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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS...

July 2003

20th Annual

SUMMER FESTIVAL ALMOST HERE!!!

This year's Summer Festival, our 20th, takes place on July 25-26. There will be craft vendors galore, food vendors all over the place, along with rides and games. This year the musical activities will begin earlier each day and will include a variety of sounds to suit a wide range of musical interests. Vendors will begin arriving to set up as early as Thursday afternoon, so you'll see tents and activities that afternoon.

Fireworks will take place on Friday evening at the east end of Stewart Parkway about 9:30 pm. The boat docks are expected to be full, but you can check with the City's Parks and Recreation Department to see if there is a dock/slip available. As this Newsletter goes to press we would like to thank our major sponsors for their support. Please use their products and services whenever you have a chance.

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1995 view of Summer Festival.
Come this year to see the changes!



Views of 2002
Summer Festival on the waterfront.

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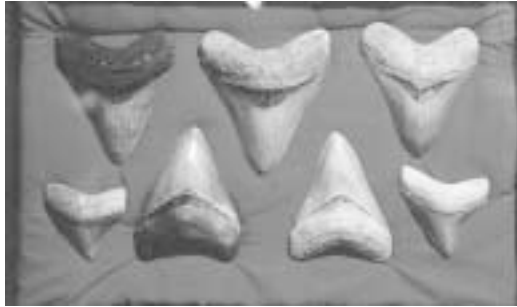
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PCS Phosphate and Aurora Fossil Museum Co-Sponsor May's Business After Hours

A bus load of interested people toured the PCS Phosphate Mining operation before attending the Business After Hours at the Fossil Museum, on May 20th. Tours of the Museum were very educational and many of the attendees took the opportunity to dig for fossils. This was an excellent prelude to that following weekend's Fossil Festival attended by several thousand visitors to the area.



Aurora Fossil Museum
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L-R: Steve Nobles, Bill Zachman and Wayland Sermons, Jr. enjoy a "deep" discussion about sharks at Aurora Fossil Museum.

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Changing to Annual Visitors Guide

Our Community and Visitors Guide will be published annually beginning in 2004. In the past it has always been every-other-year. It will also now contain a listing of our Membership so that visitors can see with whom we recommend doing business and who supports the Chamber. This is another great reason to belong to the Chamber, so that over 6000 copies with your business name will get in front of potential customers each year!

☹ Business Briefs ☹

Here's a chance for **FREE ADVERTISING!** Call or e-mail Lee at the Chamber before the 12th of the month if you are interested in having a 2-3 sentence announcement about your business in this space. You can also FAX us at 946-9169. We didn't receive any information from anyone this month, so the space goes unused. **It is FREE ADVERTISING, folks!** We send out 400-500 Newsletters each month. Take advantage of this Membership benefit.

Business After Hours

All the Business After Hours for the remainder of 2003 are already sponsored. But, that means that you should get started on planning for 2004. These are excellent opportunities to "network" with many other businesses and meet new Chamber members along the way. The next BAH will be sponsored by the **BEAUFORT COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL** on August 19th, and the **PIRATES DEN B&B** in Bath will host on September 16th. More details on those later. Hope to see you all there!

Cable TV Show

Several more people/events have been featured, recently, on the Chamber's Cable 7 TV show "Beaufort County News and Views". **Jerry Smyre** of the Turnage Theaters Foundation spoke about the progress being made on the restoration of those two fine, old downtown theaters. And, **Pam Nuckols**, of Admix spoke about the Chamber's 100th Anniversary Celebration planning that is underway. Pam is the volunteer committee chair for this unique group of volunteers. **Wanda Johnson** of the Beaufort County Arts Council did a fine job discussing all the activities of the Arts Council, and **Joey Toler**, also of the Arts Council, talked about his role as coordinator of music activities for the first "Music in The Streets" event held in downtown Washington in May.

These folks are taking advantage of another benefit available to all Chamber members. If you want to talk about your business and/or events that Chamber members are involved in all over Beaufort County, this is one of those FREE opportunities. It only takes a short drive to Greenville to tape the show. Easy, painless, FREE. Actually, fun! Lee has had to call people to be on the show. We are working to have this show available to all cable viewers in Beaufort County through a series of agreements with the four other cable providers. More on this in future issues. Hard to believe that there aren't businesses who are members of this Chamber who wouldn't want to advertise for FREE. Call Lee at 946-9168 if you are interested. Cable 7, Thursday and Mondays at 7 pm.

*Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world.
It beats money, power and influence.*

Henry Chestor

Upcoming Events/Meetings

July 8	Business & Industry Division Meets following Board Meeting
July 8	Board Meeting (8am)
July 10	Community Division Meets (8:30am)
July 15	Membership Division Meets (8:30am)
July 22	Education Division Meets (8:30am)
July 25-26	Summer Festival
August 12	Business Industry Division Meets following Board Meeting
August 12	Board Meeting (8am)
August 14	Community Division Meets (8:30am)
August 19	Membership Division Meets (8:30am)
August 26	Education Division Meets (8:30am)

Planning Retreat

The Chamber will be holding its Annual Planning Retreat September 5-7th in Atlantic Beach. ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. This is the time that goals for the coming years are set and agreed upon along with developing plans to implement the many programs and projects of the Chamber. If you want to be part of this event, see the insert in this Newsletter for more details.

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