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It's Friday April 23, 2010 Dock Quote: "I tried to..."

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 Iraq War Veteran With Four Legs. **Pet Of The Month**



A few years ago, there were rumors that Oprah Winfrey would be buying a home in Pamlico County. It can now be confirmed that "Oprah" does spend time here, on Green's Creek.

FRIDAY APRIL 23, 2010

Don't you look brave today... just ready to see a tense film from the 1950s. You can do it – you'll be so stoic holding your honey's hand during the scary parts. Tonight the Friday Flicks at The Old Theater present "Night Of The Hunter" – Robert Mitchum and Shelly Winters star in the 1955 film. Directed by Charles Laughton, the movie is in stark black and white – filled with memorable scenes and images. See Right-Hand Love versus Left-Hand Hate explained. This is a movie where the deceit unfolds in a most clever way. And Elmer, you can afford it. Five bucks admission includes popcorn – showtime 7:30p.



While Saturday shows a chance of rain – the weather forecast says if the rain comes it will be in the afternoon. Meaning the Saturday morning Nautical Fleamarket should be dry. Piles of old boat stuff always makes for an entertaining event – you know you need that bronze thingy.

Also Saturday morning, get your fresh eggs n veggies at The Farmer's Market. Saturday really is a happenin' day – book sale at the library, Girls On The Run, , Boater Safety Class, antiques at The Woman's Club and ODC has their season kick off party – fill in your dance card by viewing the **What's Happening** page.

On the water 10 knot winds today, 10-15 tomorrow, but then Sunday your boat and crew might be happier at the dock – the Pamlico Sound Marine Weather Forecast shows winds to 25 knots.

THURSDAY APRIL 22, 2010

When getting dinner recently at Endurance Seafood (where the slogan is "Fish So Fresh It Bites"), we couldn't help but notice a new "cast member". You expect a cat or two hanging around a seafood

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house – but this was a bird. A big bird. “A macaw” Keith Bruno explained... “we just got her this winter”. The story of Val, a green winged red headed macaw – she’s the April Pet Of The Month.

While a mix of odd pets, boats and the weather are the typical subject of TownDock.net reporting – today we mention that media favorite of the past few years – JOBS. If you’re seeking a new job, Pamlico Community College is holding a Job Fair today from 2 – 6p.

Perfect spring weather today – partly cloudy and mid 70s in the Oriental forecast. Come the weekend Saturday has a 30% chance of rain. Be an optimist – that’s a 70% chance it won’t.

Saturday (and its mostly dry skies) is the first Nautical Fleamarket of 2010 – it all takes place in front of and surrounding The Provision Company on Hodges St. No charge to sell – vendors and wandering shoppers welcome.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2010

A big TownDock salute goes out to Oriental Boat Show organizer Sam Myers. Sam will point out that he was one volunteer of many (the Oriental Rotary was out in force over the weekend). But in the weeks leading up to the show, Sam was mostly a one man organizer and salesperson. He succeeded. This past weekend 74 vendors talked to some 1,500 show attendees about boats and boat stuff. As a result, it seems likely there will be a 2011 boat show in Oriental. [Click here and enjoy photos from a fine weekend...](#)

There is a chance of showers this afternoon that may get in the way of the Wednesday night sailing, then the Oriental NC forecast has Thursday & Friday with sun and mid 70s.

TUESDAY APRIL 20, 2010

Good morning, and a beautiful one, too. The [Oriental Weather Forecast](#) has more spring sunshine in store today, but a chance of rain – which those new plants in the gardens will like – overnight.

Last weekend was a busy one in town with the boat show and the tour of homes and gardens. This coming weekend has a bunch going on, too, which you can read about in [What’s Happening](#). A Friday night movie – if you like taut, you’ll like Night of the Hunter. On Saturday, a Nautical Flea Market at the Provision Company, and the Farmers’ Market across the street.

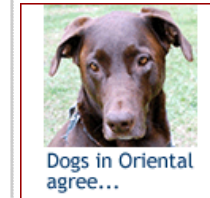
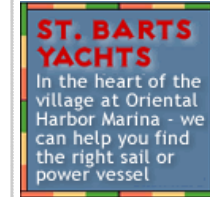
And up in Bayboro on Saturday morning, [Friends of the Pamlico County Library](#) holds its semi-annual book sale. This time they’re also selling T-shirts (which you can see in today’s On-the-Cover photo.) All of this is to raise money to help with the library operations. If you have books to donate, you can, by just dropping by the library... or after hours, by putting ‘em in the book box.

Oh, and you’ve been warned. A cautionary message to file away in today’s [Dock Quote](#).

SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2010

Today is the final day of the Oriental Boat Show. A visit over to the show just after noon revealed a nice crowd for a Sunday. [MobileCam](#) is on duty again today at the show...

About perfect weather is being served up – mostly sun and near 70 today, mid 60s Monday – then sunshine and 70 through midweek.



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SATURDAY APRIL 17, 2010

Ya can't complain there's nothin' to do this weekend. Two major events going on in town today – it's The 2010 Oriental Boat Show at Pecan Grove Marina, while in the village it is the annual Tour Of Homes & Gardens.

Mom Nature is cooperating with a good forecast – sunshine near 80 today – just a small chance of rain. If you are thinking of being on the water, be aware of the breeze – up to 25 mph this morning in the Pamlico Sound Marine Weather Forecast, then winds calming a bit to 10-15 mph.

There is a new cam on duty starting today. **PecanCam**. It has been requested by the folks at Pecan Grove Marina for a while. Thinking it a far off date, we told 'em months and months ago there would be a cam "by the boat show". Dang if that date didn't



arrive. PecanCam will show the channel to Pecan Grove Marina... watching the boats come & go, plus a view of Oriental and the harbor in the background. It will be on duty every day just like the other cams. We are still working on just the right angle and focus settings, so for the next couple weeks it will be in test mode.

Welcome to PecanCam....

FRIDAY APRIL 16, 2010

1:34p MobileCam is at The Oriental Boat Show today. This is day one of the weekend long show – it's all at Pecan Grove Marina.



6:15a The Oriental Boat Show opens its three-day run at noon today at Pecan Grove Marina.

More than five dozen exhibitors are spread out across the terra firma and a lot of boats are in the water there, too. There are seminars running pretty much constantly. Come check out the great job that The Rotary and Sam Myers have done in pulling it all together... Just \$5 to get in and hey, support all the boating that's so important to our village.

Bring some sunscreen. The [Oriental Weather Forecast](#) calls for highs of 80! Today and tomorrow.

Tomorrow, on Day Two of the boat show, another big event here in town will be happening: the [Tour of Homes and Gardens](#). River Dunes has its own [Parade of Homes](#) going on, too. And why not start out your Saturday with the [Farmers' Market](#) which will have lots of food and plants and crafts to choose from, and, this week, a Plant Swap.

And tonight at the Old Theater, Pamlico Musical Society presents [Vienna Teng](#). Some tix may still be available at Croakertown, but not many.....

Details are all there in [What's Happening](#).

The phone rang yesterday evening and we learned the sad news that Jack Crutchfield had passed away on Wednesday at his home in Greensboro. Jack and his wife Becca took sailing classes in Oriental 20 years ago, and have kept a boat, "Cloudless" in Whortonsville for two decades. As Becca described it, Jack was always "on standby" to come to the boat and Oriental.

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TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2010

Lots of folks get their mail at a box at the Oriental Post Office and don't have it delivered to their homes. As a result they didn't receive a Census form in the mail. We have the story on how that has [some folks concerned the town may be under-counted and the Census's response](#).

In reporting that story, we encountered some confusion at the Census over the language needs of our town's residents. [You can read that account here](#).

One thing you can count on... another gorgeous day. The [Oriental Weather Forecast](#) has a high of 70. Get out there and smell the wisteria. It's been in full purple bloom and its fragrance tells us that spring is indeed here.

The spring cleaning going on right ties in nicely with the [Town Wide Yard Sale coming up on May 1](#). Jennifer Pare says about 40 homes have signed up so far. There's no charge to take part, so if you were planning to sell something that day, give Jennifer a call and let her know so she can add your yard to the map. If the town can advertise that there will be 100 yards for bargain hunters to visit, it helps everyone. [For more info on how to contact Jennifer, click here](#).

MONDAY APRIL 12, 2010

Good morning. That lovely weather we had over the weekend – clear, sunny, not too hot – looks like it'll be here for another week, according to the [Oriental Weather Forecast](#).

That's great news cos this coming weekend is a busy one. [The Oriental Boat Show](#) – this year, organized by the Rotary Club – kicks off its three-day run on Friday. On Saturday, there's the [Tour of Homes and Gardens](#), as you can see in Laura Turgeon's drawing today.

Midweek, more sailing going on. The Laser fleet out of Oriental Dinghy Club is [reviving its tradition of Wednesday night races](#). While they're out there roughly the same time as [the other Wednesday night sail race](#), the Laser sailors race among themselves – and welcome Sunfish crews, too. Happily, there's plenty o' room out there on the Neuse for everyone. (Having the widest river in America sure helps.)

Meanwhile.. not to pry, but didja send in your census form yet? Every person counts... especially in a small town like Oriental. (More on this coming.)

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