, "They are a dangerous threat to the safety of the people in Lairabee County. We can patch people up here in Coran Teen, but we can't always undo the damage these creatures cause."



## Civil Authority

No articles, advertising, or opinions shall be presented promoting a violent, subversive agenda or actively encouraging and contributing to civil unrest.



## What a Way to Go! Dollfairy Retirement Bash

By Emma Norlean

With tears in their eyes and big smiles on their faces, a lucky handful of select customers bid their final farewells to Madam Deborah Dollfairy on her journey North. Her sudden announcement that she was retiring came as a shock to many, as the Dollfairy Den of Delights has been a favorite destination for Nightlight locals for over a hundred years. Citing an illness in the family and being the only available caregiver, Madam Dollfairy will be closing the doors to the Den of Delights by the end of the month.

The retirement bash was an extravagant affair of enchantment and debauchery, the likes of which I cannot justly describe in words. Let me just say that your wildest fantasies would pale in comparison to what I experienced that night. I am so sad that this wonderful establishment is closing its doors forever, and pleaded with the madam to change her mind. Her response is as follows:

"It is with a heavy heart that I must close my business, but the care and safety of my family is of the utmost importance to me. I would like to thank all of my customers for their loyalty and support for all these years. I realize that many of my patrons are saddened that I chose not to keep the doors open by selling the business to a new proprietor. Please understand that this is the only way I could think of to preserve the wonderful memories that we created together here at the Dollfairy Den of Delights. And I wish all my patrons good health and safety, for we do not know what the future holds for any of us."

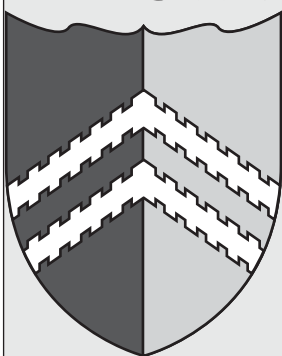
Though our futures have dimmed with the closure, we thank Madam Dollfairy for all the wonderful memories, and wish her family well.



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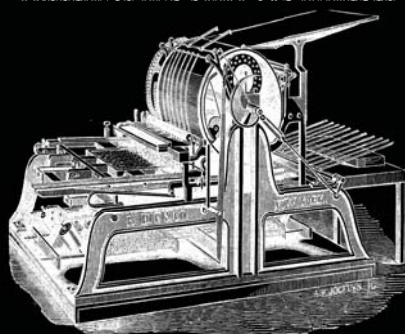


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# RETURN

## Raising Town Awareness

By Thuun

As a reminder to the people of Oz, Ooglies are still a threat to us. Measures are being taken to thin their numbers, but citizens should stay alert and take precautions. The main road is still very dangerous, and the good people of Oz are warned not to venture too far into the woods and take caution at night. If you come across animals or Changelings that seem overly aggressive and unresponsive they may be infected with the rabies disease. Killing the affected may seem like the only option, however this disease can be cured. Make sure you know what physicians in your area are equipped to administer treatment.

Coffee, Cookies,  
and Great Deals

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would make an effective seat as it offers the best protection, has resources no other towns have, and has the most diversity with its races and guilds such as the Grubbers, Rippers, and the Hospitality Guilds. Additionally, their goodwill is shown through their ongoing social programs such as the Changeling Sanctuary and their communal efforts to assist Stormriders starting new lives in Oz. Everybody interested in voting in the upcoming election in April should make sure they are registered citizens, and don't wait till the last minute to handle your paperwork with your local Bureaucrats.

Apply for your paperwork to join the  
Bureaucrats Guild today!

Correctly filed paperwork can make all  
the difference. Are you ready for that responsibility?  
Interested applicants, please apply at your local  
Bureaucrat's Guild Office.





## Mission Statement of The Stronghold Gazette

### OBJECTIVE

To produce economically sound newspapers that add to the identity and pride of the communities they serve, record the history of the town and its people, and make a difference in the quality of life of HORIZON'S STRONGHOLD community.

## Town Meeting: Tax Collection after town meeting Saturday, Saturday Day 2:00 PM

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Market

Town Hall

1:00 PM

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Town Hall

2:00 PM

Town Meeting

Town Hall

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Relaxing atmosphere with good drinks,  
Good snacks, and good fun.

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## County Seat Election at the end of Town Meeting

### DING DONG, the Witch is Dead.

By Thuun

Horizon Stronghold and its surrounding areas were hit hard by the terror of the Wicked witch Varuka. Her magic allowed her to create creatures of nightmares from thin air. Skelitons, Trolls, giant spiders, and ax wielding cow butchers. Final casualties have not yet been confirmed, but as of yet, no permanent deaths were reported. This was only due to the good people of Horizon Stronghold willing to pay the blood price to Resurrect the fallen. When the Wicked witch finally showed her green face, she came with an offer. Suffer her wrath, or join her and overthrow Ozma, who she claimed is the one that forced her hand with her extreme actions against dark magic. The people of Horizon Stronghold united to overcome her nightmares and strike her down. The people of Oz can now breathe a sigh of relief for now.

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