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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry High School Softball Opens 2023 Season

son on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. They also break the game open in the third inning. christened their recently remodeled softball field at the Castleberry Camp Carter double, and two singles, Crowley scored 3 Athletic Complex.

fields were renovated over this past fall. The new makeover included replacing the changes included the addition of press boxes at both fields, new team warm up areas adjacent to the fields, as well as new sidewalks and bleachers. The updated facility certainly blends well with the other top notch athletic facilities in the district.

not last long into the game itself.

The Lady Lions hosted the Lady Eagles from Crowley. Castleberry hung tough and kept it close through two innings. But Crowley broke out the bats in a big way beginning in the third inning.

Over the next three innings they scored 12 runs to deliver a 13-1 loss to the Lady into an inside the park home run. Lions.

Crowley broke out on top when they Crowley leading 8-1. scored on a CHS error and took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The Lady Lions went down quietly, three up, three down, in the bottom of the opening inning.

runs. In the bottom of the third, the Lady Both the CHS baseball and softball Lions again were retired three up, three the Lady Eagles over our Lady Lions. down. Score was now 4-0.

The fourth inning began rather well for another tournament Feb. 23-25 natural grass with artificial turf. Other the Lady Lions. CHS starting pitcher Reinah Gonzalez (#6) retired two of the first three batters she faced.

With two outs and a runner on first things were about to change. The next batter singled and was followed by a double, which scored two runs. A walk, followed Unfortunately, the joyful occasion did by another double scored two more runs. Crowley now led 8-0.

> The Lady Lions did get one run back in the bottom of the inning. First baseman Event April 1 Maddie Michaels (#9) smacked a hard single into right field which then got past the Lady Eagle defender. Michaels then stretched that error and poor relay throws

The teams entered the fifth inning with lect household hazardous waste.

three CHS errors in the top of the fifth unlabeled, please label contents clearly; inning. Those errors, combined with two place leaking containers in a second conwalks, three singles and a double resulted tainer of like material (glass for corrosives, Neither team scored in the second in five more runs for the Lady Eagles. metal for flamma- (continued on page 3)

The Lady Lions opened their 2023 sea- inning. The Lady Eagles then began to CHS did get a couple of singles in the bottom of the fifth, by M.Giron (#3) and I. With the aid of a CHS error, a triple, a Zuniga (#8). However, they were left stranded on first and second base.

The final score was a 13-1 victory for

The Lady Lions will participate in Mansfield.

Go Lady Lions!

From the City of River Oaks

Fort Worth Crud Cruiser Hazardous Waste Collection

The Fort Worth Crud Cruiser is scheduled to be at the City Hall Parking Lot located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. on Saturday, April 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. to col-

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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.



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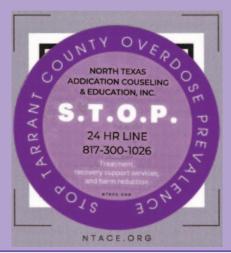
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High School Seniors Impacted by Alzheimer's Encouraged to Apply for AFA's Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship By March 1

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is offering es as part of its annual Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness by Scholarship.

Entries can be submitted at www.alzfdn.org/scholarship and must be received by Wednesday, March 1 at 5 p.m. (Eastern time) About Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA)

Eligible teens are invited to apply for the scholarship by subexperience with Alzheimer's.

can include:

- dementia-related illness
- er 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.

REMEMBER

Watch out for students loading and unloading from school busses. It is illegal to pass a school bus actively loading or unloading passengers. Passing on either side of the school bus can lead to a fine anywhere from \$500 to \$1250 or more



AFA has been able to provide these scholarship funds with the scholarships of up to \$5,000 to college-bound high school seniors generous support of charitable donors. Individuals wishing to affected by Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related illness- support this and other programs and services for families affected Alzheimer's disease can do by visiting www.alzfdn.org/donate or calling AFA at 866-232-8484.

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is a non-profit organmitting an essay (1,500 words maximum) or submitting a video, ization whose mission is to provide support, services and educano more than four minutes long, describing how Alzheimer's dis- tion to individuals, families and caregivers affected by ease has impacted their lives and what they have learned about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias nationwide and to fund themselves, their family and/or their community through their research for better treatment and a cure. Its services include a National Toll-Free Helpline (866-232-8484) staffed by licensed Examples of ways that Alzheimer's impacted a student's life social workers, the National Memory Screening Program, educational conferences and materials, and "AFA Partners in Care" • Having a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia care training for healthcare professionals. For more information about AFA, call 866-232-8484, visit www.alzfdn.org, • Helping care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or anoth- follow us on Twitter or connect with us on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.

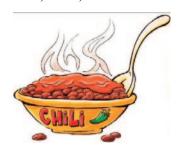
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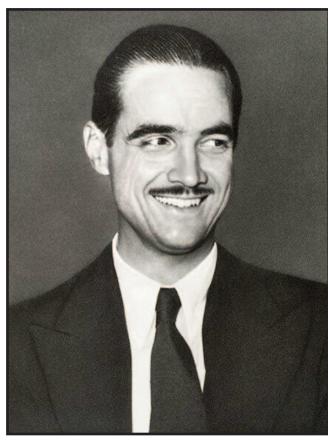
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Howard Hughes was a man who once commanded the world's attention, sometimes for all the wrong reasons. His story is one of wealth, power, fame, and the dangers of obsession.

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 heartbreaking 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.



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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:

<u>AM</u> - 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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