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THE ANGEL LADY

BY LINDA WILLIFORD

She sits in her recliner for hours at a time, surrounded by all her jewelry-making supplies, putting together guardian angels. These beautifully crafted emblems of protection and peace bring comfort to many people as she randomly gives them out to those she meets in restaurants, retail stores, or anywhere, and especially to those who appear to need a little cheering or comforting.

Becky Jones, the creator of these guardian angel pieces, says, "Before I leave the house, I fill my purse with angels that I will be giving out for the day."

Jones makes about 25-50 angels a day, made of mother-of-pearl

seashells for the body, pearls for the heads, metal wings, and rhinestone halos. Within a year, she has made 1000s of them. She calculated one angel costs about \$1.00 apiece. They can be attached to anything, such as earrings, bracelets, necklaces, or "just carry in a pocket as a reminder that your guardian angel is with you today," says Jones.

Jones also creates other jewelry and crafts, but the guardian angels are her primary joy and ministry. She also gives them out at her church. It all started about 8 years ago, when Howard, her husband, volunteered at his men's Bible study group to go on a mission trip to Honduras. At the time, he was 75 years of age. At

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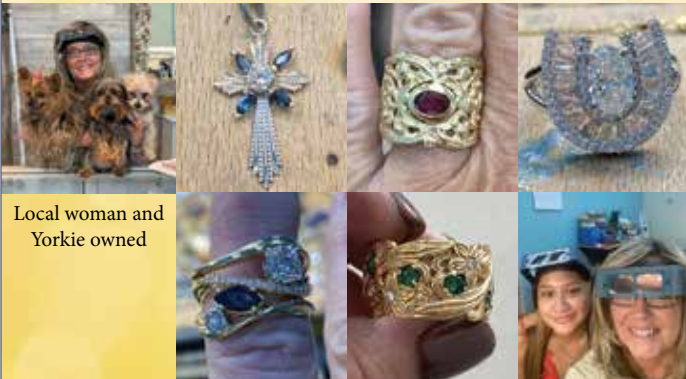
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first, Becky was not happy about it. But she didn't want to interfere with God's plan for her husband, so she immediately started making guardian angels for him to take on the trip. She made him 100, which he gave out to little girls in the area where they were doing their mission work. Those angels were well received, and distributing them certainly added to the mission experience.

A few years ago, the couple was on vacation here in Baldwin County. Jones said, "We loved it! Especially when I realized it doesn't snow here." They sold their 1860s home in Alton, Illinois, and her custom frame and gift shop business. Becky resigned as Alderman of Alton, and they packed up to move to Foley, Alabama, in 2005.

Jones is known as the "Angel Lady" at her church, Gulf Shores

First Baptist. She gives these lovely pieces of jewelry to members, visitors, and especially children. She says that there are a couple of people from her church who work at the hospital. They give out guardian angels to patients or anyone who might need an uplifting moment for the day.

Jones says that she receives a lot of positive feedback from those who have received the angels. She shared a story about giving an angel to a lady who had recently lost her mother, and the lady said with tear-filled eyes, "It was like my mother was saying to me, I am always with you."

She says that creating guardian angels is easy and relaxing for her. Because apparently there is a need for them, Jones says, "I can't stop making them."

You can contact Becky through her Facebook page: Becky Kinder (Becky Jones) or through her church.

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CHRISTMAS FEST WITH THIRD THURSDAY DOWNTOWN FOLEY DECEMBER 18, 5 PM TO 7 PM

Get ready for an extra dose of holiday magic as Downtown Foley proudly announces the exciting combination of its beloved Christmas Fest with the popular Third Thursday event! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 18, from 5:00-7:00 pm, for an evening filled with festive fun, charming discoveries, last-minute shopping opportunities, and an abundance of community Christmas cheer.

LOCAL HOLIDAY EVENTS



THE BALDWIN POPS PRESENTS ITS CHRISTMAS CONCERT DEC. 8, 9, 11

The Baldwin Pops presents its Christmas concert three times: 7 pm Monday, December 8, at Foley City Hall; 7 pm Tuesday, December 9, at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores; and 7 pm, Thursday, December 11, at the Daphne Civic Center. Admission is free. www.baldwinpops.com.



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK DECEMBER 5, 6 PM | HERITAGE PARK

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Great RECIPES

Santa's Oatmealies



INGREDIENTS

1 CUP OF POWDERED SUGAR
2TBSP. MILK OR WATER
1 CUP OF BUTTER
2-1/2 CUPS QUICK UNCOOKED OATS
4 TBSP. UNSWEETENED COCOA
1 TSP. VANILLA FLAVORING
RED OR GREEN GRANULATED SUGARS OR WHITE POWDERED SUGAR FOR COATING



DIRECTIONS

1. Cream butter in a large bowl.
2. Mix the powdered sugar and cocoa in a small bowl.
3. Add sugar and cocoa mix to butter.
4. Add milk, vanilla, and oats.
5. Roll dough mixture into small balls.
6. Roll them in red or green granulated sugar, or white powdered sugar for decoration.

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