



Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome to Assemblyman Matt Simpson's (R,C-Horicon) Weekly Newsletter. Here you will get a weekly update on what the assemblyman has been up to in the community and in Albany.

Chestertown St. Patrick's Day Parade



Another wonderful parade in Chestertown celebrating St. Patrick's Day! I had a great afternoon with Sen. Dan Stec, Chester Supervisor Craig Leggett, Horicon Supervisor Mike Geraci and Warren County Sheriff Jim LaFarr!

Sunnyside Par 3 Citation

Last week I stopped in at Sunnyside Par 3 to present the owner, Whitney Russell, with a New York State Citation in honor of his retirement from the New York State Department of State after 24 long years! Thank you, Whitney, for all of your hard work and dedication to the Codes Division, may you enjoy your retirement.



Women of Distinction

With March being #womenshistorymonth, I'd like to take the opportunity to announce that my office will begin accepting nominations for the 114th District's Inaugural Women of Distinction program to honor local women who have made lasting contributions to the betterment of our communities.

Beginning today and throughout the month, please consider nominating one of our exemplary community citizens who deserve recognition for the impacts made as a leader, mentor, or friend to those around her. Maybe she has served in the armed forces or is a first responder. Perhaps she reaches the young minds of her students in the classroom or maybe she is simply a caring neighbor known for her everlasting kindness.

Click the link below to submit a short survey on who you think deserves due recognition and we will announce the recipients in April!

<https://tinyurl.com/SimpsonWoD2023>



Assemblyman Matt Simpson
*invites you to nominate women in our
community who are making an impact
and contributing to our quality of life.*



WOMEN *of*
DISTINCTION
2023

Doggie Paddle

Join Jimmy Thomas, a U.S Army veteran, to hear about his incredible journey of 4,000 miles to raise awareness for veterans in need of service dogs.

Meet

**Jimmy Thomas,
U.S. Army Vet**

**He travelled
4,000 miles to
raise awareness
for Veterans in
need of
Service Dogs**

April 19, 7pm



*Going the distance for veterans in need
of service dogs*

Visit doggiepaddle.org to learn more

Jimmy's remarkable journey — kayaking from New York to Florida and return trip by bicycle — has made headlines all over the country. Now he visits Chestertown to share his amazing adventure with our community. His trek has helped to raise awareness for Veterans in need of service dogs. Jimmy is a Member of the Rotary Club of the Glenville NY and a U.S. Army Veteran.



Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 pm

Chester Town Hall Gymnasium

Presentation, Discussion, Q&A

All ages are welcome

Doors open at 6:15 pm

Sponsored by



For more info call or text 518-538-5605

Visit a variety of Veterans' Services Organizations before and after the main presentation.

Warren County 4-H Archery Sports Program

Do you have any children 8 years old or older? Perhaps neighbors or grandchildren? Let them know about the Warren County NY 4-H Archery Sports Program beginning next week and running through May 11.

WARREN COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY SPORTS PROGRAM TO BEGIN MARCH 2ND

The program runs every other Thursday starting from March 2nd – May 11th, 6:30pm at the Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club, Inc., 2082 Ridge Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804.

All youth ages 8 and up are welcome to participate. There is a limit of 12 youth maximum. The fee for the program is \$10.00 for current 4-H members and \$25.00 for non-members, which includes a membership to 4-H.

Pre-register by calling 518-668-4881 or emailing Michele at mlb222@cornell.edu



Warren County instructors are either State or nationally certified in their area of discipline



Concealed Carry Permits

The North Country is home to many law-abiding concealed carry gun owners. With new laws in place, it is important we all maintain that distinction with pride. Stay on top of when you need to recertify. Scan the code or click the link below to learn more:

<https://gunsafety.ny.gov/pistol-permit-recertification>

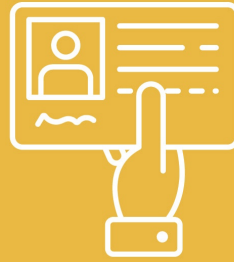
**Recertification
for NYS concealed
carry permits
is now required
every 3 Years.**



Scan Here to
Learn More

Your certification may
be due soon.

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Free tax preparation assistance

Need assistance preparing your taxes this year? Visit tinyurl.com/SimpsonFreeTaxHelp2023 for more information on how the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) can help you!

FREE TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free tax preparation for qualified residents. To schedule an appointment with a VITA assistant, please call:

Warren County: 1-800-211-5128, ext 200
Washington County: 1-800-211-5128, ext 100

All taxes are prepared by a local VITA volunteer. Volunteers go through extensive training and are certified by the IRS to prepare VITA returns.



People and families with annual incomes under \$58,000 are eligible for free online service at MyFreeTaxes.com.

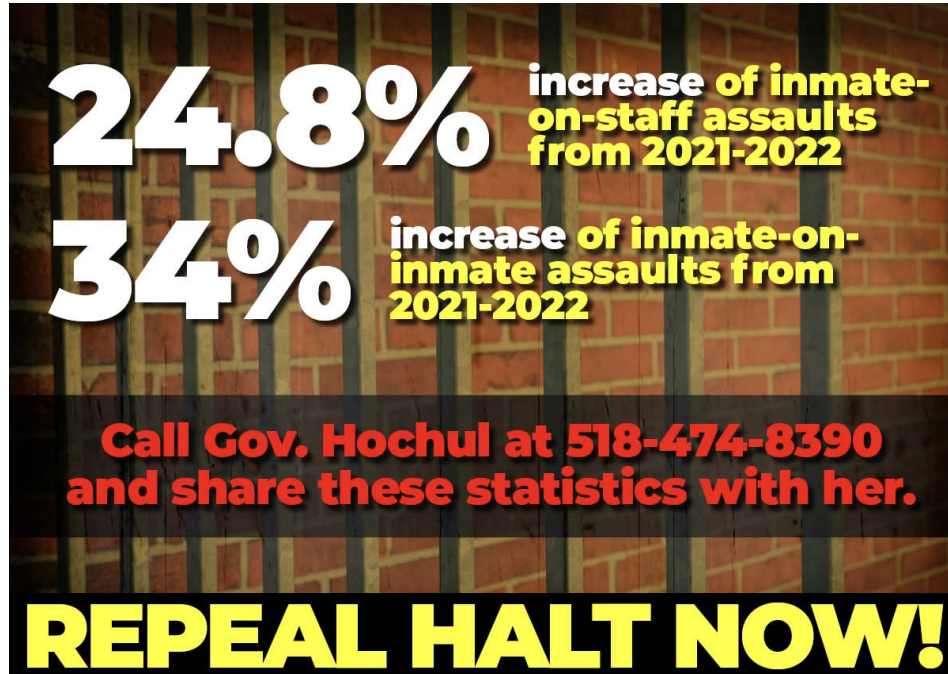
For more information, please visit:
tinyurl.com/SimpsonFreeTaxHelp2023



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Repeal HALT

Sen. Dan Stec and I stand with the men and women working in our correctional facilities who are contending with an increased risk of violence each day they put on their uniform. This legislative session, we both will continue to fight to repeal the HALT ACT in order to protect our correctional officers so they can return home safely to their families each night.



24.8% increase of inmate-on-staff assaults from 2021-2022

34% increase of inmate-on-inmate assaults from 2021-2022

Call Gov. Hochul at 518-474-8390 and share these statistics with her.

REPEAL HALT NOW!



[Local Food Pantries](#)

COVID-19 Capital Costs Tax Credit Program

Did you make any investments in your business in response to COVID-19? If so, you may be eligible for a tax credit up to \$25,000. Click the [link](#) to learn more.

Did your NYS small business invest in COVID-19-related supplies, equipment or structures?

You may be eligible to claim a refundable tax credit of up to **\$25,000**

Apply Now:
esd.ny.gov/covid-19-capital-costs-tax-credit

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The background of the advertisement shows a window with a "Yes, we are OPEN" sign and warm interior lights.

Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program

I am pleased to announce the opening date for applications for the Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program (VNCP) to help veteran organizations make improvements to facilities that serve our country's bravest!

The program began accepting applications on Jan. 12, 2023. VNCP awards will range from \$25,000 to \$75,000 and may only be used for:

- Design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or expansion of an eligible facility;
- Purchase of equipment for an eligible facility, provided the equipment has a useful life of 10 years or more; and
- Certain construction soft costs, including architectural, engineering, & design.

There is no requirement that the project be shovel ready, with all plans and permits approved, by the application due date. For more details or to see if your organization qualifies, click the [link](#).

ATTENTION VETERANS!

ANNOUNCING THE VETERANS' NONPROFIT CAPITAL PROGRAM (VNGCP)

New York State is providing \$5 million in Grant funds to nonprofit Veterans' organizations for facility improvements.

Applications due by **March 31, 2023**

Please email grants@veterans.ny.gov for eligibility questions.

Apply at: grantsmanagement.ny.gov/apply-grant




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Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

If you or anyone you know needs assistance with their home heating or cooling, take a look to see if you qualify for HEAP! otda.ny.gov/programs/apply/#heap

GET HELP HEATING YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is accepting applications NOW to assist New Yorkers with paying for home heating and cooling.

HEAP may be able to help you if you heat your home with:

Electricity · Natural Gas · Oil · Coal
Propane · Wood or Wood Pellets
Kerosene · Corn

For eligibility and more information, visit:
otda.ny.gov/programs/apply/#heap



Matt in the news:

- [Proposed bill would make state pay closed prisons' property tax](#)
- [Political Notebook: Stefanik sponsors bill to ban plant-based products from being called milk](#)
- [Dr. Ruge honored for Adirondack region impacts](#)
- [Push for free school meals for all kids gains traction](#)
- [N.Y. urged to pay tax on closed prisons](#)
- [Debate begins over New York Assembly and Senate proposed budgets](#)
- [Inflation drives wage increase talk in New York state budget](#)
- [Simpson weighs in on Assembly budget proposal](#)

Useful Numbers:



- Federal Student Aid
 - <https://studentaid.gov>
- NYS Unemployment
 - **1-888-209-8124**
- Warren County Career Center Unemployment Office
 - **518-743-0925**
- NYS Homes and Community Renewal: Homeowner Assistance Fund
 - **1-844-776-9423** or visit <https://hcr.ny.gov/homeowners>
- Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance: Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
 - **1-844-691-7368**
 - [Essex County DSS](#)
 - 7551 Court Street, PO Box 217, Elizabethtown, New York 12932
 - **518-873-3441**
 - [Saratoga County DSS](#)
 - 152 West High Street, Ballston Spa, New York 12020
 - 518-884-4140
 - [Warren County DSS](#)
 - Municipal Center Annex, 1340 State Route 9, Lake George, New York 12845-9803
 - **518-761-6300**
 - [Washington County DSS](#)
 - Municipal Center, Building B, 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York 12828
 - **518-746-2300**
- Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance: P-Ebt
 - **1-888-328-6399**
 - <https://www.connectebt.com>
 - <https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Pandemic-EBT.asp>

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