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The New Look

The newsletter has a slightly new look for this year. In the past we have published based on a calendar year, and we have published monthly and bi monthly. CWP will now publish the newsletter monthly based on our season; November to November. We will be using a slightly different format and experimenting with new fonts.

New Members

Adriel Seibert-FT
John Hotchkiss-SPT (Smith/welder)

Current Clack

Here we are celebrating 15 years of CWP being in existence, 12 years of CWP in Colorado, eight years of the current CWP and the beginning of five years under my management. A lot of history and some great stories, this season we have a lot in store and plan to make some more history. We hope to have a lot done this year with the "look" of CWP but that is only part of it, we need your commitment and follow through, the officers (team leads) or senior officers cant do it themselves. Your commitment to CWP is what gets things done; it is what is the fuel for our engine. You calling when you can't make a meeting or practice is vitally important to the smooth running of daily operations, particularly practices. When you volunteer for as many tasks or teams it helps CWP get objectives completed, which in turn gets our overall show looking top notch.

-----Eric Medved

The Castle Vault

CWP finances are as such: CWP has money in the till for a portion of each team's budget for this season, although not enough for each team's full budgets. So soon the Senior Officers who have the team Leads budgets will assign the teams funds based on priorities for CWP as a whole for the next season. We need to do some sort of fundraiser(s) to gain money in our off seasons. The best way to do this is from the sponsorships both commercial and personal.

-----Veronica Medved

Reports from the List

Congratulations on your re-certification! This past month, while boring at times, retraining is key to getting us ready for the new year. Fairly soon, (next week) we'll all be getting our characters and fights, and once again begin to put together our show for this coming season. On that issue, please remember the three elements that really make our fights; Acting, Stunts, and Weaponry. Now that the re-training is finished, everyone should have a good, solid base to work on in regards to all three of those, but there's always room for improvement. The training team will be available all year if you ever have any questions, ideas, or just want a second opinion on what you're doing, and I'd urge everyone to make full use of the trainers to help you construct the best fight you can. Best of luck, and I'll see you on the battlefield.

-----Kerry Major

Tailors Bench

The wardrobe team currently has no lead; we are looking at a few options in what we will be doing with this team and our wardrobe.

-----CWP S.O.

The Real History

The position of Sheriff was a powerful position both political and legal, particularly the position of High Sheriff. The Shire an administrative division first set by the Anglo-Saxons and the reeve an official elected by the serfs who was a serf himself started by the Saxons was a shire reeve. Upon the Norman Conquest the sheriff was appointed by the crown. The High Sheriff was the head of all of the divisional Sheriffs. Still in existence in modern England it is now a unpaid partly ceremonial post appointed by the crown.

Ring Time

Hi, my name is Judy Boren and I have been with Castle Wall for about 6yrs and part of the armor team for 3yrs. This season I am the Armor team Lead and I'm excited about it. I plan on going on field trips to the businesses that will help us learn new things in armor. We will be meeting about twice monthly. We have some armor that needs to be repaired as well as leather sheaths for our swords that need to be sewn by hand. I also have the pleasure of teaching new members how to weave the chain mail and I can't wait to do that.

I hope to make the armor team the finest (funnest) group so that everyone will want to be a part of the number one team in CWP. I will be working on each member having their very own team t-shirts. So, if you want to be a part of a winning team (in a winning sword group) you can talk to me, Ken or Eric and we'll get you started. I plan on having meetings at least twice a month on either Friday nights or Saturday afternoons. We had our first armor meeting on Nov. 22nd which we took inventory of all the armor and we have a lot to do. Along with repairing the chain mail suits, sewing the sheaths we have to put straps in the helmets and give them a good polishing. See you soon and thanks.

----- Judy Boren

Practice Pointers

Always remember while choreographing a fight to write it so the audience enjoys it. You have to keep the audience engaged in the story. As you are creating this *put yourself in the audience seat* and ask: Does this make sense? Does it work in the fight? Is this what the character would do? Always remember to keep this in the context of what the director has given as a guideline for the and what you have created for the character

Castle Custodian's Closet

Props had its first meeting where we inventoried all of the props (there is a lot) and decided what we would be doing for the new season. We will be meeting twice a month to handle everything we need to do. We will be working on cushioning our patron seats, working on another tent (for the Saxons), the first aid tent, Robin's tent and a bunch of other projects. I need people for this team so if you want to have a part in what CWP uses on a daily basis, get on board with this team. BTW we will be working out of a heated garage or the truck during the cold days.

-----Bethany Medved

From the Herald's Horn

We had our first meeting on November 16TH, we laid down the basic ideas for the team and ideas for future PR accomplishments for our upcoming season. If you are interested in joining our team, (we are the public face of CWP) please let me know.

----- John Keys

Calendar for December

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05, Friday; Colao House, **Armor Meet** 7:00-9:00PM
 06, Saturday; Medved House, **Props Meet** 1:00 - 6:00PM
 07, Sunday; Logan School, **Training Meet** 10:00AM - 11:00PM
 07, Sunday; Logan School, **Practice** 10:45AM - 3:15PM
 12, Friday; Boren House, **Armor Meet** 7:00-9:00PM
 10, Wednesday; **Motor Pool Meet** 7:00-9:00PM
 13, Saturday; Medved House, **Weapons Meet** 1:00 - 6:00PM
 14, Sunday; Logan School, **Practice** 10:45AM - 3:15PM
 16, Wednesday, Pehl House, **Merchandise Meet** 6:00-8:00PM
 19, Friday; Boren House, **Armor Meet** 7:00-9:00PM
 20, Saturday; Medved House, **Props Meet** 1:00 - 6:00PM
 21, Sunday; Logan School, **Practice** 10:45AM - 3:15PM
 28, Sunday; **NO Practice** *Happy Holidays*

Merchant's Booth

This should be an interesting season for CWP. We have had our first of many meetings to get merchandising underway. I and my team have many idea's and plans to help improve Castle Wall sales; A new tent, new products and new projects. I would also like to say that I could use a few more team members, so come on down and talk to me.

-----Keith Pehl

Village Posts

The HR team had its first meeting and our universal goal is to have all paperwork out in a timely manner that means, BO Calendars one month in advance, a good supply of fight sheets, and updated phone trees.

-----Veronica Medved

Leeches Ledger

For those on the medical team, do not forget that we have a meeting in January; be sure to look in December's newsletter for the time and date. Also, its flu season again, so if you get the flu or a cold, remember to drink plenty of fluids and get plenty of rest and do not attend practice if you have a fever of 100.1 F or higher go see a doctor.

-----Serina Keys

The Wagons Wheel

The CWP motor pool had its first meeting, the only problem is that the team consist of one person, me!?! We need people willing to work on the truck and van this includes motor work and decking out the insides of both vehicles. I need people for this team ASAP.

-----Eric Medved

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