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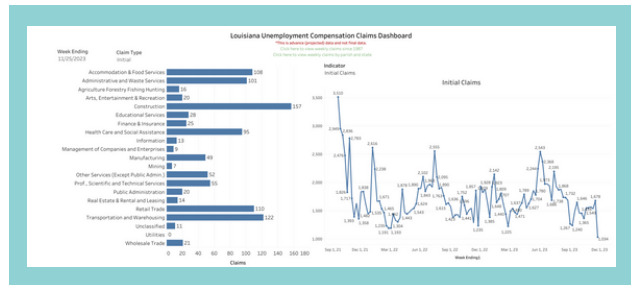
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Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims Drops for Week ending November 25

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.


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

- Logistics Specialist (Full Time) - Alexandria, LA
- OT Network Administrator (Full Time) - Alexandria, LA
- Construction Millwright (Full Time) - Oakdale, LA
- Forester (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Harvesting Technician (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Electrician (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Millwright (Full Time) - Chopin, 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
- Procurement Forester (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Supervisor (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Member (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX


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



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


 Current Job Opportunities

Happy Holidays!

FROM
 CENTRAL LA STATE HOSPITAL




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

318-561-7607
crystal@protempss.com

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

[Apply here](#)

For more information, contact Crystal Watts at 318-561-7607 or crystal@protempss.com

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
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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 Cr
Est. time: 5:55 pm Indian Crk Rd
Est. time: 6:05 pm Ashton Colony
Est. time: 6:20 pm Coulee/Rambleview
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

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

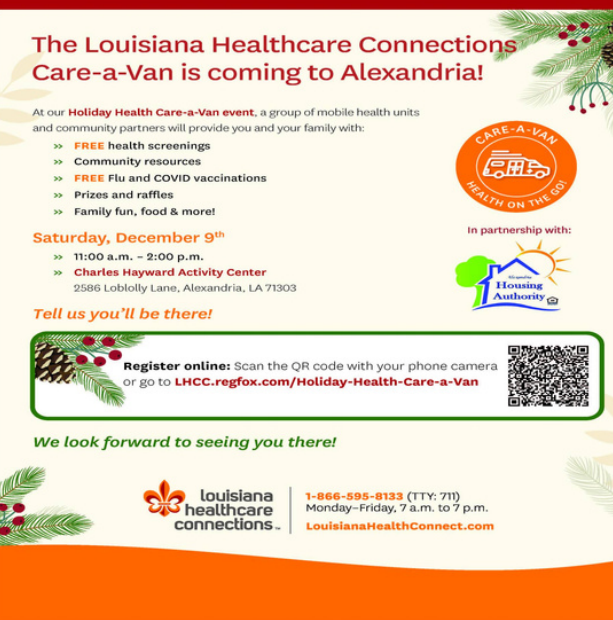
www.louisianasbdc.org
318-545-5077

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 Lobloby 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](https://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

An advertisement for the Lead-Safe Housing Program from The City of Alexandria. The top section has a blue background with a house icon and the text "LEAD SAFE HOUSING PROGRAM". Below this, it says "THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA" and "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." It provides details about the application process, including the location (625 Murray St, Suite 7) and the time (Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM). A list of criteria for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant program is provided, including housing built before 1978, owner-occupied units, and rental units. Contact information for Candice Saucier is provided at the bottom.

[Apply here.](#)

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

Shreveport Job Corps

An advertisement for Shreveport Job Corps. It features a circular image of three people (two men and one woman) sitting around a table, looking at a laptop. The text reads "SHREVEPORT JOB CORPS WE PROVIDE ACADEMIC, CAREER TECHNICAL AND ADVANCED SKILL TRAINING TO INDIVIDUALS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 TO 24". Below this, it says "SCHOOL ADMISSION OPEN ENROLLMENT DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 12:30PM - 3:30PM" and provides the address "5610 B COLISEUM BLVD ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA" and phone number "318-487-6773". At the bottom, it says "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

An advertisement for the Alexandria Housing Authority 2-Bedroom PBV Waitlist. The background is blue and orange with white stars. The text reads "ACCEPTING 2 BEDROOM APPLICATIONS THE 2 BEDROOM PBV WAITLIST WILL OPEN DECEMBER 15, 2023" and "APPLY AT: ALEXHOUSING.ORG". There is a logo for the Alexandria Housing Authority in the bottom left corner and a house icon in the bottom right corner.

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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