

SOUNDSIDE LEARNING

THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND

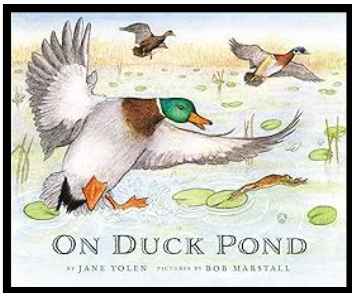


November 27, 2023

COMING UP AT CORE SOUND...

- **Currently – December 31:** Gallery of Trees
- **December 1:** Core Sound Chow Down @ 4:30-9:30 PM
- **December 2-3:** Waterfowl Weekend
- **December 9:** Santa Saturday @ 4 – 7 PM

Sound Reading Material For You and Your Child



On Duck Pond By Jane Yolen

This delightful book will take readers on a surreal journey with a boy and his dog. The two visit a new place—a serene pond, filled with birds, frogs, turtles, and other creatures going about their quiet business. Their intrusion stirs the pond into a cacophony of activity, reaching a climactic chaos before slowly settling back to a quiet equilibrium.

Pages: 32

Grades: preK-3rd

Coree

Before the arrival of European explorers and settlers, Harkers Island was inhabited by Native Americans of the Coree tribe (also known as the *Cwar*) who likely spoke a language of the Algonquian family. Our nearby Core Sound and Core Banks are named after the Coree. The Coree left little in the way of evidence of permanent habitation on Harkers Island except for a large mound of oyster shells at Shell Point on the eastern end of the island. Similar shell mounds were found by Europeans on Shackleford Banks and other islands of the Outer Banks. The exact purpose of the mounds for the Coree remains unknown, but varying cultures of indigenous peoples in the Southeast had been building major earthwork mounds since 3500 BCE, the Middle Archaic period, usually related to religious and ceremonial uses. Some locals believe they were building a bridge across Core Sound.

The Coree were not mentioned by English colonists until 1701, by which time their population had already been reduced to as few as 125 members. This reduction was likely due to epidemics of infectious disease and warfare. In the early 18th century, the Coree and several other tribes were allied with the Iroquoian Tuscarora against the colonists. In 1711, they participated in the Tuscarora War and tried to drive out the English settlers. The Native Americans were unsuccessful and suffered many fatalities.

By 1715, some Coree merged with the remaining members of the nearby Algonquian Machapunga and Tuscarora people and settled in their single village of Mattamuskeet in present-day Hyde County. Other Coree remained in Carteret County, some on Harkers Island. Early 20th century scholars were unsure of what language they spoke, but the coastal areas were mostly populated by Iroquois and Algonquian peoples during the same time.

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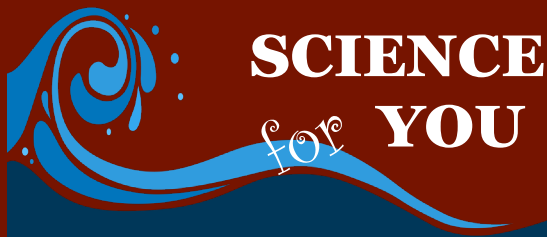
Always Thankful

Although I am thankful every day for my salty heritage, this time of year brings my gratitude to the forefront of everything I do. You see, the first full weekend of December has become a reunion of sorts because of my involvement with the Core Sound Decoy Festival. This year is the 35th festival which means for 35 years I have been part of a tradition that was made possible by strong desires, big dreams, and an avid love for waterfowl.

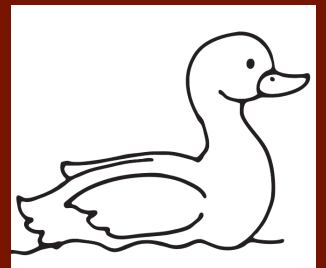
As the east end of Harkers Island prepares for the upcoming Decoy Festival and Waterfowl Weekend, excitement and dedication connects locals and visitors in an especially unique way. If you haven't participated in the festivities, you should. There's nothing like it anywhere else in the world. Nothing.

So, as I prepare for the hustle and bustle that is less than a week away, I also take time to reflect on how this tradition began and how blessed I am to gather once more celebrating nature, my heritage, old friendships, and Daddy's smile and humility as he meets and greets those who make the magic happen. Believe me when I say, there's no tired like the kind coming my way after the festival ends. I promise, though, as soon as it concludes, I will begin my count down for next year.

Staci Davis Basden
the proud daughter of Wayne Davis



Click on the duck to
the right for a short
video and your duck
printable!



How Does a Duck Stay Dry

- 1) Color in the duck printable with crayons.
- 2) Fill a spray bottle with water.
- 3) Add a few drops of food coloring to the spray bottle and shake it up.
- 4) Spray the duck and see what happens.
- 5) Watch how the crayon wax keeps the duck dry.