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# SENECA SPOTLIGHT



*Christmas memories* 2020



# More Memories





# Harper's Santa Comes Home.



Delighting both children and adults, the waving Santa that so many remember from the long-ago holiday windows at Harpers Five and Dime, has finally found his way home for all to enjoy.

A sincere thank you to Mike Harper who donated Santa to the City of Seneca for a much-needed renovation. It was a year-long process that involved many hands and talents.

Santa will make his appearance every Christmas season in the windows at Harpers Five and Dime, now owned by the City of Seneca.

## Welcome home, Santa!



Other windows at both Harpers & Kimbrell's added to the nostalgic holiday spirit during the Musical Magical Holiday Light Show



Upcoming in



CITY OF SENECA

**RACE FOR THE GREEN**  
5K & HALF-MARATHON  
March 13, 2021  
SENECA, SC

**5K \$25**

**HALF MARATHON \$50**

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 13, 2021**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY**  
[go-greenevents.com](http://go-greenevents.com)

Cash Prizes to Top 3 Finishers in Each Race!

**GREAT SWAG!**

Follow us on Facebook Race For The Green @ SenecaSCarolina

More info at [www.seneca.sc.us](http://www.seneca.sc.us)

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## FIRST ANNUAL SNOWBIRD CHALLENGE

Welcome to the first annual Snowbird Challenge!

**January 23, 2021**  
**Shaver Recreation Complex**  
**Seneca, SC**

We are excited to bring a twist to distance running with this unique style of race format. If you have done it in the heat, why not test your grit in the cold?

We have simply duplicated the Carolina Reaper Challenge for all you snowbirds out there! Same race format as our Carolina Reaper Challenge that is held in the summer, but simply doing it in the depths of Winter.

**50K (12 Loops)**  
**Marathon & Marathon Relay (10 Loops)**  
**Half Marathon & Ruck (5 Loops)**

For full information and registration, please visit

<https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Seneca/SnowBirdChallenge>





# In the Spotlight

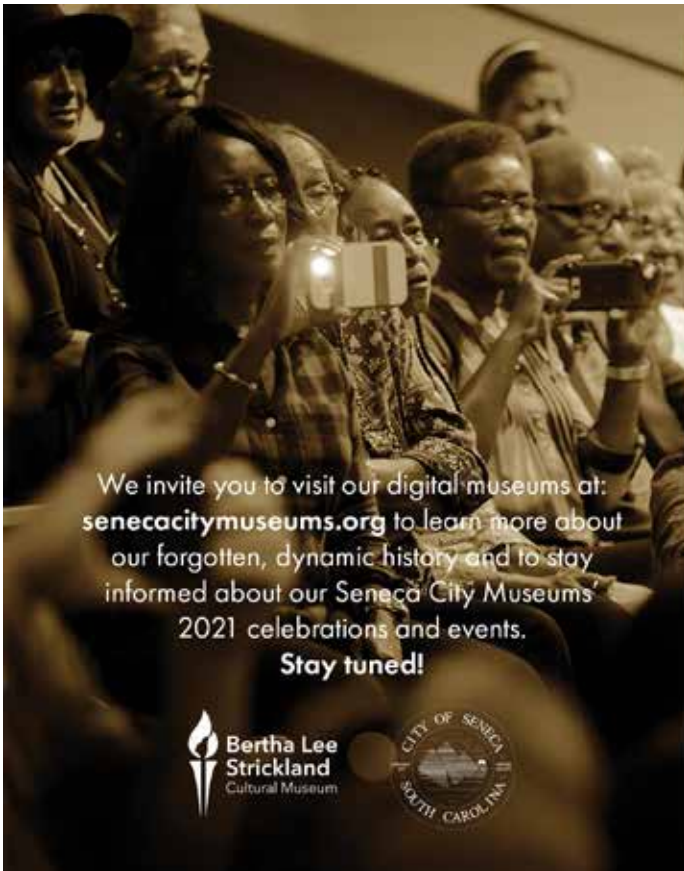


## EMPLOYEE *Spotlight*

Laura is a 911 Dispatcher for the City of Seneca Police Department. Laura has worked for the police department since 2015. She is a lifelong resident of Oconee county, and is an avid horse person. Laura says she enjoys the simple things in life. In her spare time, she enjoys baking and spending time outdoors.

**Laura Adams**

*Thank you, Laura, for your support, dedication and hard work!*



### 9TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY VIRTUAL LUNCHEON BERTHA LEE STRICKLAND CULTURAL MUSEUM

This year as we continue to observe safety protocol during the pandemic, Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum's 9th Annual Black History Month Celebration will go virtual! Beginning February 12, 2021, and for the remainder of the entire month of February, you can be a part of the 9th Annual Black History Month Celebration and show your support of the museum's Fifth Anniversary Milestone! Our virtual celebration will feature this year's Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Rhondra Robinson Thomas**, Clemson University Calhoun Lemon Professor of Literature and author of *Call My Name Clemson: Documenting the Black Experience in an American University Community*. The online celebration will feature entertainment, rediscovered stories of Oconee County's African American community, interviews, give-a-ways, and much more. And, anyone can access the month-long celebration at their convenience via Wi-Fi on their computer or tablet, and also via cell phone. The online event will be free and open to the public.

Owned and operated by the City of Seneca, Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum opened on February 12, 2016, with its premier exhibit, *The Waymakers*, and has grown to become recognized across the United States as a tourism destination focusing on the local African American and related cultural histories of the people and places in Oconee County. Together with the Lunney Museum, these Seneca City Museums continue to break barriers and set benchmarks for small, micropolitan museums.

We invite you to visit our digital museums at:  
[senecacitymuseums.org](http://senecacitymuseums.org) to learn more about our forgotten, dynamic history and to stay informed about our Seneca City Museums' 2021 celebrations and events.

**Stay tuned!**





# Spotlight on



During the month of December, both the City of Seneca Fire Department and the City of Seneca Police Department recognized employees for outstanding service to the Seneca community



Casey Rochester, SFD Officer of the Year



Doug Janey, SFD Firefighter of the Year, C Shift



John Catchings, SFD Firefighter of the Year, A Shift



Jakob Brewer  
SFD Firefighter  
of the Year  
B Shift



Will Mercer, SPD Officer of the Year



Angela Chastain, SPD Dispatcher of the Year



Margarita Ibanez-Beatric, SPD Chief's Award

