

The Oak Harbor Reporter

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Felicitoro Family Spotlight: Luca

While the Luca might no longer be a household name when it comes to the different families of the Felicitoro, thanks to a safari into Umbra sponsored by one of them they might become one yet again. With the conclave there is a lot of talk about who might be the next to take up the title of great house. A competition seems to be brewing among families like the Ferrani and Ternacenti where displays of what their wealth can do in the short term for the town seem to be prioritized. Meanwhile, the Luca with but a single representative and no such display, have demonstrated perhaps the best understanding of what at least one rather vocal section of the Oak Harbor population are interested in.

Thanks to this sponsored trip, our journalists were able to directly interview several long dead Luca. And while one was a fantastic gambler, and another is credited with the creation of "Sweet Revenge", they are not the stories that the Oak Harbor Reporter found of upmost importance. Apparently at one point there was a member of the Luca family who had discovered how to turn one kind of gem into another. From our understanding they could only do this one way with a pair of specific gems, yet even that discovery is far beyond mere displays of wealth. This is knowledge that can be built upon, a foundation for scholars and arcanists to explore.

Currently, the Luca are far from frontrunners this great conclave. It seems that these days what matter to the selection of great houses is simply showing off how they can throw their leaf around to "improve" the lives of Oak Harbor in the short term. Yet we here at this paper believe that it is not simply wealth that should be championed but the substance these Families can provide for their communities. In this, the Luca are ahead of many, leaving behind research that has captured the minds of those in Oak Harbor who were there to learn about it.

Rabbit Cult: A Curse of Inaction

Oak Harbor is once again facing the rise of a new and mysterious cult. Residents are urged to stay alert and take immediate precautions. The group, known as the "Rabbit Cult", can be identified by white rabbit masks, worn on the face or head, and a rabbit-shaped pin worn on the chest.

This cult is believed to operate under the cover of night. If they target you, they will render you unconscious and place a curse upon you. Reports claim that once cursed, you will receive a pin marking you as a part of "the family". Those cursed are unable to attack other members, and attempting to do so will cause you to fall unconscious instantly. These same restrictions apply to members of "the family" as well.

If you should encounter this "Rabbit Cult", a prolonged engagement is not advised unless you can eliminate them immediately. Retreat at once and do not travel alone while they are active. The cult's true goals and intentions remain unknown, but the threat is growing. If you spot them, contact Gheist, Mar, or Snaer immediately, as they are immune and can act to protect you against this rising threat.

Stay vigilant. Stay together. Do not underestimate them.

Written by Gheist

The Carbunclo, Reluctant Trader

In a carefully dug burrow lit with red light, a luminescent dog arranges a hoard of necklaces, gems, rings, acorns, the claw of a strixle and more. The Carbunclo is a rare dog found most frequently in the edges of the Witchwood or near sites frequented by explorers where it can easily find treasures from the contracted races. What catches the eye immediately is the ruby set in its head with a mirror-like surface. Next you realize that there are feathers mixed in among the gentle glow of its fur. The Carbunclo collects objects in its hoard and does not like to share them, but it will if a person it cares for shows their need or offers a good trade. It has a pouch on its chest where it stores items to bring to its hoard. Generally considered to be friendly and safe to approach, unless you are stealing from its hoard, these small beauties are a true treat to find in the Witchwood.

Article by Docent Efigenia Tuen Nirai

A Remote Course in Remedial Poetry

"On the Dangerous Secrets of Alchemy"

by [REDACTED]

Apologies that this poem does not rhyme, but I figured there was little point, as it will be unintelligible by the time it makes it past the censors.

There is one simple rule for all races contracted.

Ask not the alchemists about their [redacted].

Some facts, once uncovered, cannot be retracted.

And so we implore you, ignore our [redacted].

In the interests of safety, the Guild has decided

To safeguard all knowledge of [reference elided],

For centuries past have repeatedly proved

The dangers of sharing [removed] and [removed].

Go ask an herbalist what can be extracted

From your component, and not how we [redacted].

Though we urge circumspection, the young get distracted.

Tempt not an apprentice to speak of [redacted].

Even careless divulgence may have consequence,

As the cases of [phrases expunged] evidence.

And so, as the Guild has sincerely entreated:

Never [remainder of poem deleted]

Paid for by Docent Jenne

Oak Harbor Mystics Guild Services

Hello,

We here at the Oak Harbor Mystics Guild have noticed that there are many people looking for information. We here

at the guild want you all to know we are willing to sell our services to help you out. The two ways we have to accomplish this are Speak with Dead, where we reach out to a specific spirit in Umbra to get detailed information on a subject, and Spirit Network, where we reach out to a collection of Spirits which won't give us as much detail but can get us information, we don't currently have a spirit to go to for. Of note we have experts on Firmament and Reverie out in Umbra we have good relationships with.

For the work we need to put into getting detailed information, we are currently selling Speak with Dead at 2 Leaf per hour of work.

For personal use, we are selling Spirit Network for 3 leaf per hour of work.

Finally, the Oak Harbor Mystics guild is looking for stories you might have about Signe Rask, Vigorforged and True Witchlicker. If you think of any, please see Kellis.

Strength, through Pride Style, with Form Quality, in Design Iron, by Ferrani

House Ferrani- once one of the greatest houses known for its high quality masterwork weapons- has reopened its great forges. We invite the citizens of Oak Harbor to take part in our services offered, be it smithing new weapons, armor, jewelry and other fine crafts, or lessons in doing so yourself.

For a more defined list of services, you may contact Sei Pia Ferrani or Maestro Osmand Wittmar di Ferrani in town or via mail.

May your blades be sharp and your iron quality.

Smithing Services!

Residents of Oak Harbor, enchant your world with the artistry of Cartus Mann, a master finesmith. Specializing in the creation of magic-infused items, Cartus offers his craftsmanship to those seeking the extraordinary. Whether it's for adornment, protection, or utility, his work promises unparalleled quality and care.

To commission his services, please reach out via mail.

Guardian Coffee Press

The Guardians have kept the secret to amazing coffee and have finally made it available to Oak Harbor. VELIAR PRESS COFFEE will be pressing fresh coffee between the eight and tenth bells on Aldersday and Willowsday for 3 leaf a mug. Sigurd's Cup of STFU is a light roasted blend of beans sure to shut anyone's yap. Kellis' Mug of Regret is a dark roast decaf available in limited quantities. Start your day the Guardian way!

Paid for by the Velliar Guardians of Oak Harbor

Utility From Vigor: Scrolls by Zeuvi

Zeuvi's Recipes	Price	Zeuvi's Recipes	Price
Parry	8	BMV Silence	10
Unsilence	8	Repose of Peace	8
Recovery	12	Circle of Prot	18

Mend Limb	8	Stall Eidolon	10
Healing Refresh	15	Spellshield	8
Dream	6	Prophecy	6
Weakness	6	Sleep	6
There is no escape	60	Spirit walk	40
Death	18	Fireball	18
Wither Limb	8	Agility	15
Spirit Strike	8	Unroot	10
Purify	6	Repel	6
Awaken	10	Network	8
Oracle	10	Retreat	10
Dispel Circle	42	Armor Expertise	12
Mindshield	8	Stasis Dust	8
Improved Agility	10	Assassinate	18
Alterations	Price	Alterations	Price
Trapped*	2	Duration EoE	2
Duration EoE & Natural	4	5 Minutes Infinite	2
1 hr Infinite	2	Next Sunrise Infinite	6
All Gather Infinite	8	Touch as Packet*	2
Packet as Touch*	-2	Strike us Packet*	0

Offer: 6 leaf for a used scroll of (or information on the quintessence cost of) and details of any ability I don't yet have a recipe for.

These scrolls are all available on commission from Zeuvi. Unless otherwise noted, expect that any effects from the scrolls need to be used within five minutes of opening it. There is an upcharge of 3 Leaf to last longer. Remember "Not all advertisements have slogans attached".

*While Zeuvi can

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A Murder Among Us

A rash of murders swept Oak Harbor for 2 years, ending a year ago. The murdered was named Stabby Bity Man colloquially, as if our murders were some joke. We, the victims, have asked for justice for over a year. But here we are, and worse than nothing has been done. Oak Harbor's vaunted Town Council seeks the perfect victim and nothing less. The Oak Harbor Reporter would like to acknowledge that the submitter has made an accusation giving an alleged identity to the killer. As of the time of printing, our journalists are unable to verify the claims, and as we do not wish to risk printing libel that will be kept out of the paper pending a full investigation.

Article by Citizen Robert Oakmont

Oak Harbor's Greatest Pest: Scourge The Great Rat Spirit!

The Oak Harbor Town Council would like to state for the record the actions of Scourge the Great Rat Spirit are thoroughly distasteful. Were once we thought Scrouge an upstanding member of the Oak Harbor community, they have elected to prove time and time again how it should be remembered that they are indeed the Great Rat Spirit. We hear at the Oak Harbor Reporter find their actions saddening, as our employee thought they had an understanding. Please be warned that Scourge is infamous for a reason.

In the Spotlight

Name: Vennick of the Nightshade Eclipse

Favorite Color: Green

3rd Favorite Bird: Cinnamon Canary

As one of Oak Harbor's most potent healers and prominent Spellsingers, Vennick focuses the harmonies of Euren into song to keep everyone safe. Known for singing a mean drinking tune, Vennick will gladly sing, act, or otherwise make a fool of himself for some leaf. A gifted poet as well, he also commissions poetry, crafting verses fit for love, loss, or legend. And as fortune would have it, Vennick was the first citizen of Oak Harbor that Tobias would meet, setting Tobias on his voyage to unlock the mysteries of Spellsinging!

"I feel like my music is the way I connect with the world," says Vennick. Although Vennick casts magic through music, music itself has always held a deeper magic for him. "I feel like music, and art more generally, fosters connections between people and grants us insights into the soul." With dreams as wide as the ocean, Vennick hopes to continue growing his skills and someday give more complex performances to bring more joy and hope to those around him. "Art, like Euren, connects, and I hope to create and strengthen many bonds in the years to come."

Originally from a big family, Vennick found his place in the arts of healing and has since become one of Oak Harbor's strongest healers once he felt the call of adventure. Though he used to be a bit of a multi-instrumentalist, he is now primarily a vocalist, a storm-forged gift of power and beauty. As a True Eurish Spellsinger, Vennick was once one of only two Spellsingers in Oak Harbor, alongside his cousin Tess.

Now, with the tides of the arts rising, Vennick and Tobias are looking to form a band with the other Spellsingers of Oak Harbor. And Vennick's spellsinging prowess was on full display during the clash with Treasure, where he performed a feat of Vigorish Spellsinging to bolster the front line and help bring victory to the town!

So if your spirits are low or your heart is aching for a tune – seek out Vennick! Whether it's healing, a song, a scribble, or a sonnet, he's the bard that will put the wind back in your sails!

Written by Tobias

Oak Harbor Casino Deals a Winning Hand

The winds of chance blew into Oak Harbor this last gather with the opening of the Oak Harbor Casino, and what an opening it was! Run by the HOA and helmed by the MAD-Lads, the casino offered a wide assortment of opportunities for patrons to test their luck and win it big!

Mo the Flagnatcher captained the Plinko board, Dolan oversaw the Roulette table, and Kellis dealt out some BlackJack. To keep the mood light, Anatoly ran the bar, offering a wide selection of drinks and spirits while Astrophel manned the prize table for all the fortunate winners! Standing watch and providing entertainment to the casino goers were the Armed Bards, Tobias and Lee. It was here, amid the exchanging of leaf and cheers of victory, that Tobias debuted his hit new song, "Casino!".

The Locus of Compulsion even dropped anchor at the Casino, running their own game of chance and allowing patrons to wager their very own memories for the chance to win big! Lose, and those memories would sink beneath the waves forever; win, and you'd sail away with some fate-spinning. The Warren Kobolds also presented the MAD-Lads with their latest business venture, "The Kobold Party Planners", offering a multitude of services for all your party needs!

Many of Oak Harbor's most prominent residents came out to test their fortunes at the grand opening. Among them

were Jarl Quentin, Jesse Bearbrother, Goldenclaw Tavares, Braueheart, and McDunnab of the Claws of Death, all hoping to net a big prize! Yet, the night was not without its mysteries, as Oak Harbor caught its first glimpse of the emerging Rabbit Cult lingering outside. Should you spot any members of this mysterious group make sure to alert Gheist, Mar, or Snaer before they scuttle away.

With the maiden voyage a roaring success, Dolan and the MAD-Lads hope to continue growing the Oak Harbor Casino, bringing even more games and adventures to port. So if you've got leaf to spare and the wind at your back, find your way to the Oak Harbor Casino – and may fortune ever smile upon you!

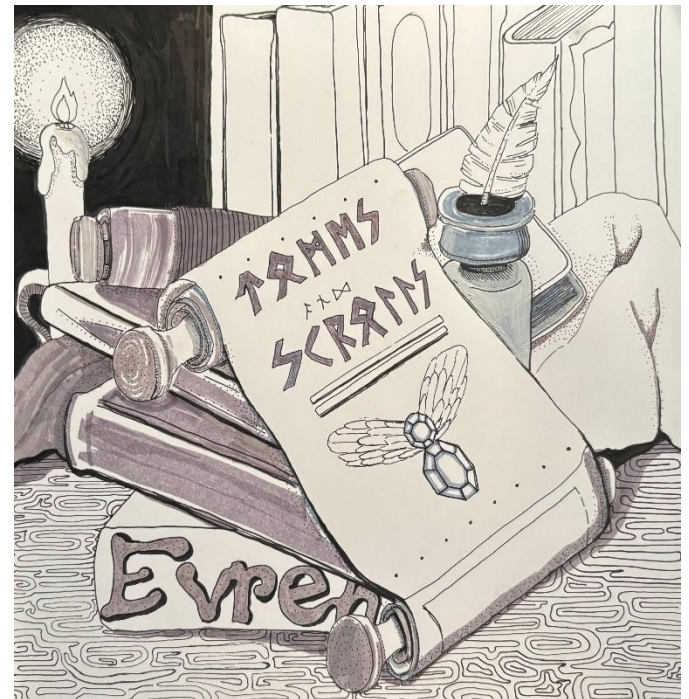
Written by Tobias

Upcoming Events

Rickard's Deal: Wisteria and the cast and crew continue rehearsing "Rickard's Deal" to be performed soon! You won't want to miss it!

Golden Idol Tour: Oak Harbor's renowned bard, Tobias, will be continuing his critically acclaimed "Golden Idol Tour"! Come sing and dance along or join in with a performance of your own! Requests welcome!

Written by Tobias



University News

The Velliar University may not be making the biggest waves in Oak Harbor with the Conclave afoot, there is still much going on. Of course, no one can forget that the Velliar symposium will still be occurring later this fall. Given that last year's gathering included talk about research on the very fabric of the realms by our local head of the Alchemy Guild, one can only speculate what new research might be discussed. Will Durand's research into the nature of Leaf make a new splash? Will that one poor Velliar with impeccable fashion sense ever not get accused of being a Dauenstern? The symposium will be the place to find this out.

However, it sounds like there are also some exams to look forward to. Local Editor, unaffiliated, Roderago has an upcoming Lecturer thesis defense. Not only that but it sounds like Strigford, local employee of a company with a terrible track record of hostile takeovers, is preparing for a thesis defense of their own. We hear at the Oak Harbor Reporter hope that these both go swimmingly for the scholars at hand.

Article and art by our newest journalist MaeB