

SOUNDSIDE LEARNING THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND

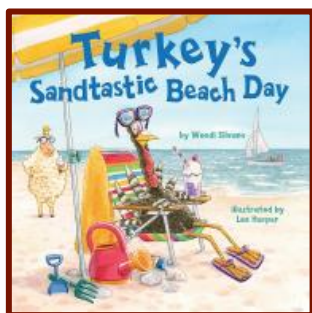


November 20, 2023

COMING UP AT CORE SOUND...

- **Currently – December 31:** Gallery of Trees
- **November 25:** Christmas Market 2023
- **December 1:** Core Sound Chow Down @ 4:30-9:30 PM
- **December 2-3:** Waterfowl Weekend

Sound Reading Material For You and Your Child



Turkey's Sandtastic Beach Day

By Wendi Silvano

Turkey is visiting the ocean for the very first time! But when he arrives, he must stay in Farmer Jake's petting zoo on the boardwalk. If only he could get to the beach for some splashing and surfing! Luckily, his friends are determined to help him have an utterly crab-ulous beach day, offi-shell duties or not—and they get to have some fun along the way.

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Crab Pot Beauties

Down East changed in 1999 for that year the Crab Pot Tree became part of our community. The tree was introduced without lights that year, but in 2002 the Harveys found a way to add lights and fold the tree for easy storage. Their Crab Pot Tree patent became a reality in 2004.

The tree idea came when an employee saw a small wire Christmas tree in a craft shop. The Harveys started experimenting with crab pot wire making a pattern piece and then made a 1 1/2-foot tree. People began asking for larger sizes, and the idea grew from there. They now have trees ranging from 1 1/2 to 8 feet tall.

This year a new item greets us with the Core Sound Crab Pot Angel Tree. It stands 3 feet tall and is available in solar-powered lights or plug-in, 110 fairy lights. This idea has been in the works for a while, but it started in production when the tragic plane crash happened Down East. The Harveys made 5 of them that were lit with blue lights for each of the families who lost someone. They now offer them to all of us lit with white or warm white lights.

Crab Pot Tree production is seasonal between August and December but may happen upon request at other times of the year. There have been no major changes since 2002, just a few tweaks here and there. Most everything is the same although Angel Trees have a slightly different cut pattern to create wings.

Sue Harvey shared, "We enjoy meeting and speaking with anyone who drops by our shop whether it is just browsing or buying our products. God has blessed us from the beginning of this adventure. It really brings a smile to our faces and warmth to our hearts to hear people say how much they love the trees and have enjoyed them for many years. A lot of our customers tell us they bought their first one back in the early stages of our production and have added to their collection as often as possible. We never thought that it would grow into what it has, and we thank the Lord and our customers for that."



left: one of Sue Harvey's personal Crab Pot Trees



right: the new Crab Pot Angel

SCIENCE for YOU

Balloon Blow Up

Step 1: Blow up a regular latex balloon a bit to stretch it and use a funnel and teaspoon to put one teaspoon of baking soda into it.

Step 2: Fill a bottle with vinegar halfway.

Step 3: When your balloon is ready, attach it to the water bottle making sure you have a good seal!

Step 4: Next, lift the balloon to dump the baking soda into the container of vinegar. Watch your balloon blow up!

To get the most gas out of it, swirl it around the container to get it started!



photos from
the beginning
of the
Blessing Box

Down East is Family

by Wanda Morris Gaskill
Leslie and Madelyn Morris's daughter

Living Down East in Atlantic is an honor and privilege.

This area is home to me and home means family. Family means everything. My father was a fisherman when I was growing up and my mother was a stay-at-home mother.

My two brothers and my sister and I were blessed to

have the things that we needed and a lot of love from family and friends. A lot of changes have happened over the years but the love of the area with its many natural beauties has not changed.



Blessings in a Box

On March 31, 2018, the Kindness Crew placed the original Blessing Box to help meet our Down East communities' needs. The project's motto was: "If you need a Blessing, take one! If you can leave a Blessing, leave one!"

Placed in Smyrna on the corner beside Lookout Grocery on land graciously offered by Mark and Janet Eakes, this box became a convenient way for local folks to help one another. After Hurricane Florence battered the donation box that same year, the Kindness Crew repaired it with the help of Abby Bradford, Charlie Fernandez, and David Rose.

The Blessing Box idea began with Stacy Rose. Suzie Guthrie, Abby Bradford, Dawn Brock, Cindy Brown, Natasha Oden, and Jodi Morris got the idea off the ground with the help of several young folks, the youngest of which are now seniors at East Carteret.

Still today, a few people put items in the box from time to time, but after a recent Facebook post made by Suzie asking for help filling the box, donations poured in. Suzie shared, "I thought with Thanksgiving coming up maybe people could pick up a few extra things to put in the box. Anytime folks need anything in the box, a little or a lot, they are welcome to take it. People can help by either putting a few supplies in the box or contacting me [Suzie Guthrie] through Facebook Messenger or texting me at 252-241-0714. I will gladly help get donations to the folks who need them."