



Here is some important legislation I advocated for this year in Albany!

- Creates the rural suicide prevention council (A01680)
- Provides an Inflation Relief & Consumer Assistance Plan that would eliminate 4% sales tax charges on essential items such as prepared food, gas, and housekeeping items (A01690)
- Creates distinctive license plates for the United States Army 10th Mountain Division (A01538)
- Provides insurance premium reductions for completion of a fraud prevention course (A01537)
- Eliminates the photo image fee for veterans who have their driver's license changed to add a veteran notation (A01419)
- Establishes and authorizes telepharmacy in the state (A01359)
- Land used for processing or retail merchandising of agricultural products are exempted from real property taxes (A04964)

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Supporting Local Businesses



WATERTOWN RAPIDS OPENER

I was invited to the Watertown Rapids opener and witnessed their victorious 5-3 win! It was a great game with a lot of community support.



MAPLE WEEKEND AT SNYDER'S SUGAR SHACK

During Maple Weekend, Snyder's Sugar Shack hosted the annual tree-tapping ceremony for the community. I was able to make enough Maple Sugar Candy to last me up to today. It's always great to learn a new skill!



VERNON-VERONA-SHERRILL HIGH SCHOOL & FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (VVS FFA) MAPLE EVENT

I joined local legislators and the Commissioner of Agriculture on a windy day to tap some trees and eat pancakes at the VVS FFA Maple event. They hosted a free sap house tour and had an array of maple products for sale. There's nothing better than homemade pancakes and local maple syrup!



CONGRESSWOMAN CLAUDIA TENNEY'S AGRICULTURAL EVENT

I appreciated participating in Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's agricultural round table. Everyone who participated gave us feedback on the needs of our area's agriculture community. It is always great to serve the community I admire.

Empowering



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA STUDENTS

I welcomed the Future Farmers of America (FFA) groups from Carthage Central, Lowville, Beaver River and South Jefferson to my Albany office to explore the Capitol and discuss the future of agricultural work in New York with Assemblyman Scott Gray. It was great to see the future of our nation dedicated to improving the engine of our economy!

Honoring Local Heroes



FORT DRUM DAY BREAKFAST

I co-hosted a Fort Drum Day Breakfast with my colleagues from the Assembly. The event was held to celebrate the remarkable contributions and unwavering support of Fort Drum, a prominent and highly regarded institution in New York State. It serves as the premier training site for all aviation programs along the East Coast.



CARTHAGE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

It was heartwarming attending the Carthage Memorial Day event with members of the community and meeting the VFW Chaplain. The Carthage High School Marching Band was incredibly talented and moving. It's always a joy to see everyone united to commemorate an emotional day.



ONEIDA COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

I was happy to join colleagues in the Senate and Assembly at the Oneida County Firefighters Legislative Breakfast with other elected leaders from Oneida County. We showed gratitude to members of the Fire Department who dedicate their lives to ensuring the safety of our community.

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OPENING DAY CEREMONY

It was nice to reminisce about my times as a coach when I attended opening day ceremonies with Corey Decillis and former Coach Sèan Hennessey. It was a big event where we cheered on the youth baseball players.

UPCOMING EVENTS

I cordially invite you to find me on social media for updates on current events that are happening in our town!



If you have questions on this or any other state issues, please contact Ken Blankenbush at:
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TAKING A LOOK BACK THIS YEAR



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Dear Friends of Black River,

As we conclude this year's legislative session, I take great pride in highlighting some of our notable achievements. We worked to provide support for our veterans, promote affordability for small businesses and residents, and advocate for our farmers. Despite these accomplishments, there is still important work ahead in Albany, and I remain committed to fighting for affordability, prioritizing public safety, and being your voice in the people's house.

Now that I am back home, I eagerly anticipate attending local events and hearing from you to find ways we can improve the Black River area. Every month until session next year, I will be regularly publishing an E-Newsletter on my Facebook page featuring updates on local events and initiatives. I hope to see you join me and give support to our local businesses. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any suggestions or concerns. Your input is invaluable in our efforts to create positive change within our community.

Your Assemblyman,

Ken Blankenbush