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PRODUCT DEMOS — Hammond Chamber of Commerce membership and marketing Coordinator Donna Hellmers and chamber Specialist Jenni O'Neil check out the demo bar at the Verizon Wireless on Thursday at the store's meet and greet.



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BUSINESS PLANS — Guests at the Verizon Wireless meet and greet check out a bank of cell phones on display. From left, are Tangipahoa Home Builders Association Executive Officer Christine Patrick and Angela DiFranco and LaDonna Montgomery with Fidelity Homestead Savings Bank in Ponchatoula.

Verizon Wireless moves to Hammond Square

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Guests browsed at colorful banks of cellphones and checked out touch-screen demos at a meet-and-greet party at the new location of Verizon Wireless at 1973

Hammond Square Drive on Thursday morning.

Hammond Mayor Mayson Foster and City Councilmen Jason Hood and Mike Williams helped hold the red ribbon which store Manager Dustie Fincher cut, officially opening the store.

Store employees have been doing busi-

ness at the new location since June 26 after closing the former location at 702 S.W. Railroad Ave.

Verizon's district Manager Mark Bond of Metairie joined with the 12 employees, city officials, Hammond Chamber of Commerce members and others to celebrate the occasion.

The celebration continues Saturday with an all-day grand opening from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be provided as well as balloons, prizes and a live remote broadcast from Radio Disney.

The public is invited.

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