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*From the Sports Desk with John English*

## ***Basketball: Bears Finish District Play Undefeated; Lady Bears to Face Colleyville Heritage in Third Round of Playoffs***

The Brewer boy's basketball team wrapped up the regular season last week with a 61-20 victory over Wichita Falls Rider to finish with an undefeated 12-0 record in district competition.

Coach Jason Porostovsky said that victory against Rider was special for a couple of reasons.

"It was senior night which is always a fun night," Porostovsky said. "We came out with a lot of energy and controlled the game from start to finish winning 61-20. Every kid got to play this night which is always enjoyable to see."

Porostovsky said he had several good performances in the game against Rider.

"Senior Carron Gibson had 14 points with a spectacular series of a dunk followed by a steal for an amazing 3," Porostovsky said. "The rest of the points were spread evenly amongst the team. Senior night is special because we get to honor the dedication of our seniors to the program. Cade Collins, Davion Martin, Javier Espino, and Carron Gibson are our 4 seniors."

Brewer wrapped up the regular season with a 29-3 overall record and ranked No.

11 in the state.

Porostovsky did not comment on this thoughts on the regular season, but did say they were ready for the post-season.

"We are extremely excited about the third season, and we are ready to get it started this Tuesday," Porostovsky said last Saturday.

On the girl's side, Brewer won it's bi-district and area round playoff games last week to reach the regional quarterfinals.

The Lady Bears opened things up with a 74-11 victory over Fort Worth Northside in the bi-district round and followed that up with a 52-39 win against Midlothian Heritage at area.

Brewer played Colleyville Heritage in the third round on Tuesday after the paper had already gone to press.

*From the City of White Settlement*

## ***One Stop Recycle Drop Event Saturday***

The City of White Settlement will host the Fort Worth Crud Cruiser on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Municipal Complex Parking lot.

The Crud Cruiser stops by one time a year to collect the city's Household Hazardous Waste. Along with the Crud Cruiser, we will have Electronic Recycling and Paper (continued on page 2)

*From the City of White Settlement*

## **Special Election to Fill Vacancy**

The filing period is going on now for a special election to fill the unexpired term of Mayor. The Special Election to Fill a Vacancy will be held on May 6, 2023.

For candidacy filing purposes, the location of the main administrative office for the Special Election is:

City of White Settlement City Hall  
Office of the City Secretary  
214 Meadow Park Drive  
White Settlement, TX 76108

The White Settlement Public Library, located at 8215 White Settlement Road, White Settlement, Texas 76108, will serve as an Early Voting and Election Day vote center.

### **Candidate Filing Dates and Fees**

Filing dates for Application for Place on Ballot are now through March 6, 2023.

*The City Secretary Office is not required to be open on weekends for the purpose of candidate filings.*

There is a \$50 filing fee for candidates filing for Mayor.

A candidate may also file a petition in lieu of a filing fee.

For questions or more information, check the [City of White Settlement website](http://City of White Settlement website).

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From the City of White Settlement

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The Keep White Settlement Beautiful Art Contest opened registration Jan. 1. Artists of all ages may submit their Waterways litter prevention/Earth friendly artwork to the Recreation Center, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All entries must be submitted by March 3.

Artists will be judged by age groups on creativity and theme. All winners and runners-up will be showcased on the City's website and the contest will culminate with an art exhibit on March 11 at the Pecan

Grove Convention Center.

All entries will be displayed at the art exhibit and winners will be announced at the event.

There will be raffles and prizes, story-time, crafts and guests from the North Chapter Native Plant Society and more. For more details on the format, size, and materials of the art pieces and to register [visit the website](#).

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We didn't get to make our fidget necklaces last month due to the weather, so we'll be making them this month instead, on Monday, Feb. 27.

This is a free event and all materials are provided.

Signing up is encouraged to ensure we have enough materials - teens can [sign up online](#).

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From the City of White Settlement

## Community Clean Up this Weekend

Cleaning out the garage, shed, or house and need a place to take the items? Did you miss the last bulk pickup?

We will have dumpsters available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday Feb. 25 and 26 for White Settlement residents only. A copy of the most recent water bill is required for participation.

The dumpsters will be located at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot (corner of E. Melrose and Meadow Park).

We cannot accept hazardous materials, electronics, or tires.

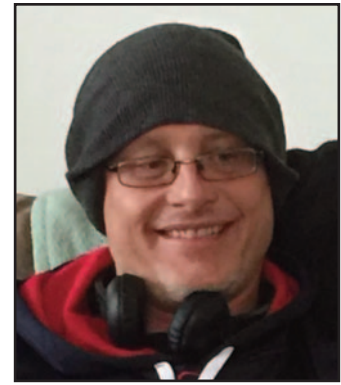
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## Obituary



**Stephen Eric Christian**

Stephen Eric Christian, Jr., 50, departed this life on Jan. 7, 2023.

Stephen was born on Sept. 2, 1972 at Carswell Air Force Base Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. He grew up in White Settlement and attended school through 10th grade at Brewer High School. He resided in Albuquerque, New Mexico most of his adult life and was living there at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Eric Christian and his mother, Angela Mae Perry Christian Thomas.

A private family gathering to celebrate Stephen's life was held on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023.

From the City of White Settlement

## White Settlement Public Library Now Open Saturdays

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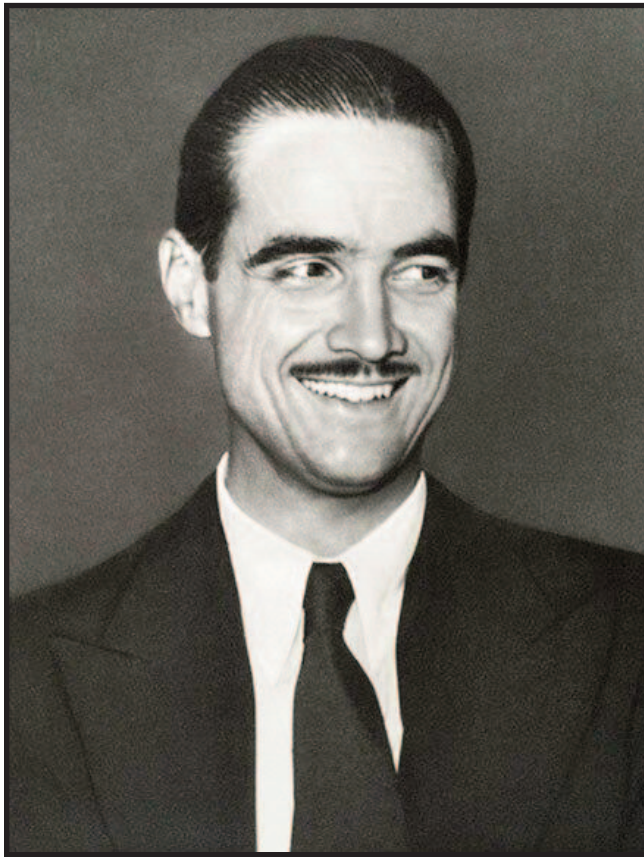
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# Business Magnate, Pilot, Engineer and Film Producer - Howard Hughes by Dr. Ken Bridges

**Howard Hughes** was a man who once commanded the world's attention, sometimes for all the wrong reasons. His story is one of wealth, power, fame, and the dangers of obsession.

Howard Robard Hughes, Jr., was born in Houston on Christmas Eve, 1905. His father, Howard R. Hughes, Sr., was a wealthy inventor and businessman. The younger Hughes likewise was fascinated by science and machinery.



By 1917, he was one of only a handful of licensed ham radio operators in Southeast Texas. He later built the first motorcycle in Houston by himself. In spite of his privileged upbringing, he faced two heart-breaking tragedies in rapid succession: his mother died in 1922, followed by his father's death in 1924.

After inheriting his father's fortune and the Hughes Tool Company, he proved very skilled at running the family business and wanted to expand. Fascinated by movies, he headed west to become a movie producer. In 1927, he began production of *Hell's Angels*, an action film taking place in World War I which included recreations of aerial dog-fights with dozens of aircraft. He learned to fly while he directed the movie, which at \$3.8 million (\$64.9 million in 2023 dollars) was the most expensive ever made up to that time.

In 1932, he founded Hughes Aircraft. Hughes himself set a speed record of 352 MPH in 1935 in his H-1 aircraft. He followed this up in 1938 with a record round-the-world flight of 91 hours. In 1939, he bought TWA Airlines for \$7 million (more than \$149 million in 2023 dollars). He continued to develop a variety of new airplanes. In World War II, Hughes Aircraft built several different types of planes for the military, many of whom Hughes himself helped design.

Though generous to friends and employees and globally famous, he became known for his obsessive attention to the smallest detail. With his aircraft designs, perfection was a necessity, often insisting on redesigns that delayed completion of projects for months. While this drive helped him become successful in movies and aviation, it steadily unraveled his personal life. For example, he would only drink orange juice he saw freshly squeezed himself or arranged peas by size. Relationships with his many girlfriends broke down quickly. In 1947, he suffered a mental breakdown, locking himself inside his personal movie theater for four months before coming out.

In 1953, he established the Howard Hughes Medical Institute

through profits from Hughes Aircraft. It would continue long after his death and eventually become the largest private research institution in the nation, spending hundreds of millions of dollars each year to research all areas of health care and medical sciences, especially genetics and cancer research.

He spent many years fighting federal regulators over his ownership of TWA and Hughes Aircraft. The federal government forced him to sell the airline in 1966 for nearly \$550 million (or \$5.1 billion in 2023 dollars). He spent the last decade of his life living in a series of hotels, having his aides run his companies by telephone and memo and avoiding any kind of public appearance. Wild rumors about his condition circulated. When he died in 1976, the once dashing figure was unrecognizable, reduced to 90 pounds with long, wiry hair and an unkempt beard.

Control of Hughes Aircraft was transferred to the medical institute as a source of funding until it was sold to General Motors in 1985 for \$5.2 billion (or \$14.7 billion in 2023 dollars). TWA did not survive, ultimately declaring bankruptcy and closing in 2001.

After his death, many books and movies about him appeared. Texas native Tommy Lee Jones portrayed Hughes in a 1977 TV movie called *The Amazing Howard Hughes*, while Jason Robards starred as Hughes in an off-beat story about one of his alleged wills making a Nevada gas station attendant a multi-millionaire in *Melvin and Howard* (1980). Leonardo DiCaprio starred in the 2004 film, *The Aviator*, which captured the early life and early mental breakdowns of Hughes.

Authors and filmmakers alike tried to unravel the complicated life of a man who had every creature comfort he ever wanted but spent so many years haunted by inner turmoil. The ultimate answers to those questions died with Hughes.

In the end, no matter how much Howard Hughes tried to ignore the world, the world could not ignore him.





# High School Seniors Impacted by Alzheimer's Encouraged to Apply for AFA's Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship By March 1

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is offering scholarships of up to \$5,000 to college-bound high school seniors affected by Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related illnesses as part of its annual Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship.

Entries can be submitted at [www.alzfdn.org/scholarship](http://www.alzfdn.org/scholarship) and must be received by Wednesday, March 1 at 5 p.m. (Eastern time)

Eligible teens are invited to apply for the scholarship by submitting an essay (1,500 words maximum) or submitting a video, no more than four minutes long, describing how Alzheimer's disease has impacted their lives and what they have learned about themselves, their family and/or their community through their experience with Alzheimer's.

Examples of ways that Alzheimer's impacted a student's life can include:

- Having a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness
- Helping care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness
- Volunteering or working in a care setting that serves individuals with dementia
- Raising Alzheimer's awareness in their school or community
- Conducting Alzheimer's research

The program is open to current high school seniors living in the United States who will be attending a U.S. college or university this Fall. Students already attending college are not eligible to participate.

The top prize awarded is a \$5,000 scholarship. Additional prizes are awarded for runners up and honorable mentions. Last year, AFA awarded \$90,000 in scholarships to 117 high school students.

AFA has been able to provide these scholarship funds with the generous support of charitable donors. Individuals wishing to support this and other programs and services for families affected by Alzheimer's disease can do so by visiting [www.alzfdn.org/donate](http://www.alzfdn.org/donate) or calling AFA at 866-232-8484.

### About Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA)

*The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide support, services and education to individuals, families and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease*

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## Three Day Weekend Forecast



### Friday, Feb. 24:

**AM** - A 30% chance of showers. Cloudy; high near 55. NE wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.  
**PM** - A 30% chance of showers. Cloudy; low around 47. N/NE wind 5-10mph.



### Saturday, Feb. 25:

**AM** - A 20% chance of showers. Cloudy; high near 67. NE wind 5-10mph becoming S/SE in the afternoon.  
**PM** - Mostly cloudy; low around 58.



### Sunday, Feb. 26:

**AM** - A 30% chance of showers. Cloudy; high near 77.  
**PM** - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 54.

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