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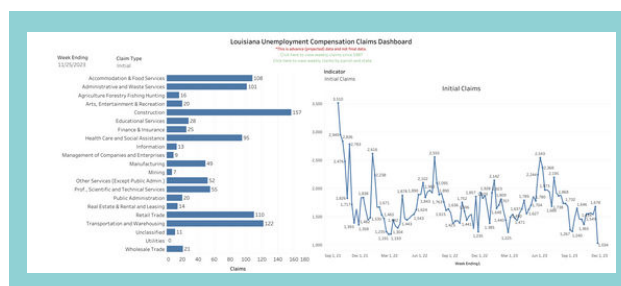
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Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims Drops for Week ending November 25

The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending November 25, 2023, dropped to 1,202 from the week ending November 18, 2023, a total of 1,979. For a comparison, during the week ending November 26, 2022, 1,444 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,699 from the previous week's average of 1,833.

The unemployment insurance continued claims for the week ending November 25, 2023, decreased to 12,749 from the week ending November 18, 2023, a total of 12,856. The continued claims were above the comparable figure of 10,582 for the week ending November 26, 2022.

The four-week moving average of continued claims increased to 12,642 from the previous week's average of 12,509.

[full story here](#)

Career Opportunities



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



DIS-TRAN Steel is Hiring!
[Click here](#) to learn more about the
opportunities available.

Follow them on [Facebook](#) to stay up to
date on open positions or just to get to
know them a little better.



RoyOMartin is Hiring!
[Apply here!](#)



Central Louisiana State Hospital
is Hiring!

Career Opportunities



PROTEMP
Staffing Solutions, Inc.

WAREHOUSE HIRING EVENT

December 7,8,11,12

- Forklift Operators
- Shipping Clerks

20 immediate permanent openings
Get paid weekly
ProTemp never charges fees to find you a job

Applicants can apply in person at
ProTemp Staffing
1150 Expressway Dr, Pineville
or
Rapides Job Center
5610 B Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria

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AFCO

WE OWN IT YOU CAN TOO

Do you want to own a piece of the company
you work for?
Become an Employee-Owner
of AFCO Industries

[Appy here](#)

Community Events

2023 Pineville Christmas Parade



The parade is set to begin at 7:00 pm on December 8, 2023. Starting from Hospital/Napoleon Blvd., right in front of Huey P. Long, it will proceed along Main Street. The procession will conclude at the Trotter Center on Military Highway at Claiborne St.

AMGA's Annual Christmas Parade



Join the Alexandria Mardi Gras Association for the 2023 Alexandria Christmas Parade! This year's route starts from Dorchester Dr., and begins at 2:00pm.

[Click here to view the parade map.](#)

Community Events

LaPRI Coalition Quarterly Meeting



United Way
United Way of Central Louisiana

LaPRI Coalition Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
1:00pm - 3:00pm

CLTCC - Multipurpose Conference Room
516 Murray Street
Room 130
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Information
Anthony Thomas
Community Coordinator
tony@uwcl.org
318-321-0033

Returning to the community from jail, prison or juvenile detention is a complex transition for offenders, family members and communities. Join us to discuss our local reentry coalition, share available services and collaborate on coalition initiatives.

For more information, contact Anthony Thomas at 318-321-033 or tony@uwcl.org

Town of Woodworth 4th Annual Cajun Christmas Drive-through



SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN!!!
Our 4th Annual Cajun Christmas Drive Through
Santa & Mrs. Claus will be seen riding on the WFD Rescue Boat, loaded with CANDY, how exciting!!!
If you are not on or near the streets/subdivisions listed below:
There are 2 drive through areas to see Santa, they are: Community Center parking lot & town park on Dan Tripplette Rd

Santa starts his rounds at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 16, 2023

God Bless You at Christmas

START
Est. time: 8:05 pm Castor Plunge/Mason Rue
Est. time: 5:35 pm Wesley Cr
Est. time: 5:45 pm Butler Dr
Est. time: 5:50 pm Community Ctr
Est. time: 5:55 pm Indian Crk Rd
Est. time: 6:05 pm Ashton Colony
Est. time: 6:20 pm Coulee/Ramblview
Est. time: 6:45 pm Timberlake
Est. time: 7:30 pm Forest Edge
Est. time: 7:45 pm Brookwood/Dan Tripplett
Est. time: 7:55 pm Town Park

MERRY MERRY MERRY Christmas

December 16, 2023, 5:30 pm

LSBDC at LSUA Online Workshop



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

SMALL BUSINESS 101

Do you want to start your own business but unsure of where to begin? Don't miss out on this seminar that is designed to help entrepreneurs understand what it takes to start a business!

DECEMBER 12, 2023
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

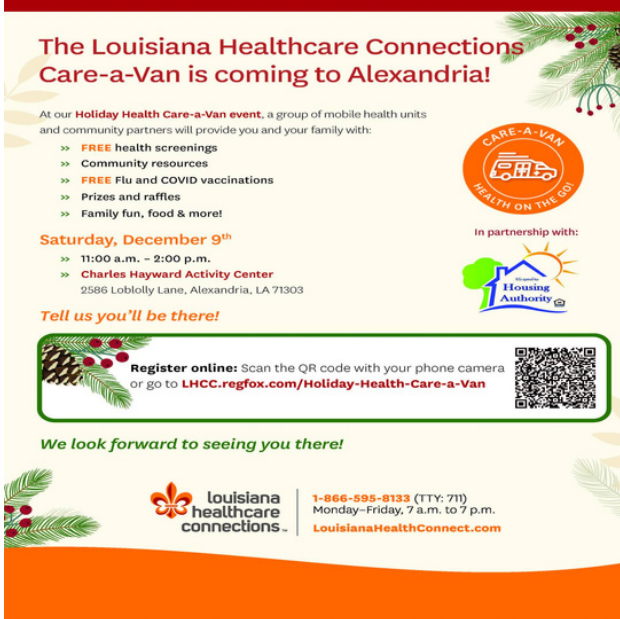
www.louisianasbdc.org
318-545-5677

REGISTER NOW

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Register here!

Holiday Care-a-Van



The Louisiana Healthcare Connections Care-a-Van is coming to Alexandria!

At our **Holiday Health Care-a-Van** event, a group of mobile health units and community partners will provide you and your family with:

- >> **FREE** health screenings
- >> Community resources
- >> **FREE** Flu and COVID vaccinations
- >> Prizes and raffles
- >> Family fun, food & more!

Saturday, December 9th
>> 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
>> **Charles Hayward Activity Center**
2586 Loblolly Lane, Alexandria, LA 71303

Tell us you'll be there!

Register online: Scan the QR code with your phone camera or go to LHCC.regfox.com/Holiday-Health-Care-a-Van

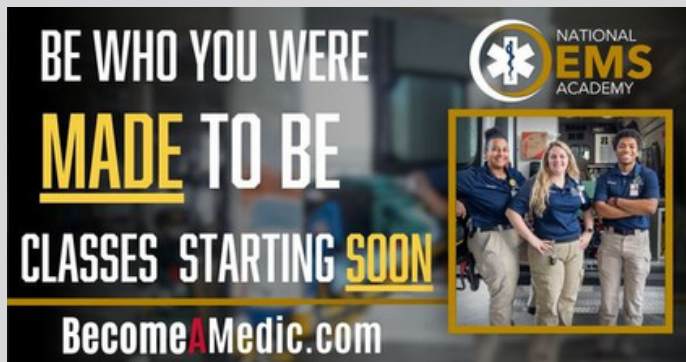
We look forward to seeing you there!

louisiana healthcare connections | **1-866-595-8133** (TTY: 711)
Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
LouisianaHealthConnect.com

Register here!

Community Programs & Services

Alexandria EMT Class



EMT Class starts on January 8, 2024. Offered by the National EMS Academy & Acadadian Ambulance Service, the traditional EMT program is a hybrid course. Students will be able to complete the academic elements of the course online and will spend approximately 70 hours in a classroom learning hands-on skills. It will take about 4 months to complete all courses and earn a certificate.

To learn more or to register for class, [click here](#).

Lead-Safe Housing Program

LEAD SAFE HOUSING PROGRAM

THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

WANTS TO HELP KEEP YOUR FAMILY FROM COMING IN CONTACT WITH LEAD. WE ARE OFFERING TO INSPECT AND REMOVE DETERIORATED LEAD PAINT FROM HOMES AT NO COST. The Community Development Department is accepting applications for the LEAD-SAFE Housing Program (LSHP) MONDAY – FRIDAY from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 625 Murray St, Suite 7, Alexandria LA 71301. The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant program is available to home owners and rental property owners who meet qualification criteria. Those who qualify may receive grants up to \$14,000 for repairs designed to control lead-based paint hazards. This could include 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:
CALL 318-449-5076 or email Candice.saucier@cityofalex.com or apply online at www.mypermitnow.org

For persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation, please contact our office to make arrangements.
Call us at 318-449-5076 or by email at ada@cityofalex.com

[Apply here.](#)

For more information, contact Candice Saucier at 318-449-5076 or candice.saucier@cityofalex.com

Shreveport Job Corps

SHREVEPORT JOB CORPS
WE PROVIDE ACADEMIC, CAREER TECHNICAL AND ADVANCED SKILL TRAINING TO INDIVIDUALS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 TO 24

SCHOOL ADMISSION OPEN ENROLLMENT
DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 12:30PM - 3:30PM

**5610 B COLISEUM BLVD
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA
318-487-6773**

Careers Begin Here

For more information, contact Ursula Smith at 318-487-6773/318 207-7428 or smith.ursula@jobcops.org

Alexandria Housing Authority 2-Bedroom PBV Waitlist will Open

ACCEPTING 2 BEDROOM APPLICATIONS

THE 2 BEDROOM PBV WAITLIST WILL OPEN

DECEMBER 15, 2023

APPLY AT: ALEXHOUSING.ORG

The Alexandria Housing Authority 2-Bedroom PBV Waitlist will open on Friday, December 15th, 2023. Applications will be accepted online.

[Visit here.](#)

Cenla Work Ready Network Workforce Summit



Join The Rapides Foundation, The Orchard Foundation, and Louisiana Central for the Cenla Work Ready Network Workforce Summit – a one-day event on February 8, 2023, in Alexandria, La. The event is free, but pre-registration is required.

Discover how the network connects education with workforce development, meeting regional economic needs.

What to Expect:

- Employers will learn about tools that help reduce turnover, enhance selection decisions, and optimize training effectiveness.
- Educators & Workforce Professionals will learn about tools and resources available to help students and other job seekers identify work-ready skills and prepare for workplace success.

All participants will gain insight into the comprehensive tools and resources of the Cenla Work Ready Network. For more information about the Cenla Work Ready Network visit <https://www.cenlaworkready.org/>.

Don't miss this opportunity to dive deep into the future of workforce development.

- Register today! Seats are limited. <https://hubs.li/Q02bRTxv0>
- Visit the website for event updates and speaker spotlights. <https://hubs.li/Q02bRLxP0>
- Keep watching Louisiana Central's social media pages for more information.

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