



# Rapides Workforce Development Board e-Bulletin



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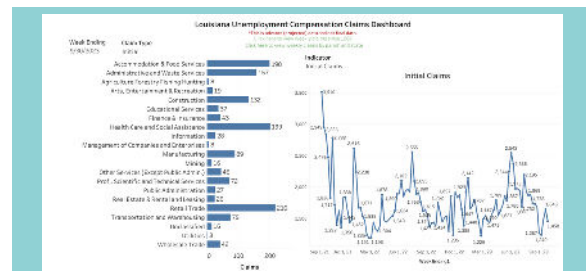
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## Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for week ending September 30

The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending September 30, 2023, dropped to 1,566 from the week ending September 23, 2023, a total of 1,770. For a comparison, during the week ending October 1, 2022, 1,445 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,588 from the previous week's average of 1,552. The unemployment insurance continued claims for the week ending September 30, 2023, increased to 12,764 from the week ending September 23, 2023, a total of 12,729. The continued claims were above the comparable figure of 10,320 for the week ending October 1, 2022.

The four-week moving average of continued claims decreased to 12,940 from the previous week's average of 13,163.

*full story here*

# Job Fairs



**MANUFACTURING MONTH  
SECOND CHANCE  
JOB FAIR**

**Criminal Record?  
No Problem!**  
Everyone is welcome to meet  
manufacturing employers.

**OCTOBER 20TH**  
10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.  
ALEXANDRIA MALL  
3437 MASONIC DR.  
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT  
JAVONTI THOMAS AT 318-441-3428 OR  
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United Way  
United Way of  
Central Louisiana  
MFG  
MONTH  
presented by  
Louisiana Central

Join the Second Chance Job Fair,  
hosted by Louisiana Central and the United  
Way of Central Louisiana, on October 20th  
from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
at the Alexandria Mall.

This event welcomes the public, with a **special emphasis on providing opportunities for those who were formerly incarcerated** to connect with potential employers in the manufacturing industry and take important steps toward a brighter future.

For more information, contact  
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**disABILITY  
Inclusion Job Fair**

Wednesday, October 11  
9 AM - 12 PM  
Brazen Job Fair Platform  
*Online platform, join from anywhere!*



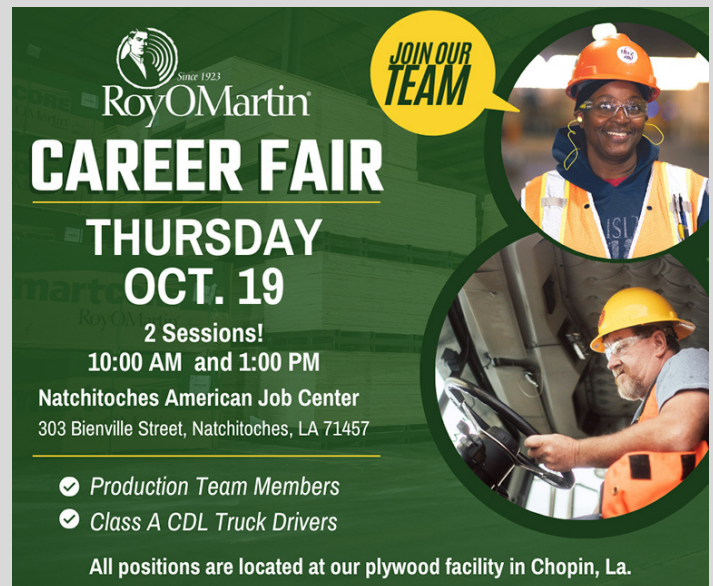
Come and meet  
with dozens of  
employers who are  
ready to hire!

Scan the QR Code to register  
[app.brazenconnect.com/a/louisiana-workforce-commission/e/Yvk32](https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/louisiana-workforce-commission/e/Yvk32)

Hosted by:   Healthy Blue

The ~~dis~~ABILITY Inclusion Job Fair will be  
held on Brazen Connect on Wednesday,  
October 11th, from 9 AM - 12 PM.

[Register here!](#)



 Since 1923  
**CAREER FAIR**

**THURSDAY  
OCT. 19**  
2 Sessions!  
10:00 AM and 1:00 PM  
Natchitoches American Job Center  
303 Bienville Street, Natchitoches, LA 71457

- ✓ Production Team Members
- ✓ Class A CDL Truck Drivers

All positions are located at our plywood facility in Chopin, La.

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

RoyOMartin will hold a Career Fair  
on Thursday, October 19, 2023 for the  
positions Product Team Members and  
Class A CDL Truck Drivers

First session is at 10:00 a.m.  
Second session is at 1:00 p.m.

All positions are located at  
Plywood Facility, Chopin, LA.



# Career Opportunities

## RPSB is Hiring!



**WE ARE HIRING**

*Join Our Team!*  
Key Positions:

- PK-12 School Principal of Bolton Academic & Performing Arts Magnet High School
- Assistant Principal of Pineville Elementary
- Assistant Principal of Alexandria Senior High
- Paraprofessionals (district-wide)

**R**  
Rapides Parish Schools  
ENGAGE EMPOWER ELEVATE

To view all available positions, [click here.](#)

## LSUA is Hiring!

**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

**LSUA**  
LSU of ALEXANDRIA

Discover various career opportunities at LSU Alexandria by visiting [here.](#)

## Rehab Services of LA is Hiring!

**WE ARE HIRING!!**

**POSITION AVAILABLE:**

- Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Professional

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Master's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, or Sociology
- In addition to one of the following licensures: PLPC, PLMFT, LMSW, or CSW

**LOCATIONS:**

- Alexandria, LA
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Bossier City, LA
- Denham Springs, LA
- DeRidder, LA
- Jennings, LA
- Jonesboro, LA
- Lafayette, LA
- Lake Charles, LA
- Leesville, LA
- Many, LA
- Marksville, LA
- Monroe, LA
- Natchitoches, LA
- New Iberia, LA
- Ruston, LA
- Shreveport, LA
- Winnfield, LA

**APPLY NOW**

Send Your Resume To:  
[hr@rehabservicesla.com](mailto:hr@rehabservicesla.com)

For More Information:  
Call 318-459-6795

**REHABSERVICES**  
OF LOUISIANA

Send your resume to [hr@rehabservicesla.com](mailto:hr@rehabservicesla.com) or call 318-459-6795 for more information.

## RoyOMartin is Hiring!

**We're HIRING!**

You deserve a career where talent is recognized and rewarded. When your strengths meet our opportunities, great things can happen. Work and learn from the best in the industry, in a fulfilling career with exceptional benefits at RoyOMartin.

**Current Opportunities**

- Accounts Payable (Full Time) - Alexandria, LA
- OT Network Administrator (Full Time) - Alexandria, LA
- Production Team Member (Full/Part Time) - Chopin, LA
- Truck Driver (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Electrician (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor (Full time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Supervisor (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Member (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Human Resources Assistant (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Storeroom Team Member (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX

 If you are interested in any of these positions, scan the QR code to apply.

**ROYOMARTIN**  
1923 2023  
100th ANNIVERSARY  
ROOTED IN EXCELLENCE SINCE 1923

[Apply here!](#)

# Community Events



The Chamber's Women In Business Conference is one of the most dynamic, engaging, and exciting events in the central Louisiana region.

This is the 11th year of bringing together regional executives and young professionals to convene for two days of informative presentations from influential speakers, encouragement, and celebration. The Chamber is partnering with the City of Alexandria to host the 11th Annual Women in Business Conference. The Conference is presented by RoyOMartin.

The Pre-Conference Reception, hosted by Louisiana Central, kicks off the Conference on Thursday, October 26th at 4 p.m. at the Alexandria Museum of Art. The Conference will resume the next morning, October 27th at the Community Center at England Airpark.

For more information, [click here](#).

**AMERICA'S SBDC LOUISIANA** **LSUA** College of Business

## Beyond the click: Unleashing the Power of Digital Marketing

Don't miss this opportunity to learn the latest tools and strategies to help your business unlock the full potential of digital marketing.

**OCTOBER 26, 2023**  
12:00pm - 1:00pm

**REGISTER NOW**

www.louisianasbdc.org  
318-545-5077

Speakers: Rafael Romero, Evelyn Jones, Jennifer Wright

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Join the LSBDC at LSUA for the online workshop "Beyond the click: Unleashing the Power of Digital Marketing" on October 26th from noon to 1:00 pm.

You'll gain practical insights and actionable tips that will help you drive your business growth and stay ahead of the competition.

[Register here.](#)

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

Please join us as we learn more about community partners, as well as barriers our youth are currently facing.

**JOIN OUR EVENT**  
NOVEMBER 28, 2023  
3:11:00 AM  
Zoom link to be sent

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## SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

### AT THE RAPIDES PARISH FAIR

**OCTOBER 13, 2023**

SENIOR CITIZENS 60+ AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE

- All activities will take place at the State Evac shelter on Friday, October 13, 2023 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- All participants must have tickets. Tickets can be obtained at all Senior Citizen Centers or call (318) 487-1561 to learn more.
- All seniors are eligible for door prizes. (You must be present to win. Names must be placed on the back of ticket and will be taken up at Evac Shelter.
- Tickets will also assure you get a free lunch that day.
- Continuous entertainment, health screenings, door prizes, awards and snacks will highlight the event.
- The deadline for tickets for the event will be on Monday, October 9, 2023.

**OUR SPONSORS**

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RAPIDES CLERK OF COURT, ROBIN HOOTER  
RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF, MARK WOOD

RAPIDES DA, PHILLIP TERRELL  
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# Lead Safe Housing Program

The City of Alexandria Community Development Department is offering to inspect and remove deteriorated lead paint from homes at no cost through the Lead Safe Housing Program.

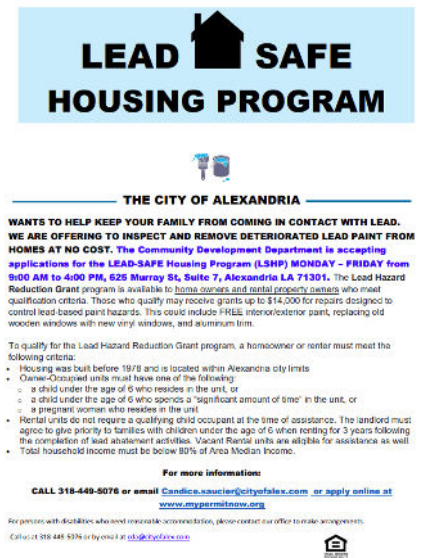
Applications are accepted Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm at 625 Murray St., Suite 7, Alexandria, LA. The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant program is available to home owners and rental property owners who meet the qualification criteria. Those who qualify may receive grants of up to \$14,000 for repairs designed to control lead-based paint hazards. This includes FREE interior/exterior paint, replacing old wooden windows with new vinyl windows, and aluminum trim.

To qualify for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant program, a homeowner or renter must meet the following criteria:

- Housing was built before 1978 and is located within Alexandria city limits
- Owner-occupied units must have one of the following:
  - a child under the age of 6 who resides in the unit, or
  - a child under the age of 6 who spends a "significant amount of time" in the unit, or
  - a pregnant woman who resides in the unit
- Rental units do not require a qualifying child occupant at the time of assistance. The landlord must agree to give priority to families with children under the age of 6 when renting for 3 years following the completion of lead abatement activities. Vacant Rental units are eligible for assistance as well.
- Total household income must be below 80% of Area Median Income.

For more information, you may call 318-449-5076 or send an email to [candice.saucier@cityofalex.com](mailto:candice.saucier@cityofalex.com).

Source: Candice Saucier



## Adult Education Program

More information [here](https://www.cltcc.edu/adult-education).

## EMT Class in Alexandria, LA

Class starts on November 13, 2023 at 8:00 am.  
To learn more or to register for class, [click here](#).

# CLTCC Hosting Activities Throughout October for Manufacturing Month



In recognition of October being designated nationally as Manufacturing Month, Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) will host a variety of activities throughout the month highlighting manufacturing opportunities throughout Central Louisiana.

“Manufacturing is a critical component of our local economy, and CLTCC is laser-focused on offering educational and training opportunities utilizing state-of-the-art technology to help students develop the skills they need to enjoy a career in a high-wage, high-demand job with one of our local manufacturing companies,” said CLTCC Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle. “This isn’t something we do just for Manufacturing Month, this is something we emphasize year-round at our Cleco Advanced Manufacturing Center in Alexandria and with programs at each of our campuses. To highlight everything we have going on will take more than just October as we will be focused on highlighting our manufacturing programs with activities in October and November.”



The first official activity will be Manufacturing Day on Thursday, Oct. 5. More than 60 area high school students have been invited to spend the morning from 9 a.m. until noon meeting with industry leaders at the Cleco Advanced Manufacturing Center.

On Friday, Oct. 27, CLTCC will host a Manufacturing Expo from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. This event is designed to allow CLTCC students to meet with area industry leaders.

*full story here*

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