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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for week ending September 2

The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending September 2, 2023, dropped to 1,423 from the week ending August 26, 2023, a total of 1,830. For a comparison, during the week ending September 3, 2022, 1,725 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,757 from the previous week's average of 1,911.

The unemployment insurance continued claims for the week ending September 2, 2023, decreased to 13,657 from the week ending August 26, 2023, a total of 14,020. The continued claims were above the comparable figure of 11,589 for the week ending September 3, 2022.

The four-week moving average of continued claims decreased to 14,424 from the previous week's average of 14,889.

full story here

Job Fairs



Louisiana Health & Rehab Job Fair





Alexandria Mall Center Court Saturday, October 14th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Business who would like to participate in the Alexandria Mall Job Fair, you may register here, or call Clarissa Pugh at 318-619-2742.



Career Opportunities

United Way of Cenla is Hiring!



United Way of Cenla is hiring 3 Family
Empowerment coaches to help the
working families to reach their goals.
These positions will be located in
Avoyelles, Rapides, and Vernon parish.
Apply here!

United Way of Cenla is also hiring a LAPRI (Louisiana Prison Re-Entry) coordinator that will be a 20hr per week position.

Apply here!

Acadian Ambulance Service is Hiring!

JOIN OUR TEAM APPLY TODAY APPLY TODAY

Join the team as a Travel Paramedic in Alexandria, LA and make a difference in people's lives. If you're passionate about healthcare and helping others, Apply today!

Apply here!

RoyOMartin is Hiring!



Career Opportunities

Alexandria & Pineville LA Police Department are Hiring!



Apply here!



Click here for more information.



Scan the QR code or Apply here!

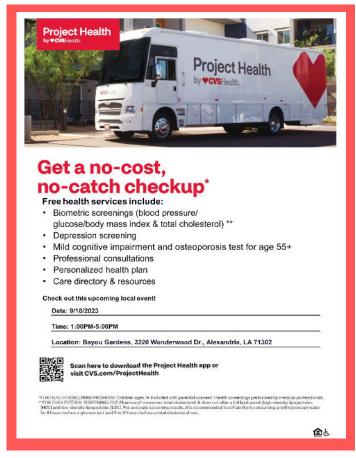


Check out these open positions in Rapides!
Full descriptions, application instructions, and links can be found here. Under the Job Seeker heading select immediate job openings and then select search by Job Order Number!

Follow Rapides American Job Center for more job postings!

Community Events

Alexandria Housing Authority and CVS Project Health



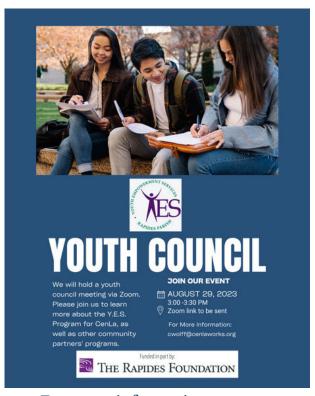
Project Health Event Schedule and Venue

Sept. 18, 2023, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Bayou Gardens 3220 Wonderwood Dr., Alexandria LA

Sept. 19, 2023, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Harmony Gardens Estates 204 Sunset Drive., Alexandria LA

Sept. 20, 2023, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Magnolia Crossing 3215 Tea St., Alexandria LA

Sept. 21, 2023, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Royal Cambrigde Homes 2555 Loblolly Ln., Alexandria, LA



For more information, contact Caitlin Wolff at cwolff@cenlaworks.org



Career Opportunities Walk-in Wednesday



Join the City of Alexandria on September 13th, between 9 AM and 12 PM, at Convention Hall (915 3rd Street, Alexandria) for walk-in interviews for Refuse Collector positions.



The Rapides Regional Medical Center's Human Resource Department is open from 2:00pm to 4:00pm every Wednesday for walk-in interviews or for in-person applications.

More information here.

CENLA CAC P.A.D. INITIATIVE DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Preventing a Disaster Drive

Please donate one or more of the following items. A store link has been provided if you wish to order online (click the item to access the link) or you may choose your own. Your online orders can be shipped to Cenla CAC, 2011 MacArthur Drive, Bldg. 1, Alexandria, LA 71301.

Your participation will greatly help as we prepare for hurricane season. Let's not wait to react to an emergency, let's be proactive. Challenge your family, friends, organizations, and businesses to join this community effort! Thank you!

- Window A/C Units
- Mini-split Systems (Online not provided)
- Power Stations 200W and above (Ex.: Jackery previously tested)
- Power Stations 200W and above (Ex. Westinghouse previously tested)
- Adult Inflatable Mattresses
- Folding Chairs
- Children inflatable Mattresses

- Trash bags
- · Paper towels
- Tissue
- Wipes/Towelettes
- Insulated Hot/Cold Bags
- Batteries AA
- Batteries AAA
- Blankets
- Gallon size Water
- Battery-powered radio NOAA Weather Radio w/ tone alert
- Flashlights
- First aid kits
- Ziploc Bags (Freezer)
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- OTHERS (Items not listed that can help your community)



CLTCC Launching Associate Degree Program in Forest Technology

Starting this Fall, students at the Huey P. Long Campus of Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC)will have the opportunity to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Forest Technology.

"Forest technology and timber management are critical components of our local economy," said Huey P. Long Campus Dean Jeff Johnson. "This new associate degree program will offer our students an opportunity to expand their skills in this vital and growing field.

"Initially launched as a technical diploma to meet the growing demand for skilled forest professionals, the Forest Technology Program has achieved tremendous success over the years, explained Forest Technology Instructor Jordan Franks. The program has now received official approval for elevation to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.





"This exciting development marks a new era for aspiring forest technologists, providing them with enhanced academic credentials and expanded opportunities in the field of forestry and natural resource management," Franks said.

full story here

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