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# SPOTLIGHT



*2023 has now come to a close, and we would like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a happy, safe and prosperous new year.*

*As we welcome 2024 with gratitude for blessings that have come our way during 2023, we hope the coming months will bring love, laughter, health, and prosperity to you and your family.*

*Our very best to you in 2024!*



Mayor Dan Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie O'Kelley,  
Council Members Joel Ward, Ernest Riley, Scott Durham, Lekesha Benson,  
WC Honeycutt, Jr., Denise Rozman, and Dana Moore





# Christmas miracles



## *An angel among us ....* A CHRISTMAS STORY TO REMEMBER FROM NORTON-THOMPSON PARK

Christmas is the time of year when we hope to encounter the very best in people that we meet in our day-to-day lives. It's a time when hope is a valuable commodity, but sometimes not easy to find.

Essie and Charles Chapman of Walhalla were visiting Seneca's Magical Musical Holiday Light Show with family two weeks before Christmas when Mrs. Chapman lost something very dear to her ..... a diamond ring given to her by her husband of 72 years, a ring that had been on her hand for 35 years. She knew she was in the vicinity of the Angel's Wings when the ring slipped from her finger, but searches by all their family members sadly did not produce the lost ring.

But hope and kindness appeared in the form of a young visitor attending the light show with members of the Scenic Heights Baptist Church that same night. He did indeed spot the glint of something shiny in the grass and he gladly turned the recovered ring over the care of members of his church group. But, alas, they could find no one still searching for the ring.

Pam Black, whose husband, Steve, is pastor of Scenic Heights Baptist Church, turned to the City's Facebook page, Seneca SC Events, for help, and through some detective work of Mrs. Black and City staff member, Debbie Williams, the rightful owner of the beautiful ring was found. The ring was properly identified and returned to Mrs. Darla Allgood, daughter of the Chapmans.

Fittingly, the first name of the young man who found the ring is Gabriele.

Mrs. Black shared her final thoughts on this uplifting Christmas story: *"Two beings, eight decades apart, under the Angel's wings, found a miracle. What was once lost is now found and back to its rightful owner. A symbol of a faithful love."*

Thank you, Gabriele, for reminding us that there is still good in the world, and each of us has the power to be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people!

*Below, Mrs. Essie Chapman moments before losing her ring.*

*Below, Charles and Essie Chapman photographed the same night the ring was lost.*



*Above, Pam Black (left) and Darla Allgood (right) beam with happiness the night the ring was returned to its owner.*



# 2023 Christmas Memories







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