

T.J. Maxx Opens

Officials will cut ribbon at 8 a.m.



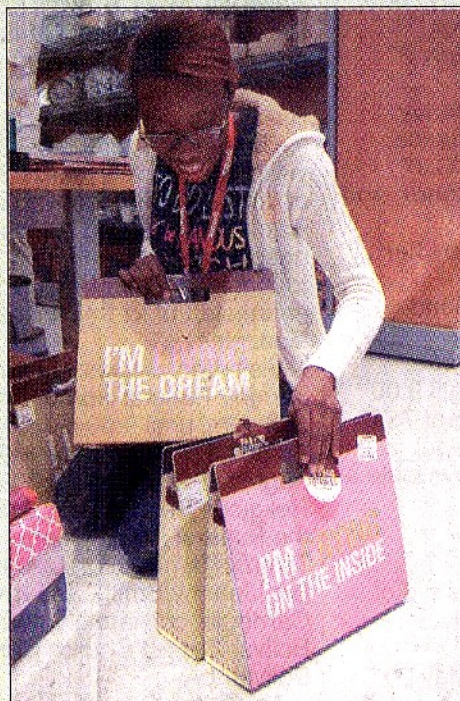
Photo by Joan Davis

PLENTY OF BLING — Jayme Mier of Hammond, left, arranges items in the jewelry counter with the help of Store Manager Brannan Tunstall of Ponchatoula and Coordinator Pam Carroll of Covington on Wednesday.



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STOCKING SHELVES — Above, Jessie Thomas of Springfield arranges cups and plates, while at right, Tameka Baham of Hammond sorts folders on Wednesday in preparation for the store's grand opening today.



T.J. Maxx's grand opening in Hammond will take place today at 8 a.m. at Hammond Square.

Stirling Properties, the exclusive management and leasing firm for Hammond Square, said the 26,100-square-foot Hammond location is the fifth T.J. Maxx location in the greater New Orleans market and the first in Tangipahoa Parish.

The new store adds 75 full- and part-time jobs to the area.

T.J. Maxx is a Massachusetts-based off-price retailer with more than 880 stores nationwide.

The stores offer economical prices on brand name and designer fashions for the entire family and home.

With the arrival of 10,000 new items each week, the store provides a fresh assortment of current season merchandise.

"The addition of T.J. Maxx at Hammond Square complements the existing tenant mix at the center and will provide shoppers in Tangipahoa with access to high-quality products at an incredible value," according to Grady Brame, executive vice president & Partner of Stirling Properties.

The store is holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8 a.m. followed by the opening of the store for the first full day of business, said Store Spokesperson Thea Houghton.