



Rapides Workforce Development Board e-Bulletin



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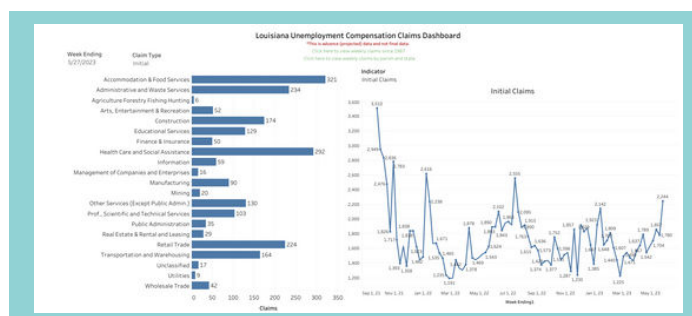
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Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims Rise for Week ending May 27

The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending May 27, 2023, rose to 2,447 from the week ending May 20, 2023, a total of 1,988. For a comparison, during the week ending May 28, 2022, 2,111 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 2,054 from the previous week's average of 1,847. The unemployment insurance continued claims for the week ending May 27, 2023, increased to 12,092 from the week ending May 20, 2023, a total of 11,566. The continued claims were above the comparable figure of 10,060 for the week ending May 28, 2022.

The four-week moving average of continued claims increased to 11,515 from the previous week's average of 11,261.

[full story here](#)

Upcoming Job Fairs

APPLY AT:
WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/LOUISIANA/OJ
ACADIANA CENTER FOR YOUTH

HIRING FAIR

"GIVE CHANGING LIVES THE BUILDING BLOCKS"

STARTING PAY
\$40,560 A YEAR
(This salary includes Premium Pay, and JJS staff can earn shift differential pay)

JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST 1-3
(\$3,033.33 - \$4,472.00 Monthly)

FOOD PRODUCTION WORKER
(\$20,007.00-\$35,880.00) Annually

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNSELOR 1,2,3
(\$29,993.60-\$36,420.80) Annually

ASK ABOUT OUR
GREAT PAY, BENEFITS,
PAID TIME OFF
& RETIREMENT

June 14, 2023
9:00am - 3:00pm
Rapides American Job Center
5610-B Coliseum Blvd,
Alexandria, LA 71303

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL A RECRUITER TODAY!
225.963.2753

"An Equal Opportunity Employer"

DON'T MISS THIS HIRING EVENT!

CAREER FAIR

Production Team Members in Oakdale, La.

Wednesday, JUNE 29

Attendees **must** pre-qualify with
WorkKeys Assessment by June 19
at either the Oakdale SOWELA campus or
the La. Workforce Commission in Alexandria

MORE INFO
318.427.6856
royomartin.com

RoyOMartin Oakdale-OSB Career Fair

"Great Starts" at RoyOMartin-OSB in Oakdale, LA!
RoyOMartin's Oakdale-OSB manufacturing facility will
hold an **invitation-only** career fair for production team
members on June 29, 2023.

Starting pay is \$17.74/hr. Interested candidates must
successfully complete the WorkKeys assessment by
June 19 to be considered.
View a job description and additional
career-fair details **here**.

ALEXANDRIA mall

Community, High School & College Grads Job Fair

Saturday, June 17th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Alexandria Mall Center Court

Recent high school and college graduates as well as any
individuals looking for summer employment, new career or
to change careers this is for you.

Employers who would like to participate in the Job Fair
may register [here](#) or call Clarissa Pugh at (318) 619-2742.

Summer Programs/Community Events

City of Alexandria 1st Mobile Rec Summer Tour

City of Alexandria Parks and Recreation Department

2023 MOBILE REC SUMMER TOUR

FREE EVENTS!
OPEN TO FAMILIES AND KIDS 17 & UNDER

SEE YOU THERE!
JUNE FRIDAYS
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
LUNCH PROVIDED
ARTS/RAFTS | GAMES | SPORTS
MUSIC | SPLASH PAD & WATER SLIDES

FRIDAY - JUNE 9
Martin Park

FRIDAY - JUNE 16
Helen Black Park

FRIDAY - JUNE 23
Frank O. Hunter Park

FRIDAY - JUNE 30
City Park

MORE INFO:
Community Services
communityservices@cityofalex.com
cityofalexandria.com/parks-rec
318-449-5225

SAFEALEX

United Way of Central Louisiana Summer of Service Program

United Way of Central Louisiana
Summer of Service

United Way of Central Louisiana
YOUTH VOLUNTEER CORPS

Scan or go to:
uwcl.org/summer-service

REGISTER NOW!

THE RAPIDES FOUNDATION

The Food Bank of Central Louisiana's Summer Food Service Program

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM MEALS FOR KIDS RAPIDES PARISH		
The Food Bank of Central Louisiana, Inc. is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all eligible children without charge. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:		
Site & Address	Operating Dates & Days	Meals & Times Served
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Library 1177 Hayward B Joyner Street Boyce LA 71409	6/6/2023 to 8/4/2023 Tuesday - Friday	Lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Charles Hayward Community Center 2586 Lobolly Lane Alexandria LA 71303	6/5/2023 to 8/3/2023 Monday- Thursday	Lunch 10:00 AM—11:00 AM
Garden Gate Community Center 5323 Green Meadow Street Alexandria LA 71301	6/6/2023 to 8/3/2023 Monday - Thursday	Lunch 2:00 PM—3:00 PM
Gethsemane Ministries 207 Bragg Street Pineville LA 71360	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6/5/2023—8/4/2023	Lunch 3:30 PM—5:00 PM
Harmony Village Community Center 221 Sunset Drive Alexandria LA 71301	6/5/2023 to 8/3/2023 Monday—Thursday	Lunch 11:00 AM—12 PM
Johnson Library 1610 Veterans Dr Lecompte LA 71346	6/5/2023 to 8/4/2023 Monday- Friday	Lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Julius Patrick Community Center 720 Mayo Street Boyce LA 71409	6/5/2023 to 8/4/2023 Monday -Friday	Lunch 3:00 PM—5:00 PM
JW McDonald Library Branch 1075 Highway 497 Glenmora LA 71433	6/6/2023 to 8/4/2023 Tuesday - Friday	Lunch 3:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Libuse Library Branch 6375 Highway 28E Pineville LA 71360	6/6/2023 to 8/4/2023 Monday - Friday	Lunch 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Magnolia Crossing Community Center 3215 Tea Street Alexandria LA 71302	6/5/2023 to 8/3/2023 Monday—Thursday	Lunch 2:00 PM— 3:00 PM
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.		
For more information contact: Danielle Richardson Food Bank of Central Louisiana 318-445-2773 ext. 227		Summer Food Service Program SFSP FEEDING AMERICA

Need a service project or just wanna learn more about your community?

These projects are for ages 11-18 and are FREE to participate in!

For more information click [here](#).

18th Annual Fireworks Over Buhlow

18th Annual Fireworks Over Buhlow
Monday July 3rd

FREE ADMISSION **** FOOD TRUCKS **** SNO CONES **** JUMPERS & WATER SLIDES **** BEVERAGES****
GATES OPEN AT 4:30 **** NO ICE CHESTS **** NO PETS (Service Animals only) ****
MUSIC BY UPTOWNPHUNK --- DEBBIE'S MEAT PIE EATING CONTEST 5PM --- CONTACT MADONNA LEBLANC AT 318.445.3439 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Explore PINEVILLE
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ALEXANDRIA

SAVE THE DATE for the **18th Annual Fireworks Over Buhlow** brought to you by the **City of Pineville, LA** and the **Alexandria/Pineville CVB**.

- Gates open at 4:30 pm
- Debbie's Meat Pie Eating contest at 5:00 pm
- Music from Uptown Phunk starts at 6:00 pm and goes until Fireworks around 9:15 pm.

For more information,
call Madonna Leblanc at 318.445.3439

View more sites [here!](#)

Summer Programs/Community Events

Rapides Parish School Board Summer Food Service Program



The **Rapides Parish School Board** is participating in the Summer Food Service Program!

Meals will be provided to all eligible children without charge.

To learn more about the program, including when and where the meals will be provided, visit www.rpsb.us.

The Orchard Foundation Math to Build On Program

NEW DATE!
FREE 8-session
workshop for kids 5
and under and their
caregivers.

Math to Build On



**Rapides Parish Library
Johnson Branch**
1610 Veterans Drive, LeCompte
1 p.m. to 3 p.m on Tuesdays
June 13-August 1

Contact Jamila Farris to REGISTER.
Text or call: (318) 787-3508
jfarris@theorchardfoundation.org

Math to Build On prepares young children for school success by helping them understand math concepts long before they set foot in a classroom.

[Sign up here](#) for this FREE opportunity.

City of Alexandria 2023 Summer Enrichment Camp



This camp is packed with recreational activities, educational enrichment, and field trips that are sure to keep your child engaged.

July 3-28, Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm
Ages 6-12

Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack are provided. [Click here](#) to apply!

Veterans Coffee Social

Enjoy | Support | Connect



VETERANS COFFEE SOCIAL

The **Veterans MH Council** in partnership with **Christus Hospice** and the **Alexandria Vet Center** invite Veterans from the community to join us for coffee!

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Time: 10:00 to 11:30
Where: Alexandria Vet Center
5803 Coliseum Blvd.
Alexandria, La. 71303

Come meet other Veterans and learn about resources available in the community while enjoying a hot cup of Coffee & Snacks!



We look forward to meeting you!

Contact:
The Vet Center @ 318-466-4327 for more info.

Career Opportunities



The **Rapides Parish School District** is looking for motivated individuals to join their team!

Check out the available positions and apply [here!](#)

CLSH is Hiring!

WE'RE
HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM!!

**Central Louisiana
State Hospital**

Leading the way in mental health care

Immediate Positions Available:

- Registered Nurses
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Psychiatric Aides
- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Master's Level Psychology Associates
- Administrative Coordinators

Benefits include:

- Special Entry Rate of Pay
- Retirement
- Health Insurance/Other Insurances
- Paid Holidays
- Sick Leave & Personal Leave

Salaries are negotiable based on experience

For more information contact: (318) 484-6200

Learn more and apply by visiting:
governmentjobs.com/careers/Louisiana/ldh

SCAN ME



Open positions in Rapides Parish

Full descriptions, application instructions, and links can be found at <https://www.laworks.net/>

Under the Job Seeker heading select immediate job openings and then select search by Job Order Number!

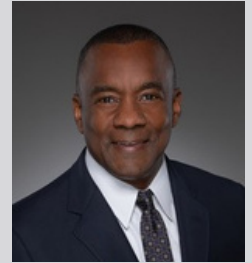
Job Vacancies

Job Order #	Job Title
• 1439653	Medical Records Technician
• 1453251	Merchandiser
• 1438906	Meter Reader
• 1438971	Meter Technician, Water
• 1452982	Mobile Janitor
• 1452973	Mobile Janitor -
• 1453328	MRI Tech - PRN
• 1439161	Multi-Trades Inspector, Construction Devt.
• 1451233	Neurosurgery APP
• 1453450	Neurosurgery
• 1438136	Nuclear Medicine Technologist
• 1452421	Occupational Therapist / Pedi Therapy
• 1451665	OR Tech
• 1438950	Painter, Maintenance Public Buildings
• 1450281	Paramedic Basic
• 1451823	Part-Time Retail Merchandiser
• 1451249	Patient Care Tech
• 1451617	Patient Care Technician
• 1437134	Peer Support Representative
• 1438766	Permit Technician, Community Devt. (LEAD)
• 1439196	Personal Assistance Provider

CLTCC Held Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2023



More than 400 Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) students graduated during a ceremony May 19, at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria. A total of 337 students became college graduates, including 40 students from the correctional facility in Pollock. In addition, 97 students will receive their high school equivalency diplomas as HiSet completers.



Monte Wilson

“This is a tremendous day for all of us at CLTCC,” said Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle. “We got to be a part of a life-changing moment. For many of these students, they will be the first person in their family to become a college graduate. One of the greatest rewards for an educator is to see the look of joy and accomplishment on the faces of the graduates, knowing that they have the skills they need to go out and change their lives for the better by getting a high-paying, high demand job. We are so proud of each graduate for choosing to invest in themselves and then putting in the work and earning their Associate Degree, Technical Diploma, Certificate of Technical Studies or HiSet diploma. It’s a tremendous accomplishment, and we are so very proud of each of our graduates.”

Monte Wilson, CHRISTUS Health President, delivered the commencement address. Stephan Fontenot performed the National Anthem at the ceremony. Wilson is a highly experienced healthcare executive with more than two decades of experience in the industry. Currently, he serves as President of Christus Health System Central Louisiana. He has held several executive healthcare positions, including Senior Vice President of WellStar Health System in Atlanta, Georgia, President of Operations at Mercy Health System in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Incident Commander for Global Health Organization GHC3 in Atlanta, Georgia, and Chief Operating Officer of Our Lady of Lourdes in Lafayette, Louisiana. He also served as the CEO and President of Our Lady of Lourdes Heart Hospital, where he oversaw the hospital's daily operations. Wilson's educational background is impressive, with a Master of Science in Operational Management with a Healthcare Management emphasis from the University of Arkansas College of Engineering, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management & Administration, where he graduated Cum Laude.

In addition, a total of 69 students are scheduled to receive Associate Degrees in Business, Cloud Computing, Drafting, Industrial Manufacturing, and Practical Nursing. Technical Diplomas will be presented to 198 students in A/C Refrigeration, Business, Cloud Computing, Drafting, Electrician, Forestry, Industrial Manufacturing, Practical Nursing, and Welding. Certificates of Technical Studies will be presented to 28 students in Heavy Equipment Operator, Patient Care Tech, and Pharmacy Tech.

Source:
Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle
CLTCC Chancellor

Rapides Regional Medical Center Earns Achievement Award from American College of Cardiology



Rapides Regional Medical Center has received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain - MI Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award for 2023. RRMC is one of only 82 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor.



The award recognizes Rapides Regional Medical Center's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies RRMC has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the Chest Pain-MI Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award, a hospital must demonstrate sustained achievement in the Chest Pain-MI Registry for four consecutive quarters during 2022 and perform with distinction in specific performance measures. Full participation in the registry engages hospitals in a robust quality improvement process using data to drive improvements in adherence to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care for heart attack patients.

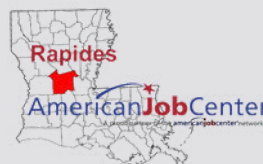
"It is an honor to award Rapides Regional Medical Center with the Silver Performance Award for their valuable national leadership and dedication to meeting comprehensive performance measures in patient care," said Michael C. Kontos, MD, FACC, chair of the NCDR Chest Pain - MI Registry Steering Subcommittee, and cardiologist at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. "The receipt of this award indicates that RRMC remains committed to providing top quality, guideline-driven care for heart attack patients. Their success ensures patients are receiving the highest quality cardiovascular care."

Source:
John Marcase, RRMC

[full story here](#)

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