

A Gem of a Local Legacy

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Bay Street Jewelers celebrates 75 years in the heart of downtown Beaufort.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Mark and Terri Stokes finally cut the ribbon they never got to cut 25 years ago when they purchased Fox Jewelers, which was already a staple of downtown Beaufort after 50 years in business.

This month, Mark and Terri are celebrating 25 years as owners of Fox-Bay Street Jewelers, Inc. – known to Beaufortonians simply as Bay Street Jewelers – and a gem of a local legacy now 75 years in the making.

Mark Stokes, one of only a handful of certified gemologists in South Carolina, got his start as a 16-year-old boy working at a local jewelry store in his (and Terri's) hometown of Sumter.

“The interesting thing is that I didn’t know my wife at the time, but her brother had just

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