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## County Clerk sends election mailers to all registered voters

Nearly 50,000  
DuPage residents  
sign up for permanent  
vote-by-mail

DuPage County Clerk's Office election information mailers are arriving to more than 606,000 registered voters.

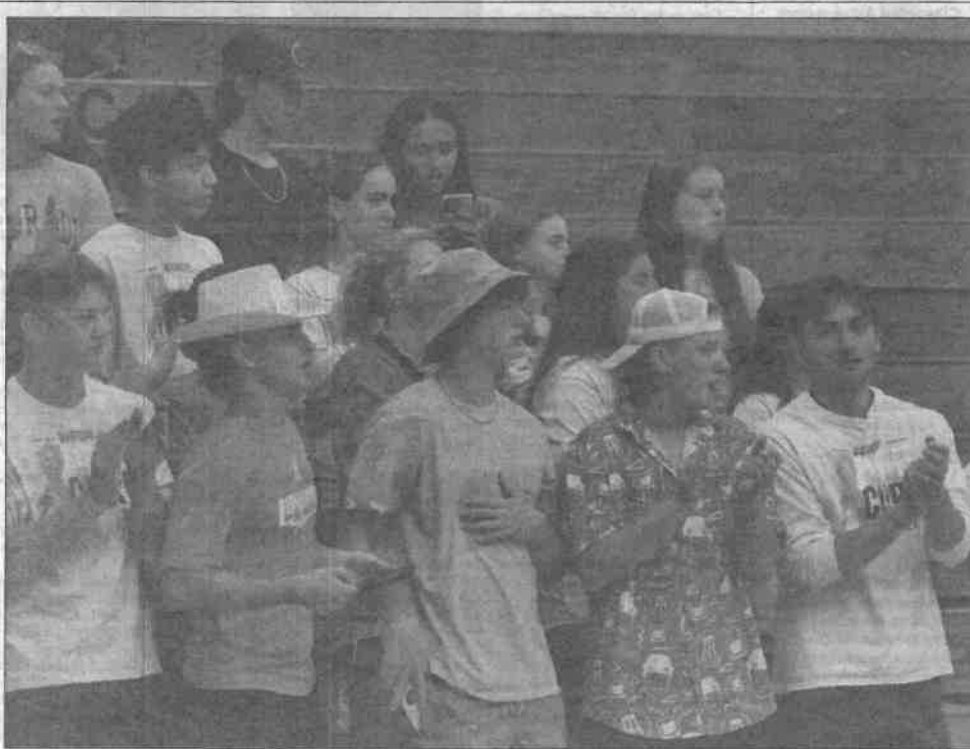
The mailer includes a permanent vote-by-mail application, polling place location and a reminder that voters may choose to cast a ballot anywhere on Election Day, Nov. 8, in DuPage County.

Some changes were made to Election Day polling places, but the clerk's office worked to minimize those changes for the convenience of voters. DuPage increased the number of Election Day polling places from 263 to 269.

DuPage is the first county in Illinois to launch the "Vote Anywhere" option for voters to cast a ballot in any one of its 269 polling places on instead of limiting the choice to a voter's precinct polling place or a single vote center.

"Now voters may cast their ballot conveniently at a polling place near their job or school, instead of rush-

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## Crowd turns out for 'Go Pink' event

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, fans like these gathered to watch the Willowbrook and Addison Trail girls volleyball teams go head-to-head at District 88's annual Go Pink or Go Home Initiative, which raises money for breast cancer awareness and research. Eleven survivors in attendance were introduced before the varsity game, and each was presented with a pink rose. The match brought in \$1,524 to benefit the American Cancer Society. This year's game was hosted at Willowbrook, and the Warriors took home the win (25-13 and 25-14).

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# Lea Staller honored as '88's Best' for August

Lea Staller has been named as Addison Trail's August recipient of 88's Best recognition for her outstanding academic accomplishments. A senior, Staller was recognized during the Aug. 29 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Throughout her four years at Addison Trail, Staller has proven to be a tremendous role model for her peers and has spent her high school career balancing it all with a positive attitude and a contagious Blazer spirit that has had a lasting impact on her teachers and classmates.

**Academic and extracurricular achievements:**  
 Ranked at the top of her class  
 Outstanding Freshman in Choir  
 Outstanding Junior in Choir  
 Attended Science & Arts Academy, a private school in Des Plaines

**Involvement at Addison Trail:**  
 National Honor Society (NHS)  
 Theatre  
 Tri-M (Modern Music Masters)  
 Honor Society Board Member  
 Shades of Blue (vocal jazz ensemble)

**Community involvement:**  
 Performed in a series called "Act of Faith," a mockumentary-style comedy about a group of employees in the administrative office of a religious youth theatre organization.

**Future plans:**  
 Lea Staller plans to attend college and earn her master's degree in aerospace engineering. She also plans to continue studying theatre and music



**Submitted Photo: Rock Valley Publishing**  
 Pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Jack Andrews is Lea Staller who has been named as Addison Trail's August recipient of 88's Best recognition for her outstanding academic accomplishments.

Every line is purposeful, each element is symbolic. With more recent pieces, she includes elements of the collage, mingling worldly bits of paper with spiritual subjects to create another point of connection for the viewer.

As she works, she is softly anchored in ritual repetition as hours pass and her details emerge.

"My work is a visual chant, and borrows from the insights of mystics through the ages," Bury Shaw said.

Her artistic process includes poetry that comes to her while she is working at her art table. In both her art and her poetry, Bury Shaw hones in on the common ground of human

experience with her subject matter, celebrating all that is spirit within each of us.

In this solo exhibit, for the first time, Bury Shaw's art and poetry are both being featured. She chose to name the exhibit "Line by Line" because that is how both the art and the poetry unfold. Whether in the drawing of a concept, or in composing just the right words to convey a thought, she welcomes the flow of one line following the next as it slowly comes into being. It's like breathing, the intake, the exhale, the putting down one thought, and the pause before the next follows. Line by line, her work emerges. And it gives her great joy to

lute joy to have in class."  
 —Kira Bonk, ATHS science teacher

"Staller has distinguished herself as a mature and responsible student, who sets high academic and personal goals for herself. When faced with challenges, Staller always confronts them with maturity and optimism. She persevered during the most difficult time — remote learning. She was always engaged and worked hard to do her best. She has not only proven herself to be a self-motivated student, but also a contributing member in our school community. I am certain she will be a tremendous asset in all of her future pursuits."  
 —Kathleen McCollaugh, ATHS world language teacher

"Staller was a positive addition to Honors Biology her freshman year. She never hesitated to put forth her best effort, even when she wasn't entirely sure of herself. Her hardworking attitude was evident in her academics, as well as in her extracurricular activities. Though highly involved in theatre, she always kept up with her academic work."  
 —Aileen Sullivan, ATHS science teacher

District 88 values the hard work and achievements of students and wants to make sure students are honored and recognized for their accomplishments. Recipients selected for the award in one of the following areas: academics, highly-improved performance, extracurricular activities, service work or performing arts/electives. The awardee receives an 88's Best glass sculpture and a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

# ACA exhibits the art and poetry of Dorothy Bury Shaw

Take a spiritual journey for Arts DuPage Month through the art and poetry of Downers Grove resident, Dorothy Bury Shaw, at the Addison Center for the Arts starting Saturday, Oct. 8. All are welcome to enjoy the exhibit, "Line by Line," starting with the artist reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on that day. During the reception, the artist will recite some of the poems that are displayed along with the other-worldly art works that inspired them.

Dorothy Bury Shaw achieves a rich, ethereal quality by rendering her subjects with intricate layers of ink, watercolor and colored pencil on rag paper.

## • Voters

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 ing to or from their home precinct," Kaczmarek said. "Best of all, DuPage voters will no longer be turned away on Election Day for being in the wrong polling place in the county."

The permanent vote-by-mail application allows voters to receive a mail-in ballot for every election. Until now, voters preferring mail-in ballots had to apply one election at a time. 2022 is the first year permanent Vote-By-Mail is available in Illinois, after the Illinois General Assembly passed it into law last year. So far, nearly 50,000 voters have

already signed up for permanent vote-by-mail in DuPage County.

"Permanent vote-by-mail increases voting choices. Nothing else is taken away," Kaczmarek said. "Voters may still vote in person on Election Day or during early voting. Also, voters may continue to choose a one-time-only mail ballot."

DuPage voters preferring to sign up for permanent vote-by-mail or a single one-time-only mail ballot are urged to do so on the County Clerk's elections website: <https://www.dupagecounty.gov/Election/VoteByMail/>

This mailer also serves as a voter verification. State and federal laws require election authorities to complete regular voter registration verifications to keep the database current by eliminating voters who have passed away or moved.

If a mailer is delivered to an individual who no longer lives at the address, residents are encouraged to mark "RETURN TO SENDER" or "DECEASED" on the mailer and drop it back in the mail. No additional postage is required. If a forwarding address is known for the individual who has moved, please

share it all with you.

Dorothy Bury Shaw is the author of "Love Without Distance - A Heartscape of Art and Verse." The book features some of her art and poetry. You can learn more about Dorothy Bury Shaw at [www.douryshaw.com](http://www.douryshaw.com).

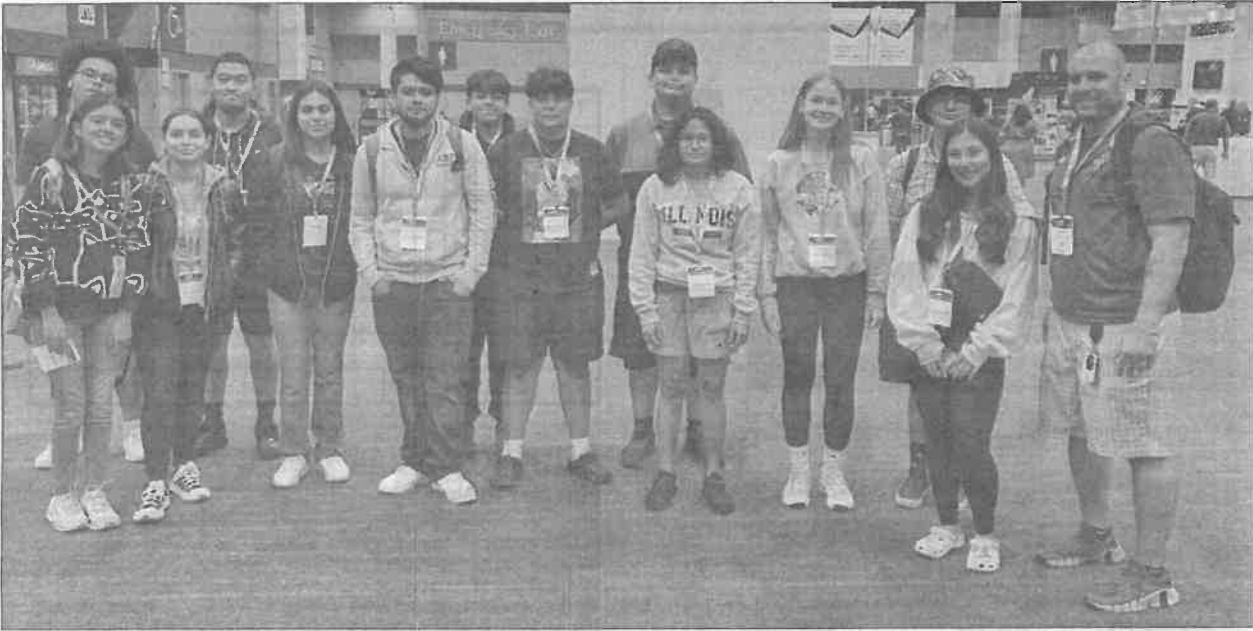
"Line by Line" continues through Saturday, Nov. 5.

Admission to the Addison Center for the Arts is always free. The gallery is annexed to Addison Trail High School at 213 N. Lombard Road, Door #4, Addison. Hours are Wednesday - Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 630-458-4500.

include the new address on the mailer.

"I urge voters to look at the mailer and verify that the information is correct," Kaczmarek added. "I am also requesting assistance from the public to please notify our office of voters in a household who have moved or are deceased."

Sept. 29 is the first day of early voting at the DuPage Fairgrounds. Starting Oct. 24, 22 early voting sites will open—four more than 2020 and double the number from 2018. Nov. 8 is Election Day with 269 polling places.



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Addison Trail students attended the Smartforce Student Summit during the International Manufacturing Technology Show held at McCormick Place in downtown Chicago. The group attended the event on Tuesday, Sept. 13 to learn about manufacturing technology and its direction for the future.

# D88 CTE students attend Smartforce Summit

## Part of International Manufacturing Technology Show at McCormick Place

On Tuesday, Sept. 13 and Thursday, Sept. 15, more than 60 students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at the Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools attended the Smartforce Student Summit during the International Manufacturing Technology Show at McCormick Place in downtown Chicago.

Participants had the opportunity to experience interactive and engaging exhibits from leading manufacturers demonstrating breakthrough technologies such as artificial intelligence, augmented reality, virtual reality, generative design, digital twin and more. The students explored the latest Industry 4.0 digital technologies driving manufacturing today and were able to connect directly with job opportunities in manufacturing technology.

District 88 is committed to providing multiple and flexible pathways for students to ensure they are college and career ready, and the district continues to partner with colleges/universities and local businesses to expand these opportunities for students. Having pupils attend the Smartforce Student Summit is one way to achieve this goal.

District 88 invites companies to collaborate with the district and support students through the following venues:

1. Offer a career and college integrated pathway.
2. Offer exploratory career experiences in manufacturing and information technology.
3. Serve as a mentor to an individual student.
4. Become a vocational site for the District 88 Transition Program, which helps individuals ages 18 to 21 who have a variety of abilities learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and transition to a life of independence after District 88.



Addison Trail seniors Caitlin Muhr (left) and Eva De La Rosa check out one of the exhibits on display at the Smartforce Student Summit during the International Manufacturing Technology Show in Chicago. There were many products from leading manufacturers demonstrating breakthrough technologies such as artificial intelligence, augmented reality, virtual reality, generative design, digital twin and more.

# Downers South beats Willowbrook for first time since 2015

By JOHN GALLIONE  
Shaw Local News Network

**DOWNERS GROVE** - In a clash of West Suburban Gold foes, it was a late-game push that gave Downers Grove South the edge in beating Willowbrook 28-13 for the first time in seven years.

The Mustangs handed the Warriors their first loss in the Gold since 2016 and snapped Willowbrook's 29-game Gold winning streak.

Downers Grove South (1-3, 1-0) appeared to be on the ropes late in the second quarter. Willowbrook had the ball on a second-and-goal from the 4-yard line after a costly turnover. But Mustangs junior safety William Potter recovered well on play-action and intercepted a Joey Tumilty pass for a touchback to preserve a one-point lead.

After the game, Potter was awarded the Mustangs' MVP belt.

"I saw their quarterback pull it, then look to my left and saw their guy leak through," Potter said. "I went and jumped it. We work on that all the time in practice."

After the halftime break, the Mustangs ran the ball well, gaining chunk plays on the ground. Downers Grove South coach Mark Molinari said getting back to running the ball was the catalyst for the victory.

"The first two drives we ran the ball really well," Molinari said. "We kind of got away from that in the second quarter, trying to throw a little bit and we didn't make good decisions with the ball. We know they play a lot of guys two ways and they had some injuries. We said if we wanna win it, we have to go out and pound it."

Willowbrook (1-3, 0-1) ran an offense every bit as creative as it was explosive. Using formations not often seen, such as the William & Mary spread and the swinging gate, Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth was able to get the ball in space to offensive Swiss Army knife Joey Tumilty.

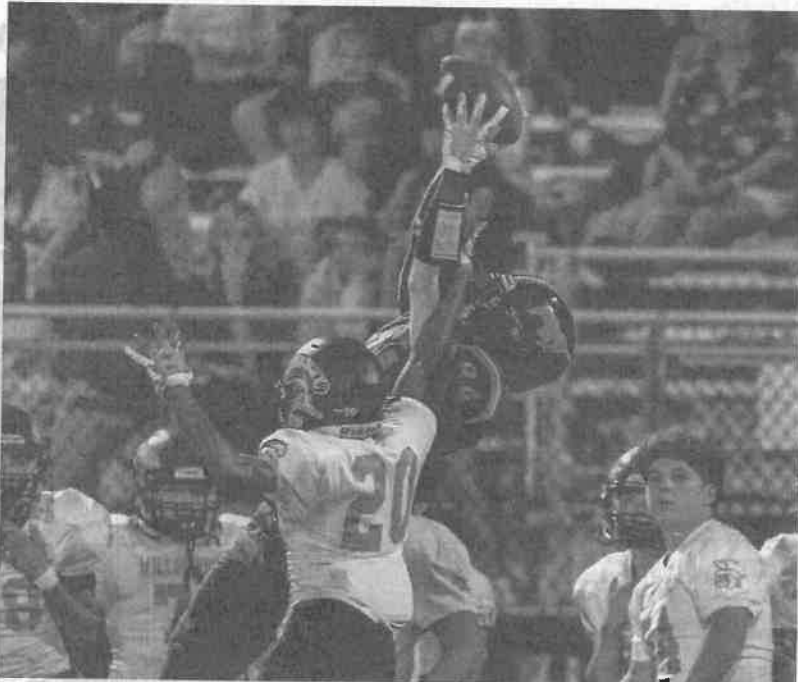
Hildreth said some of it was out of necessity.

"Our starting quarterback was out," Hildreth said. "We had to put some other things in to give ourselves the best opportunity to win. We wanted to get the ball in our athletes' hands in space. I think guys had opportunities in spots as some injuries started to mount there. We didn't capitalize on things like at the end of the first half, field goal, a big third and long and turnovers."

For Downers Grove South, this was the first time the Mustangs had beaten Willowbrook since 2015. With the conference now wide open, Molinari said he isn't looking too far ahead after his team's first win of the season.

"They came out in a polecat offense and were doing some different things," Molinari said. "They caught us a couple of times early. Coach [Dan] Bielawski, our defensive coordinator, did a great job to keep things in front of us and to corral [Tumilty]. ... They've been the king of the conference for a while and we've been in second place. We haven't won anything yet, but this puts us in a spot where we control our own destiny."

Downers Grove South will play Friday at Proviso East. Willowbrook will host Lyden on Friday. Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. kick-off.



Photos by Gary E. Duncan Sr. for Shaw Local News Network

**ABOVE:** Downers Grove South's Brandon Amaniampong leaps high for a reception against Willowbrook on Sept. 16.

**BELOW:** Willowbrook's Joey Tumilty takes off running against Downers Grove South.

