

News Briefs

Two H-F seniors named National Merit finalists



David Gibek CarterLangston

David Gibek and Carter Langston, seniors at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, have been notified they are National Merit Finalists. They are in the top 1% of high school seniors selected for the honor based on their 2020 PSAT/NMSQT exam taken as juniors. Judging was based on their academic record, activities at school and in the community, their leadership abilities and honors and awards they've received. They are now eligible for college scholarships.

Gibek is the son of Dominik and Grazyna Gibek, and Langston is the son of Winston Langston II and Leah Langston.

Food drive March 12 at St. Joe's

Volunteers will be collecting food for the quarterly food drive for the South Suburban Food Pantry sponsored by Catholic Charities from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. Donors will pull into the parking lot of St. Joseph Church, 17951 Dixie Highway in Homewood. This is a "pop-the-trunk" drive that will not require any direct contact with volunteers.

Volunteers appointed to Homewood committees

The Homewood village board approved residents' appointments to four committees at its Feb. 8 board meeting.

Christopher Cummings to the Fire Pension Board for a three-year term; Gregory Knoll to the Police Pension Board for a two-year term; Charlene Dyer and Larry Garth to the Veteran's Committee for a three-year terms.

Man arrested for stealing cop car

Homewood police reported a patrol car was stolen at about 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 24. As police responded to an unrelated call in the 2000 block of Ridge Road, the patrol car was left unattended. Police said it was then stolen by 40-year-old Karl Williams of Cicero, Illinois.

With assistance from multiple other agencies, Homewood police found Williams with the vehicle in Chicago Heights. He was taken into custody without incident and charged with one felony count of possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Discovery Preschool open house March 10

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's Discovery Preschool will hold an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, at the Irwin Community Center, 18120 Highland Ave. in Homewood. The preschool has morning and afternoon sessions meeting at the Irwin Center. Classes are designed for children ages 2, 3 and 4. Preschool teachers focus on learning through play, games, crafts and physical activity.

For additional information, contact Devin Frendreis at 708-957-7275.

D153 sets its 2022-23 school year calendar

The 2022-23 school year opens Wednesday, Aug. 24, for students in Homewood District 153. The first trimester ends Nov. 18. Students will have an early dismissal day on Thursday, Dec. 22, and no school on Dec. 23 to start winter break which runs until Jan. 9. The second trimester ends March 3. The week-long spring break begins Monday, April 3. The last day of school is Friday, June 2.

Two teens arrested on carjacking charges

Two teens were arrested Feb. 8 after they allegedly hijacked a car in Homewood around 10:20 a.m., police said.

Homewood police allege a 16-year-old male got into the driver's seat of a running car in a lot in the 17500 block of Dixie Highway. Police said he pointed a gun at a female passenger and told her to get out of the car, which she did.

The carjacker drove away, and Homewood officers reported seeing the car fleeing the area. With assistance from Illinois State Police, the car was stopped near I-88 and I-294.

Police took two 16-year-old juveniles into custody.

One juvenile was charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking, possession of a stolen vehicle and aggravated fleeing and eluding a police officer.

The other juvenile was charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking, unlawful use of a weapon and possession of a stolen vehicle.

**You still have time to register
for spring classes at PSC!**

Second eight-week classes start, March 21.

**Open registration for summer begins March 18.
Summer classes begin May 31.**



For more information on how to enroll and register for classes, visit prairiestate.edu/start or scan the QR code for quick access!



Prairie State College

Start Near. Go Far.



Hiring for our 2022 Season!
Starting Mid March/April

Banquet Assistant
Banquet Server
Banquet Busser
Cook
Dishwasher
F&B Bartender
F&B Server
Beverage Cart

Contact 708.798.5600 for more information, stop on by to fill out an application or download our application at ravistoeweddings.com/apply