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Upcoming Community Events:

Run-Off Election Day

12/6/2014

Time: 6:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

Location: Precinct which you are registered to vote

Caring Santa for Children with Special Needs

12/7/2014

Times: Starting: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 496 W. Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles, 70601

(Prien Lake Mall-Sears Court)

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Spring 2015 Orientations

12/15/2014

Times: 8:30a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Location: 2424 3rd Street, Lake Charles, 70601

Must bring state issued ID and Social Security Card

Job Start/Job Fair

1/15/2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. –12 noon

Location: 900 Lakeshore Dr. Lake Charles, 70601

(Lake Charles Civic Center)

Job Readiness Workshop

Every 2nd & 4th Friday of each month

Time: 9-10 a.m.

Location: 2424 3rd Street, Lake Charles, 70601

Niche Job Sites Area a Secret Weapon

A newspaper is divided into different sections so that readers know where to find news about specific topics. This also helps because not everyone is interested in reading about the same thing. So categorizing the news helps readers find what they want without having to wade through information that may not be interesting to them.

The same concept applies to job seekers. Not all job seekers are the same, which means that the information or job listing that's relevant to one person might not be beneficial for someone else. This is why a niche website for job seekers can be a great resource.

Niche sites offer job listings and resources that target a specific industry or type of job seeker. These sites can help you make more progress in your job search, which saves you time and the stress of sorting through listings you're not interested in. There are many of these sites out there, and to help you narrow your focus, we've highlighted several that are powered by CareerBuilder.com

FIND RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO YOUR CAREER LEVEL

Those who are just starting out in a career may need some additional guidance. Sites such as CareerRookie.com offer advice and resources for career beginners, including articles for recent grads and information for students who are looking to get a jump-start on post-graduation life. You can also post your resume, get the latest news on companies and industries, sign up for automatic job alerts and view local career fair information.

However, if you're several years into your career and you know exactly what position you want next, you're looking for different types of jobs than you were right out of college.

For workers with at least seven years of professional management experience who are looking to take a step toward the executive office, a site like HeadHunter.com could be a good fit. Site users match their credentials and experience level to access only

the most relevant high-level positions. Even better, competitive data reports allow you to see how you stack up against other job seekers and help you gauge your potential to get hired for the position.

TARGET OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR FIELD

Niche sites are also helpful for job seekers who have specific industry experience or who are passionate about working in a certain field.

If you fall into this category, here are some industry-specific niche sites that can help you focus your search:

- **Transportation:** The sole purpose of JobsinMotion.com is to help transportation professionals find jobs. Featured job types include automotive service technician, logistics manager, cargo and freight agent and truck driver.
- **Retail:** WorkInRetail.com allows you to narrow down your retail job search and receive recommended jobs based on the individual factors related to your career, such as your experience level, desired salary or location.
- **Information Technology:** With Sologig.com, you can sort IT and engineering jobs by company, location, pay range, skills, employment type, job title, industry or responsibilities.
- **Food Service:** JobsOnTheMenu.com specializes in restaurant and food service corporate, management and hourly jobs.
- **Finance:** MoneyJobs.com is a niche site for finance and accounting jobs. It allows you to sort job results by company, location, salary and other specific criteria.
- **Health care:** MiracleWorkers.com offers access to health care jobs, training courses and tools to improve your job search.

Niche sites have the power to turn an overwhelming job search into an efficient and productive process, thanks to their narrowed focus and abundance of available resources.

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Mariah Duplechin, is an older youth that was considered Basic Skills Deficient at time of enrollment into the WIA program. With preparation and focus she overcame that barrier. Which led her to enroll into the Certified Nursing Assistant curriculum at Sowela Morgan Smith Campus in Jennings, LA. The "Calcasieu Workforce Center," Youth Program provided Mariah with Leadership Development, Occupational Skills Training, and Support Services while enrolled in school.

Since Mariah graduated, she's secured employment as a C.N.A. at Jeff Davis Living Center, in Jennings, LA. She works an average of 40 hours per week and her employer provides fringe benefits and pay Unemployment Insurance Compensation.

Congratulations Mariah!!

3rd Annual Winter Drive-by a success

LAKE CHARLES, La. (KPLC) - By Erica Bivens

The homeless and less fortunate got a chance to do a little shopping Friday at the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury's Allen P. August Multipurpose Center.

"This is our 3rd annual winter drive-by event," said Albertha Chavis, program coordinator for Lake Charles/SWLA Continuum of Care.

The handout event is made possible by donations from the community.

"We've collected coats, blankets, personal hygiene items, we've also collected canned goods that we've donated to Abraham's Tent," explained Chavis.

Between two days, organizers say more than 100 people went home with something.

"We're thankful and grateful to the community for helping to make our event a success," said Chavis.

Organizers say blankets were the first items to go.

The annual event is sponsored by Human Services and the Lake Charles/SWLA Continuum of Care.

The winter drive-by event ended Friday but you can always donate directly to shelters.

Items needed include the following: travel size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, shaving cream, mouth wash and dental floss; disposable razors, soap, combs and brushes; sunblock, lip balm, shoe insoles, Athlete's Foot products, Band-Aids, cough drops and diapers; towels, wash cloths, mosquito repellent, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, tissues, baby wipes, backpacks and non-perishable food.

