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(Top) Pam Panzenbeck is sworn in as Mayor by the Honorable Richard J. McCord. (l-r) Young Republican Michael Renga; The Town of Oyster Bay members take the Oath of Office; Huntington Town Clerk Andrew Raia, Supervisor Ed Smyth and Councilman Sal Ferro. (Stories on page 3)



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# Suffolk Dems Ram-through Lame-Duck Gerrymander

**By PRIYA PERSAUD**  
On New Year’s Eve, the lame-duck Suffolk County Legislature was called together for an “emergency” meeting – to participate in a straight party-line vote - to adopt a controversial and heavily-gerrymandered redistricting plan pushed by Democrats.

Under the county charter, redistricting plans are to be recommended once every ten years, from a bi-partisan Reapportionment Commission. However, the Democrats – who have run the legislature for the past 20 years, but lost their majority in November’s elections – demanded the right to pass their own redistricting plan, without a plan from the Commission, before the Republicans took over on January 1st.

Three times – on December 21st; December 27th, and finally on December 31st, the Democrats called “emergency” meetings to pass their gerrymander. The first two times, the State Supreme Court enjoined the vote as illegal. But at their third “emergency” meeting, on New Year’s Eve, the Democrats got a “stay” from an Appeals Court, and then rammed-through their plan by a straight 10-8 party line vote.



William “Doc” Spencer

Republicans blasted the Democrats power-play as “pure political revenge” designed to “cheat the voters who elected a Republican majority and punish the Republican candidates who won.”

The Democrat’s plan deliberately merged four newly-elected Republicans together in new districts, and drew loops and tentacles on the map around Republican’s homes, to try to force Republicans to sell their houses and move, in order to remain eligible to represent their districts.

The Democrat’s power-play was spearheaded by three losing candidates:



Susan Berland

Robert Calarco, the former Presiding Officer, and Susan Berland, the Democrats Majority Leader – both of whom lost their elections in November; and William “Doc” Spencer – who left office under felony indictment, for stealing narcotics from Huntington Hospital and selling them to drug-addicted prostitutes for sex.

One of Spencer’s alleged victims - to whom he had supplied illegal drugs – died a drug overdose, according to police. Spencer was arrested in a Suffolk County car, “carrying illegal narcotics, condoms, and personal lubricant...” according to the District Attorney.

Berland – who lost her election in November by 52% to 48% to Republican Manny Esteban in the Dix Hills district - “re-drew” the 17th district to punish Esteban for defeating her.

County Executive Steve Bellone – who is term-limited but must co-exist for the next two years with the new Republican Legislature - must now decide whether to adopt or to veto the lame-duck Democrats’ plan.

In interviews, Republican legislatures have expressed their hope that Bellone will veto the law - in respect for the county charter, and in support of bipartisanship.

“The spirit of bipartisanship was written into the charter, specifically, with respect to this process, to avoid exactly what is happening today,” stated Republican legislator Tom Cilmi after the New Year’s Eve vote. “There was no attempt to discuss with the [Republican] minority the drawing of these district lines and what the districts would look like.”

The new Republican-majority Legislature - sworn in on January 1st - is expected to repeal the Democrats’ gerrymander vote, and vote to empanel the Redistricting Commission.

## The Inauguration of Pam Panzenbeck



Glen Cove High School’s Auditorium was filled for the ceremony.

Photo: Patricia Brexel

It was almost a full house at the Glen Cove High School as many honored guests, residents, families and friends braved the gloomy, rainy weather and were present to watch as our newly-elected mayor, Pamela D. Panzenbeck took her oath of office along with City Council Members Joseph Capobianco, Kevin Maccarone, Jack Mancusi, Barbara Peebles, Danielle Fugazy Scagliola and Marsha Silverman.

The afternoon started with Bagpipes by John Hubbs and Tim Burns followed by a procession of honored guests and the presentation of colors.

After Eva Casale led us in the pledge of allegiance and Richie Cannata’s National Anthem on saxophone, we were welcomed by Ben Farman, former VFW 347 Commander. John Maccarone led the program as Master of Ceremonies.

Many honored guests were present. Among them, Congressman Tom Suozzi, NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, and Nassau County

Comptroller Elaine Phillips. We heard accolades for Mayor Panzenbeck from several speakers—all complimenting and congratulating our newly elected Mayor and Council Members.

Mayor Panzenbeck spoke of her youth and how her family and neighbors shaped the person she is today. She emphasized the role of community and was taught that it takes hard work, perseverance and dedication to achieve your goals.

One of Mayor Panzenbeck’s plat-forms of engaging our youth was evidenced by her inclusion of guest speaker Michael Renga; singer Shye Roberts; videographer tech Zach Gotterbarn. Each was given heartfelt thanks from the Mayor.

Adding solemnity to the event, Reverend Gabriel Rach performed the invocation and Reverend Richard M. Wilson gave the Benediction.

All in all, the entire inauguration ceremony was a huge success. The newly elected were welcomed enthusiastically and wholeheartedly by all the attendees.

## Town of Oyster Bay Induction Ceremony

The Town of Oyster Bay hosted its 2022 Induction Ceremony with the swearing-in of Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilwoman Michele Johnson, Councilman Lou Imbroto, Councilman Tom Hand and Town Clerk Rich LaMarca.

“This great team has stood before you promising a new term that would be like no other – and boy, did we get that wish. We committed to using every talent and skill to guide this Town safely and professionally and overcome every challenge, and that’s exactly what we did when faced with the largest challenge in a century. While we continue to battle this pandemic, we have set a course which has become a template for others, and dealing with the pandemic was just the beginning,” Supervisor Saladino stated.

Supervisor Saladino and the Town Board have returned fiscal stability and trust to the Town of Oyster Bay, turning a \$44 million deficit into a \$47 million surplus, all while cutting taxes.

“We take great pride in these accomplishments, but it is the evolution to the finest services our Town has ever seen that makes us most proud,” continued Supervisor Saladino. “We delivered the promise to protect your way of life, improved our parks, our infrastructure and your experience in this most beautiful Town. To magnify this accomplishment, we did it while cutting and freezing



Supervisor Joseph Saladino address the crowd.

taxes four years in a row. And you don’t have to take my word for it – two independent Wall Street firms have recognized our efforts with six bond rating upgrades while our residents see new roads, and our businesses see a new path to success which includes same-day permits, and a new user-friendly Town.

“The new day in the Town of Oyster Bay is far from sunset. We’ve attracted many new companies and job opportunities to our Town. We’ve made great strides in downtown revitalization, investment in our infrastructure including roadways and improving services. Our vision for the future includes great improvements and a continuation of investment in road repaving, more downtown revitalization, the ongoing protection and restoration of TOBAY Beach, the remediation of the Grumman Navy Plume and overall preservation of our roadways, expansion of our local parks and environmental facilities. We are so excited about our future and continuing the great service to our residents,” concluded Supervisor Saladino.



# EDITORIAL

## DISGRACEFUL PARTING SHOT FROM THE SUFFOLK DEMOCRATS

On New Year’s Eve, the lame-duck Suffolk Legislature met for a “emergency” session - the third and last “emergency” meeting they held in December.

What was the “emergency” that required such An extraordinary session between Christmas and New Year’s? Was it to address the Omicron variant, or the crippling staff shortages affecting sanitation ?

No - it was to ram through a heavily “gerrymandered” map of districts for the next Legislature. Some political revenge by the outgoing Democrats to punish the winning Republicans. But worse, the Democrats vote was blatantly illegal.

The Suffolk County charter requires the Legislature to appoint a bipartisan Redistricting Commission, to draw fair neutral districts. But after losing the November elections, the lame duck Democrats refused to do so, and drew-up their own partisan map, to punish the Republicans who just beat them in the election.

Huntington’s two losing Democrats - Susan Berland and William “Doc” Spencer were particularly disgraceful:

Berland was the Democrats Majority Leader. She behaved like a cross between a corrupt Tammany Hall ward boss and a high school “mean girl” by re-drawing the district she lost to a Republican Manny Esteban. For a woman who liked to cry “sexism” and “racism,” she was indignant that a Hispanic could end her political career.

Spencer is facing years in prison, under felony criminal indictment for dealing drugs to prostitutes for sex - including to a woman who later died of a drug overdose. Spencer’s last act in office was an illegal vote.

The new, Republican-majority Legislature is appointing the Redistricting Commission, as required by law. The frenzied acts of the lame-duck Democrats to circumvent the law will likely prove to be a nullity - just a nasty waste of time.

Good riddance to the exiting Democrats. Their lawlessness should disqualify them from holding office again - for a very long time.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*The Leader* has received several unsigned letters to the editor. We will respect an author’s request for anonymity, but must have your name, address, and phone number. We want to hear from you and publish your opinions, so in the future, kindly include the above requested information.

### BRAZEN MAILBOX THIEF IN MASERATI

To the Editor,

A few of our neighbors saw someone in a black Maserati - the windows were dark and he had on a hoodie - steal the contents from out of their mailboxes.

He targeted those mailboxes with their flags up.

We live off of Bardwell and Cove in Halesite.

He stole the mail at 11AM. And then he was spotted again at 1:30 PM - Brazen !

Michele Mittleman  
Halesite

### TIME TO REGISTER FOR SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

To the Editor,

The Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay-East Norwich has remained a strong presence in the North Shore community for more than sixty years. The Club is open to youth of all ages from minis (children 3 years old and toilet trained to 5 years old, not yet in Kindergarten) through the twelfth grade. Members do not have to partic-

ipate in the After-School program to join many of the Clubs after school activities. 2022 kicks off a new year of membership at the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay-East Norwich. A full new year to participate in an array of activities and programs to entice a youth’s imagination.

This year, the Club is again offering an extra incentive on special membership packages, renewal rates, and sibling discounts.

The Club also provides opportunities for working parents of members by offering Before and After School Child Care Programs, as well as, full and half day camp options when schools are closed.

If you have never been a Club member before, now is the chance to join and become a part of the fun at the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay-East Norwich. Applications and more detailed information regarding membership are available at the Club’s website, [www.bgcoben.org](http://www.bgcoben.org), or may be picked up at the Club, located at One Pine Hollow Road, Oyster Bay. For more information, please contact the Boys & Girls Club at 516-922-9285, find us on Facebook or follow us on TikTok and Instagram @BGCOBEN!

Joanne Filippone Kuebler  
Community Liaison  
Boys & Girls Club OBEN

### PLANTING FIELDS 2022

To the Editor

A fresh start, a clean slate, a new beginning. This is the gift that 2022 brings each of us. There is no better time to make a commitment that will support an optimal life whether it be through cultivating friendships, prioritizing health, expanding knowledge and awareness, connecting with nature, and caring for the environment. Planting Fields is the place where you can do all these things, sometimes even all at once!

2022 has wonderful projects and programs in store for you. A spring 5K trail run, the return of our yoga series, three dynamic exhibitions, and ongoing improvements to the Olmsted-designed landscape. With four months to the official kick-off of Olmsted 200, on April 26, 2022, now is the time to learn about this rich yet little known history of Planting Fields.

With best wishes,  
Gina J. Wouters  
Executive Director  
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# Oyster Bay, Glen Cove to Appoint North Shore Water Board

By CHRIS O'NEILL

The saga of contention between New York American Water (NYAW) and the 124,000 Nassau County customers it serves has reached another milestone.

In an era when most consumers receive water from municipal water authorities, NYAW, founded 130 years ago, was a private water provider to 40 villages and hamlets in Nassau County, including Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Glen Head and the Brookvilles.

The bone of contention, however, has been NYAW's rates, which began rising significantly in 2018. NYAW more than doubled the amount previously paid by many of its customers - and thus significantly more than residents serviced by neighboring municipal authorities. A



household's water provider is determined by one's location - not by customer choice.

NYAW blamed the price increases on "special franchise taxes" that it paid as a private company and said that these taxes account for between 31 and 50 percent of a customer's monthly bill.

In previous reporting, however, The Leader noted that NYAW was in 2018 preparing for its sale and acquisition by Algonquin Power and Utilities, a subsidiary of the Canadian utility conglomerate Liberty Utilities. This sale took place in 2019.

Then New York State got involved, with both the Senate and the Assembly unanimously approving the North Shore Water Authority Act in June, 2021 to cre-

ate a municipal water authority to effect the public acquisition of NYAW. This bill was signed on Nov 3, 2021.

The Act will replace NYAW with a "North Shore Water Authority" for North Shore customers and a "South Shore Water Authority" for the Town of Hempstead customers.

The Act requires that the governing

boards of the Villages of Old Brookville, Sea Cliff, and Roslyn Harbor; the City of Glen Cove; and the Town of Oyster Bay appoint members to a six-member governing board for the North Shore Water Authority by February 1, 2022.

No North Shore Water Board board members have yet been appointed, but are expected in the next few weeks.

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JANUARY 14, 2021

Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 2PM at the Town of Oyster Bay Center Island Beach, Bayville and surrounding communities came together in a drive-by to celebrate an obviously very special persons' 50th birthday. Who is this person? Philip Baker, who was born in Bayville and has lived here all his life. More than 100 cars lined up on Bayville Ave. and West Harbor Drive following a big showing by the Bayville Fire Co. #1 and Locust Valley Fire Dept.

Sadly, Philip Baker passed away on April 2, 2021



JANUARY 27, 2021

Due to th pandemic of Covid 19 the City of Glen Cove held a virtual celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

The Glen Cove Fire and Police Departments, the Wilcox Family, and Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, all participated in this annual event.



MARCH 4, 2021

The Huntington St Patrick's Day Parade - Long Island's oldest and one of its largest St. Patrick's Day parades - a tradition in Huntington every year since 1934, has been cancelled. It will be replaced with a YouTube "virtual event" on March 14, 2021 at 2PM, and the parade will be re-run next year.

"Out an of an abundance of caution during the COVID pandemic, we have canceled our March 2021 parade," stated the Huntington Ancient Order of Hibernians.

"The parade will return next year, 2022,



MARCH 17, 2021

When Brian Wright, a Class of 2017 graduate of Locust Valley High School, heard about a Go Fund Me Page for his former athletic coach, whose four-year old son Owen, was diagnosed in December with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, (B-Cell ALL), a rare form of cancer, he wanted to do everything he could to help promote the page, and also to raise more funds for the family.

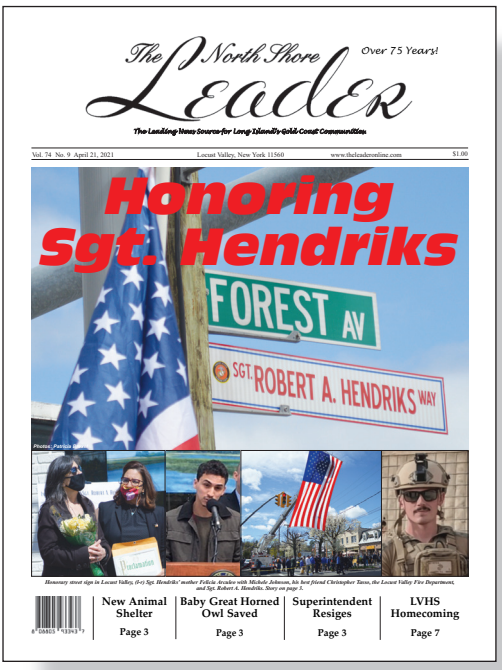


APRIL 7, 2021

For 32 years, Ladder 5211 has faithfully served the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department. Now the fire truck is off to Dublin, Ireland, for her next chapter of charitable and 9/11 memorial uses.

Prior to her send off, Ladder 5211 received a decal in the memory of 9/11 FDNY hero Terry Farrel. – a Dix Hills resident, who was one of the 343 FDNY members who perished responding to the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Ladder 5211 received a grand send off.



APRIL 21, 2021

The Locust Valley community came together for a street-renaming ceremony in honor of Sgt. Robert Hendricks who was killed on April 8th, 2019.

Robert Hendricks grew up in Locust Valley and was a 2012 graduate from the Locust Valley High School.

He joined the U.S. Marines' 2nd Battalion, 25th reserve infantry battalion. He was sent to Afghanistan in 2018, where he was the armored vehicle turret gunner.



2021 The Year in Review



APRIL 28, 2021

Supervisor Joseph Saladino, and Councilman Lou Imbroto of the Town of Oyster Bay were planting trees for Earth Day (April 22nd) and Arbor Day (April 30th).



JUNE 2, 2021

Multiple rallies attracting thousands of Long Islanders were held by parents to protest the continued masking of children at school. Masking of children is still being ordered by Governor Andrew Cuomo, despite a 97% vaccination rate among the most vulnerable, and Covid infections and deaths dropping to insignificant levels.



JULY 13, 2021

Saturday, June 26th marked the grand opening of the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum. A large crowd of people of all ages filled the railroad station. The renovated station that was built in 1889 and is the new home of the museum. It is filled with amazing artifacts, photos and beautiful display models.



AUGUST 4, 2021

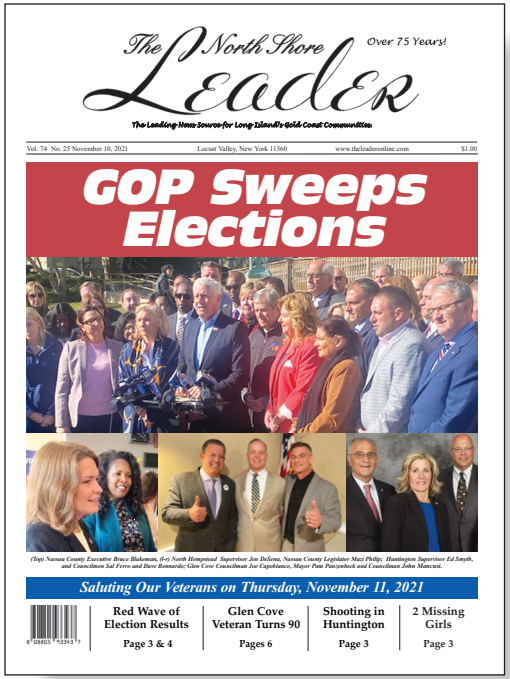
Tuesday, July 27th, the Glen Cove City Council honored Victoria Crosby at their meeting. She was given a citation for all her volunteer work that makes Glen Cove a great city to live in. Mayor Tim Tenke praised her for all her hard work.

Victoria is also Glen Cove's Poet Laureate, but Tuesday night she did not read one of her poems. She was treated to having poems read to her, about her.



OCTOBER 6, 2021

Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino and Councilmen Michele Johnson, and Lou Imbroto, seeded the Oyster Bay Harbor with oysters.



NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Republicans swept to huge victories across the North Shore: Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino won re-election with over 71%; Ed Smyth was elected Huntington Supervisor with 56%; Pam Panzenbeck was elected Glen Cove Mayor with 57%; and Jennifer DeSena became the first Republican Supervisor of North Hempstead in 35 years, winning with 54% of the vote.

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**CACCIALINO**, Anthony of Glen Cove, on December 25th, 2021 age 58. Beloved son of Nancy and the late Ettorino. Dear brother of Marsy. Proud uncle of Gianna. Also survived by many extended family members. Tony was a talented artist. He loved to cook and was an excellent chef who loved his family and friends. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery. Donations may be made to Diabetes.org [www.Dodgethomas.com](http://www.Dodgethomas.com)

**CRISCUOLA**, Dominick – on Dec. 22, 2021, age 94, of East Norwich. Beloved husband of the late Grace. Loving father of Patrick (Regina), Phyllis Ammirati (Ralph), Alfonse (Margaret), and Thomas. Cherished grandfather of nine. Proud great grandfather of ten. Dear brother of Rose and Grace Falke (Richard). Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment Calverton National Cemetery. [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)



**D'AMBROSIO**, Louis, passed on January 2, 2022, at the age of 76. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Joan (McMahon), affectionately known as “Erin.” Together they built a beautiful life around their children: Ann Marie (Joseph), Louis (Cynthia), and Michael. Lou’s grandchildren — Pamela, Melissa, and Louis Jr. — were the light of his life.

Lou was born on July 27, 1945, in Glen Cove, NY to Lena (Capobianco) and Attilio D'Ambrosio. One of seven children, Lou shared a special bond with his sisters and brothers: Marie (Carmine) Cocchiola, the late Philip (Barbara), Joseph (the late Florence), the late Concetta and Denis O'Regan, Frank (Anne), Ann (the late Jim) Cook. Lou was also fond of his in-laws Barbara and Frank Minicozzi, the late Patrick and Carol McMahon, Wendy and the late Bill Quinn, and the late Peter McCabe. He dearly loved all his nieces and nephews. A committed citizen, Lou coura-

geously served his country in Vietnam. His love for his country persisted throughout his life. Lou was also a dedicated member of his local community, serving as Glen Cove Little League President. He was known as an inspirational mentor who offered insight and encouragement to all. Throughout his life, Lou was a faithful member of the churches of St. Patrick and St. Rocco. It is there where he raised his children in the faith. Lou will be so dearly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him. He will forever be known as an honorable, humble, and charismatic man. Further information [www.whitting.com](http://www.whitting.com).

**HOOD**, Jeffrey Scott, 74, of Glen Head passed away peacefully on December 19, 2021, in his family home. Beloved Husband of Joy, Dog Dad to Lucky Duck, Father of Jason & Jessica (Robert), Grandfather of Robin (Luigi) & Keegan, Uncle of Rhett (Children; Marley and Samuel), Brother of Tom Stuart, Clark, Robin & the late Linda Lee. Son of the late Thomas R.C. & Pearl White Hood. Jeffrey, a proud Vietnam Veteran, was dedicated to his profession as a Master Plumber for forty-nine years. He was the happiest spending time with family and friends in Maine on the lake. [www.Whitting.com](http://www.Whitting.com)



**MC MANUS**, Marie Pardo - passed on December 21, 2021, at age 68, of Glenwood Landing. Beloved wife of William McManus. Loving mother of Marissa Da Silva (Victor), Ashleigh Moccia (Angelo), and Brian (Mimma). Cherished grandmother (nana) of Cristiano Joaquim, Nico William and the late Tyler Axel. Also survived by many loving relatives, brother and sister-in-law, nieces and nephews, cousins, and her many Cheerful Cherubs she took care of over the years. Interment at Queen of Peace Cemetery, Old Westbury. [www.Whitting.com](http://www.Whitting.com)

**NEWELL**, Enrichetta “Etta” of Glen Cove, on December 18, 2021 age 79. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Loving mother of Michele (Ron) & Christine (Larry). Dear sister of Tony (Maureen), Michael & Vicky (Dino). Cherished grandmother of Michael (Daryl), Christina (Ian), Michele (Michael), Marino (Agnes), Lea, Chris, Larry & the late baby Lawrence. Also survived by nieces & nephews. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. [www.Dodgethomas.com](http://www.Dodgethomas.com)

**SENECAL**, Charlie “Bob” of Bayville, NY on December 31st, 2021 age 82. Beloved husband of the late Joann. Loving father of Joy Sullivan (Jimmy) and the late Robby (MaryRose). Proud grandfather of Robby, Christopher, Seamus and Shannon. Also survived by many loving nieces,

nephews and cousins. Proud Navy Veteran and loyal member of the Bayville American Legion Robert H. Spittel Post. Interment Bayville Cemetery. Donations may be made to ALS Ride for Life [ALSRideForLife.org](http://ALSRideForLife.org). [www.Dodgethomas.com](http://www.Dodgethomas.com)

**VERBANAC**, Franko – on Dec. 28, 2021, age 82, of East Norwich. Beloved husband of Lilijana. Loving father of Valdi (Annette), Robert (Julianne), and Anthony (Angy). Cherished grandfather of Christian, Malin, Jimmi, Ava, Luka, and Christopher. Proud great grandfather of Bianca, and Ebbe. Dear brother of Milan and Marija. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Interment Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery. [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)

## St. Gertrude’s Christmas Pagent



The Angels



The Wisemen



The baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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St. Gertrudes' Christmas Pageant which was held December 22nd in the Parish Center and very much enjoyed by a large crowd. The true meaning of Christmas was very much present.



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Sat, January 8	3:33 am	9:57 am	3:57 pm	10:21 pm
Sun, January 9	4:55 am	10:56 am	4:55 pm	11:16 pm
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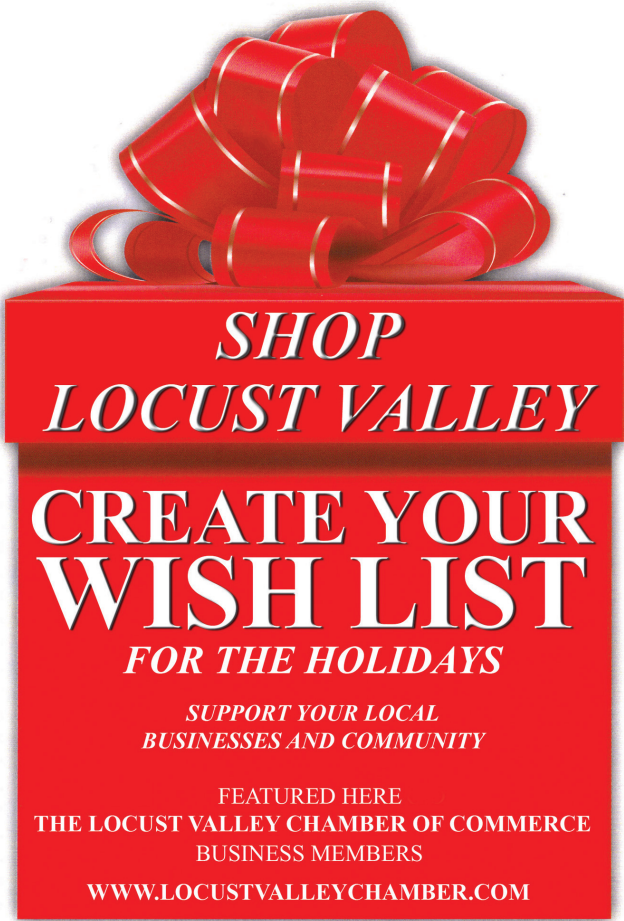
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