



## Police Reports

The Villa Park Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations.

Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Persons charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the privacy of victims.

Juveniles age 17 or younger are not named.

### Oct. 22

A complainant in the 500 block of N. Iowa reported that a subject battered them.

### Oct. 21

German P. Encarnacion, 23, of Villa Park, was charged with transportation or possession of open alcohol by a driver, two counts of DUI, failure to yield, no valid license and no insurance near N. Ardmore and E. St. Charles at 7:30 p.m.

A complainant in the 1100 block of S. Leslie reported the two rear tires on their vehicle were punctured.

### Oct. 20

A 24-year-old Villa Park woman was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 400 block of Ovaline at 12:45 a.m.

A complainant near E. Adele and N. Ellsworth reported they were battered by an unknown subject.

### Oct. 19

Dharon M. Golding, 33, of Plainfield, was charged with DUI, reckless driving, speeding 35 mph or more over the speed limit, two counts of squealing or screeching tires, disobeying a lane control signal, making an improper turn at an intersection and failure to signal when changing lanes in the 100

block of E. North at 1:56 a.m.

A victim in the 400 block of N. Douglas reported at 9:11 p.m. that they were battered by a subject.

### Oct. 18

A 43-year-old Franklin Park man was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 500 block of N. Yale at 3:31 a.m.

### Oct. 17

Shannon Terranova, 53, of Villa Park, was charged with theft on the above date for an alleged incident that occurred Sept. 20.

A complainant at a dealership in the 100 block of E. North reported a vehicle stolen.

A complainant in the 300 block of W. Division reported at 8:23 a.m. that a subject threatened them over the phone.

A complainant at a gas station in the 300 block of E. North reported their wallet stolen.

A complainant at a hotel in the 1-100 block of W. Roosevelt reported a subject was causing a disturbance. The subject was issued a no-trespass warning.

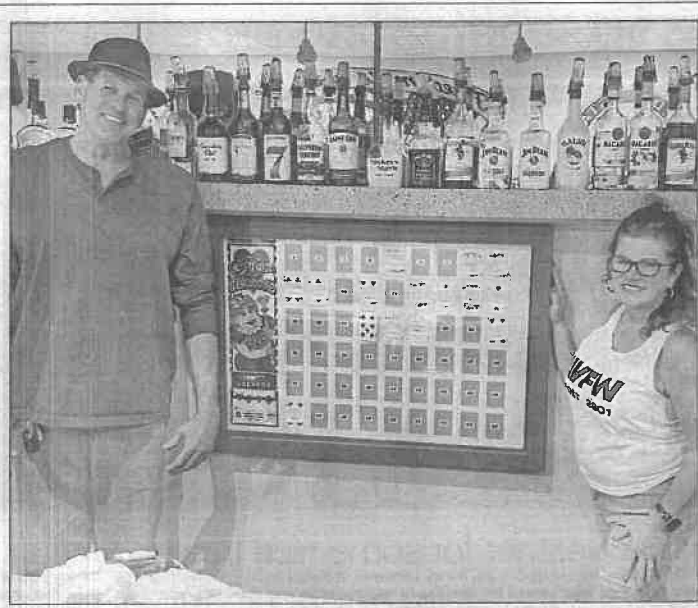
A complainant in the 500 block of N. Yale reported at 11:01 p.m. that a subject was at the complainant's home without their permission.

### Oct. 16

A complainant at the Metra depot in the 300 block of N. Ardmore reported at 6:49 a.m. that a subject battered them.

### Identity theft, fraud

According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, police reported four incidents of identity theft or fraud in the village between Oct. 16 and Oct. 22.



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## Quite a jackpot

The winner's share of Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2801's current Queen of Hearts contest is more than \$21,000. The contest's weekly ticket drawing takes place at 8 p.m. each Friday at the post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. Pictured left to right after the recent drawing of Oct. 25 are two members of the post's contest team—Michael Huston and Mary Agrusa. The Queen of Hearts is hiding behind one of the covered spaces on the contest board. A five-pack of contest tickets costs \$5. The ticket that is selected during each Friday's drawing includes a number on the contest board that has not been revealed. If the Queen of Hearts is behind that number, the ticket holder claims the winner's share of the jackpot. Tickets are on sale at the post during the week and up until a few minutes before each Friday's drawing. Contestants do not have to be present at the drawing.

## Obituary

### GERALD C. HUGHES, 96

Gerald C. Hughes, 96, loving husband of the late Diane J. Hughes (nee Hrdlicka) and father of eight, passed away on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024. A longtime resident of Villa Park and Elmhurst, he was a proud and active member of the St. Alexander Church parish, Villa Park, IL, since boyhood. He will be remembered for how much he loved and valued his family. He will also be remembered for his friendliness and willingness to talk to just about anyone. Gerald had a lifelong curiosity about a wide variety of topics. He was skilled at home repairs and took pride in the homes that he owned.

Gerald was born in Chicago and moved to Villa Park in 1936, where he lived most of his life. He graduated from York High School in Elmhurst in 1946. When the Korean War began, he proudly served in the US Navy. After service, Gerald began a 35-year career with IBM. He and his wife raised their family in Villa Park. Their children were the center of their lives.

As the family moved out, Gerald and Diane began traveling extensively in the US and internationally. Gerald continued to travel after Diane passed away, visiting more than 20 countries.

Over the years, Gerald was involved in many community organizations,

including St. Alexander Church, Boy Scout Troop 63, VFW Post 2801, the Villa Park Historical Society, the Villa Park Historical Preservation Commission, and the Knights of Columbus. He took on leadership roles in many of them and received acknowledgement of his service, including serving as the Grand Marshall of Villa Park's 2022 Fourth of July parade. Gerald also served as an election judge for many years.

Gerald was preceded in death by his wife Diane, daughter Maureen, and siblings Raymond, Sr. Janet, SND, Leonard, and Robert. He is survived by his sister Lenore and brother Michael. He is also survived by his children Mark, Audrey (Bill) Eufrazio, Laura (Tom) Edwards, Glenn (Lisa), Paul (Heidi), Kenneth, and Keith (Julie), as well as eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday Oct. 28, 10 a.m. until time of prayers at 11:45 from Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL, to St. Alexander Catholic Church, for 12:15 p.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Memorial gifts may be made to St. Alexander Church (stalaxanderparish.org) or the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (<https://www.sno-hio.org/support-the-sisters/index>).



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## Class of 1974 celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at Willowbrook High School

Members of the Willowbrook High School Class of 1974 recently gathered for their 50th reunion. Alumni toured the campus, and later joined together for dinner, dancing and Willowbrook High School trivia. Alumni came from across the country and from Ireland, Japan, and Sweden to reconnect. Class members are pictured by the "Rock."

# Warriors lock up playoff berth after routing I

Willowbrook will open post-season with this Friday's Class 7A game at Honone

The Willowbrook football team finished its regular season with Friday night's 44-6 West Suburban Gold Conference victory over Lynden in Northlake. The Warriors ended their regular season with five straight wins. Willowbrook moved to 13 overall and 5-1 in the conference with its win over the Eagles.

Downers Grove South won the West Suburban Gold Conference championship with a perfect 6-0 record. The Warriors finished alone second with their 5-1 conference mark, while Addison Trail placed third with its 4-2 record. Those three teams will all represent the conference in the IHSA post-season. Willowbrook and Addison Trail will compete in the Class 7A playoffs, while Downers Grove South will battle in the Class 8A level.

The Warriors will open the Class 7A playoffs with this Friday's game starting at 7:30 p.m. at Rockton's Hononegah High School. The Indians of Hononegah finished their regular season with an 8-1 record. One year ago, Hononegah beat Willowbrook 44-0 in a Class 7A second-round game.

The Warriors led Leyden 10-0 after one quarter and 30-0 at halftime Friday's game.

Willowbrook junior quarterback Jahontse Reed threw four touchdown passes in Friday's contest. Reed connected with senior Jordan Pate on three touchdown passes. Reed also scored a scoring pass to junior KJ Rhodes. Senior Aidan Kuehl and junior Anthony Leo provided one rush; touchdown each. Senior Dean Romano added a field-goal kick.



JOE PEA

Willowbrook's football team finished its regular season with Friday's 44-6 West Suburban Gold Conference win. Reed completed their regular season with five straight victories. Willowbrook went 8-3 overall and 5-1 in conference play, second to Downers Grove South in the conference standings. The Mustangs posted a perfect 6-0 conference record. Reed, who quarterback Jahontse Reed (No. 11 - above left) threw four touchdown passes in Friday's win over the Eagles, who overall and 2-4 in the conference. Senior Jordan Pate (No. 12) provided three touchdown receptions for the Warriors during his first touchdown reception of the game. Willowbrook senior KJ Rhodes added one touchdown catch in an IHSA post-season berth with their victory at Leyden. Willowbrook will open the Class 7A playoffs with this Friday's game at Rockton's Hononegah High School. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. The Indians of Hononegah finished their regular season with an 8-1 record. One year ago, Hononegah beat Willowbrook in the second round of the 2023 Class 7A playoffs.

## Warriors and Rams run at Lyons Township Regional

The Willowbrook and Glenbard East boys cross-country teams joined nine other full teams to participate in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Lyons Township Regional in Western Springs. Willowbrook finished fourth in the regional's team standings and advanced to this week's Hinsdale Central Sectional at Katherine Legge Memorial Park. The Rams ran to a seventh-place finish in the event and did not earn a team berth in the sectional. Two Glenbard East runners, however, did secure individual sectional berths. One photo from Saturday's regional shows Willowbrook senior Adriano Quintero (No. 695 - left), who delivered his team's fastest finish. Quintero completed the 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) race in a sixth-place time of 15 minutes, 57.93 seconds. Junior Miteku Branch (No. 689 - middle) of the Warriors finished in a 15<sup>th</sup>-place time of 16:29.83. Junior Mason Hephner (No. 621 - right) led the Rams at the regional by posting a 13<sup>th</sup>-place time of 16:21.06. Hephner and Glenbard East senior Gavin MacDonald (not pictured) also earned individual sectional berths. MacDonald finished the regional race in a 35<sup>th</sup>-place time of 17:17.71.



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# Rough first half costs Hononegah in opening round playoff loss to Willowbrook

WTVO Rockford

**Scott Leber**

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ROCKTON, Ill. (WTVO/WQRF) — The Hononegah Indians knocked Willowbrook out of the IHSA playoffs last year with a second-round 44-0 win. The Wildcats got some payback for that Friday night in Rockford. They defeated the Indians 40-21.

The NIC-10 champs fell behind Willowbrook 17-0 in the first quarter. They trailed 27-7 at halftime before playing a nearly even second half against the Wildcats.

Hononegah rarely turned the ball over during the regular season, but in this game the Indians had five turnovers on two fumbles and three interceptions. One of those interceptions was a pick-six by Otis Powell midway through the second quarter that made it a 24-0 ballgame.

The Indians got a spark right before halftime when quarterback Dominic Kelly ran around the backfield buying time, and then he heaved a deep pass that Samuel Hagg caught for a 64-yard touchdown.

Hononegah opened the third quarter scoring on an eight-yard touchdown run by Kurtis Smith that pulled the Indians within 27-13, but Willowbrook answered immediately with a touchdown drive that ended on a seven-yard touchdown pass from Jahonise Reed to Kenneth Rhodes. That was one of two touchdown passes by Reed.

Smith rushed for 118 yards on 18 carries for the Indians. He scored two touchdowns in all. Hononegah ends its season with a record of 9-1. For highlights, watch the media player above.