



HONORING THE LEGACY BUILDING THE FUTURE

a campaign for the National Western Center



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A Message from Pete Coors

With the first day of summer around the corner, I'm struck by what a difference a year can make. I don't have to remind you that last summer was long, hot, and locked-down. Yet here I sit writing this, looking at a garden that has never been greener thanks to a very rainy spring, and getting ready to head to Texas to visit my dear friend Vance Reed. Vance is hosting an event for us so we can share the vision for the National Western Center and an update on the 2022 Stock Show. Momentum has returned to our campaign, and I will have some exciting announcements to make in the coming months.

For now, though, let me share some sad news. On June 3, the National Western Stock Show and the Honoring the Legacy Capital Campaign lost a dear friend, Nancy Petry. She was 96. Nancy was the widow of Nick Petry, who served as president of the National Western Stock Show for 19 years starting in 1966.



Nancy Petry and I at the presentation of a \$15 million check to the City and County of Denver in 2018. Photo credit Anya Semenov, A&D Creative LLC

Nancy was a force in her own right – a fixture around National Western, especially while Nick was president and long after he passed. She was a member of the Citizen of the West committee and a member of our Capital Campaign committee.

I remember Nancy coming to our very first campaign meeting in late January of 2018. For some reason, we thought it would be a good idea to do our first campaign meeting a week after Stock Show, at 7:30 a.m., in downtown Denver. Nancy hitched a ride to the meeting with neighbor Sharon Magness Blake, but when Sharon told her she had to go on to other meetings after our campaign gathering, we all remember Nancy telling her that was not a problem. She proceeded to take out her phone and tell all of us she'd just Uber home!

During the 2020 Stock Show, we had the good fortune and greater foresight to name the new boardroom in the Legacy Building after Nick. We were honored to have Nick's dear friend Pat Grant preside over the luncheon at which we made the formal announcement.

In spring 1999, Nick's health was failing. He asked Pat to come by the house. He offered Pat a Coors Banquet and said, "I want to talk to you about my plans. I want to contribute to the National Western." Turned out, it was a \$1 million bequest just waiting for the right moment to be put to good use. That moment arrived in 2020, and with a few additional contributions, the Western Stock Show Association's corporate boardroom will forever be named after a man whose foresight helped the National Western survive and thrive.

That luncheon was attended by some of Nancy's dearest friends and family and was a great day for the campaign and the National Western Stock Show. Nancy talked about how enormously proud Nick was of the Stock Show and how happy he'd be to know he would be remembered in this way. You'll find a special photo from that event below, and you can find a gallery of photos from that day [here](#).

We offer our sympathies to Nancy's family and friends.



Nancy and friends at the naming luncheon for the Nick Petry Boardroom. From left, Sue Anschutz-Rodgers, Judi Newman, Bea Taplin, and Nancy and Eileen Honnen.

Photo credit Jenny Marvin

Don't Forget Dad

You've probably seen an email or two from the campaign office about a great and creative way to honor Dad on Father's Day this coming Sunday, June 20. We're suggesting you consider honoring your dad – or your grandfather, uncle, or husband – with a [brick](#), [brand](#), or [horseshoe](#). We'll even send you a certificate you can share with him to let let him know of the honor!



Video of the Month

This month, we want to feature a Virtual Stock Show 2021 Video featuring [Pat Grant](#). Pat was interviewed by TV personality and 9News Mile High Mornings forecaster Ed Greene as a part of our Stock Show Icons series. Here's to you, Pat, and continued thanks for all you do for the National Western Stock Show and the Capital Campaign.

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