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#### Training facility

Sparx Welding and Technology Institute LLC has opened a welder training facility at 280A Equity Blvd. in Houma.

The American Welding Society-accredited facility is operated by founders Derrick Prentice and Philip Strother, an AWS-certified instructor and certified welding inspector.

The school will focus on the fabrication and shipbuilding industries. It is estimated that more than half of those industries' work force is nearing retirement, creating a potential shortage of more than 200,000 skilled welders.

The facility will accommodate up to 36 students for daily sessions, with evening classes available for advanced technique training. At the conclusion of the seven-week basic course, the students will be able to test for AWS certification. In addition to welder training and qualifying, the company offers destructive and nondestructive testing, and Level II and III inspections.

The phone number is (985) 655-7779.

#### Creativity workshop

A 12-week workshop, "The Artist's Way at Work," is being presented beginning Tuesday by the Career Center, a service of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

The free workshop will help participants achieve business and career goals by accessing their creativity.

Anne Marks will lead the workshop.

The program will be presented each Tuesday at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library at 9200 Bluebonnet Blvd.

Reservations are required. Call (225) 381-8434 or e-mail [anowak@careercenterbr.com](mailto:anowak@careercenterbr.com).

#### Insurance agency

All Access Agency LLC has opened at 202-B North St. in Denham Springs.

The agency, operated by Philip W. Mayeux, offers auto, home, life and health insurance to individuals and businesses.

All Access is a partner of the Mayeux Group LLC, which specializes in group benefits, including group health insurance, group life, group voluntary benefits and retirement planning.

The Mayeux Group LLC is located at 10993 North Harrells Ferry Road in Baton Rouge.

The phone number is (225) 271-4615.

#### The Kitchenary

The owners of Bethdales Fine Lamps and Home Accessories, a locally owned lamp, gift and home décor store, have purchased the assets and assumed the lease of The Kitchenary of Towne Center Inc.

William Bethea and Ronny Daley said in a press release that they will reopen the business as a new kitchenwares store at the end of January. The new operation will be called BD Kitchen Co. and will be the second retail location operated by the two owners.

“We will honor all valid gift certificates outstanding still with The Kitchenary and look forward to creating a unique and pleasant shopping experience for customers looking for cookware or décor for the kitchen,” William Bethea said.

Both stores are located in Towne Centre. The owners are planning to bolster the offerings at BD Kitchen Co. with products normally sold at Bethdales, such as Arthur Court pewter servingware.

This would allow Bethdales to concentrate more on lamps, gifts and home décor as they shift kitchen wares and décor to BD Kitchen Co.

Ulta cosmetics store

Cosmetics store Ulta will open a location this summer in Hammond Square Shopping Center, according to Stirling Properties, the developer of the center.

Ulta stores carry brand-name cosmetics, fragrances, skin and hair care products. The Hammond store will also have a full-service, in-store salon.

Ulta also opened a store in the Mall of Louisiana’s Power Center.

Deadline for Business Briefs is 5 p.m. Monday. Items can be mailed or delivered to the Advocate business editor, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd, Baton Rouge, La. 70810; faxed to (225) 388-0371; or e-mailed to blamb@theadvocate.com. The opening or relocation of a business must include the address, the nature of the business and the names of the owner and/or manager. All other submissions will run at the editor’s discretion.

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