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This September, we raise a glass and celebrate a very special milestone—the 9th anniversary of Neighbors of Westover Hills magazine!

Our first issue arrived in September 2017, beginning a journey filled with stories, friendships, challenges, surprises, and many unforgettable moments. Over the years, the experience has sometimes felt like a roller coaster—and at other times, a merry-go-round—with plenty of twists, turns, ups and downs, and the excitement of discovering what each new month will bring.

Behind every issue is the search for a special cover family, meaningful neighborhood stories, interesting articles, and advertising sponsors whose support helps keep the magazine thriving and arriving free in our mailbox. There are deadlines to meet, last-minute changes, and moments when I wonder how everything will come together. Yet, when the magazine finally goes to press, the challenges give way to relief, and a deep sense of fulfillment. Then comes the greatest reward—seeing a new issue in our mailbox and knowing that another month of community stories has been shared.

I am deeply grateful to all of our cover families who have opened their hearts and shared their lives with their neighbors. Your stories are the heart of this magazine.

Thank you to our talented contributing writers, my dear husband, Jeffrey Conner, whose writing and photography talents have helped me meet so many deadlines; Paige Killian for her beautiful photography; Julie Hang, our graphic designer, for relentlessly designing ads and laying out the magazine; and to our internet media consultants, who help our advertising sponsors gain visibility, impressions, and engagement across search engines and social media.

Most of all, thank you, dear neighbors for referring wonderful cover families and business owners who live in our community. Thank you for supporting our advertisers when you need their services, and please remember to tell them that you saw their advertisement in Neighbors of Westover Hills. Their continued sponsorship helps make it possible for this magazine to continue connecting our community month after month.

Please also take a few moments to scan the QR code and tell us why you enjoy the magazine. We would love to hear your favorite stories, your ideas, and what you would like to see in future issues. Your thoughts and feedback are an important part of our continued growth.

So, here is a heartfelt toast to all of us—to the nine wonderful years we have shared and to the many stories, friendships, celebrations, and community connections still to come! Cheers to nine years—and to many more!

And to everyone celebrating a birthday this September, may the year ahead bring you good health, happiness, success, and countless blessings.

WARM WISHES**Your publisher,**

Arlette Conner

Deep Roots, Service and Lasting Connections

Steve Coburn's life is built on family, business, community and values that guide him.

Article by Arlette Conner, Photos by Jeffrey Conner & Steve Coburn



Steve & Kevin Fahlund at the Airpower Foundation Fundraiser July 2026

For Steve Coburn, family, business, and relationships have always been closely linked. His story reflects hard work, loyalty, and a lifelong commitment to the people and community that shaped him. From starting in the family business as a young boy to owning and managing Coburn's Catering of Fort Worth today, Steve has built a life centered on service, responsibility, and the belief that success is measured by the relationships formed along the way.

Steve's connection to the family business began at age 11. His first job title came with humor: "SOB," short for "Son of Boss." The nickname was



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Steve and his dad Jerrell at the Rangers playoff game

later featured in TCU Magazine, but behind it was a young boy learning lasting values—showing up, working hard, serving customers well, and treating people with respect.

Steve graduated from Texas Christian University in 1992 with a degree in Marketing and Management. While he has worked in other roles, Coburn's has remained his primary workplace for 47 years.



Serving Mo Brings A Plenty at the Patriot roundup 2025

Today, Steve owns and manages Coburn's Catering of Fort Worth, continuing a family tradition while adding his own leadership and experience. Through catering, he has been part of countless celebrations and gatherings. For him, the work goes beyond food—it is about creating experiences, bringing people together, and building relationships that often last long after the event ends.

Treating people well has always been a guiding principle. His grandmother,

Marge Coburn, often said, "You're always in the public eye." That message has stayed with Steve, especially in a world where actions are easily seen and remembered.

Another lasting lesson came from Gary Coburn, who noted that in Fort Worth, you may be speaking with someone struggling financially or a multimillionaire—and it is not always possible to tell the difference.

The message is simple: never judge by appearances. Treat everyone with kindness and respect, because every person has a story.

"Always strive to be kind to everyone," Steve says. "Just remember not to burn bridges."

That philosophy has shaped not only his business approach, but also his relationships with family, friends, and the broader community.

Steve met his wife, Cindy, in 2014 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden through a mutual friend. What began as an introduction grew into a meaningful relationship, and they



Steve and wife, Cindy in Maui 2019

married in 2017. Together, they have built a family filled with pride, love, and shared purpose.



Steve and his boys Sam & Matt 2022

Steve is the proud father of three children: Sam, Matt, and Anabel. Each has chosen a different path, but all are committed to education, career growth, and building strong futures.

Sam Coburn graduated from Tarleton State University and is a manager at Mama's Pizza, a Fort Worth favorite. He is married to Hannah Coburn, a writer whose book is available on Amazon. Together, they are building their life while staying connected to Fort Worth.

Matt Coburn earned a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University. He works at CDM Smith in mechanical

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Family Christmas 2024. Steve, Cindy, Anabel, Matthew, Sam, Hannah; seated: Steve's dad, Jerrell

design for a construction consulting firm. Matt is engaged to Tara Driskill, and they plan to marry next year.

Steve's daughter, Anabel Waggoner, is studying Accounting at the University of North Texas. She has earned straight A's while working toward her degree, reflecting the same drive and discipline Steve admires in all his children.

Watching his children grow into adulthood has been one of Steve's

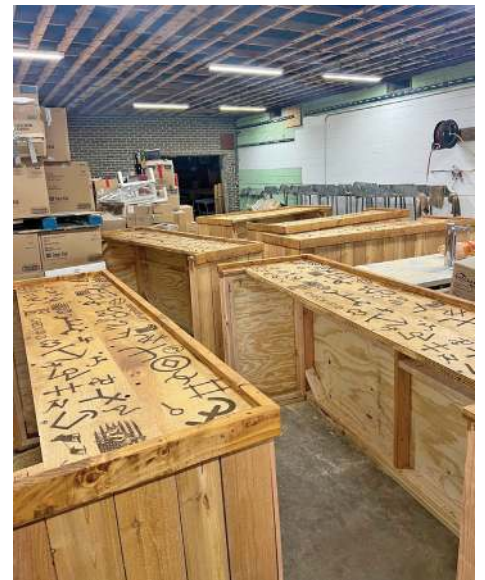
greatest joys. While their paths differ, their accomplishments are a source of pride for the entire family.

Family time remains a priority. The Coburns enjoy traveling to Hawaii when possible, aiming for annual or biennial trips. Steve also enjoys hunting and offshore fishing, especially with his father, Jerrell Coburn. Time spent deer and antelope hunting or fishing provides both outdoor enjoyment and lasting family memories.

Steve also has a creative side. He enjoys woodworking and using a laser-etching machine for custom projects. During the holidays, he creates personalized Christmas ornaments for the family's annual gathering. He has also built bars for the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, featuring custom laser-etched designs.

These projects reflect his appreciation for craftsmanship and meaningful creation. Whether designing a family keepsake or contributing to a Fort Worth tradition, Steve enjoys blending creativity with practical skill.

For more than three decades, Steve has lived in Remuda Ranch, where he



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“Always strive to be kind to everyone. You never know what someone is going through or where life may take you - so never burn bridges.” Steve Coburn

values the quiet setting and balance of rural living with access to Fort Worth. His home sits on several acres beneath a 150-year-old oak tree. The family often spends time on the back porch watching deer that visit the property.

The Coburn family also includes Loki, a black cat belonging to Anabel



Loki the Cat

who adds plenty of personality to the home.

Throughout his life, Steve has stayed grounded in the people, traditions, and values that matter most. His journey—from “Son of Boss” at age 11 to owner and manager of Coburn’s Catering of Fort Worth—reflects steady growth and dedication.

Still, his greatest pride is his family: his children’s achievements, the families they are building, shared travels, outdoor traditions, and the connections that span generations.

Like the old oak tree on the family property, Steve’s life is deeply rooted. Those roots are built on family, hard work, friendship, and a commitment to treating others with respect and kindness.



Steve & dad Jerrell caught a pair 42” bull reds fishing the Texas coast at Port O’Conner. His mom, Pam got into the action too.

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“Hypocrisy is a tribute that vice pays to virtue”

By Fr. Darryl Pigeon

The rain has finally come to North Texas, and it is a wonder to watch the world answer. The grass turns green almost overnight, flowers begin to open, and the morning fills with the sound of birds and countless living creatures. The doctrine of new life seems written into creation itself. A single hint of rain can call the earth back to life, and what looked dead and brown stands up again as though offering praise to its Maker. Yet creation also confronts us with a harder truth. The same ground that drinks the rain also receives the dead. The fields revive in their season, but the grave does not simply surrender what it takes. Humanity does not rise again as easily as the grass after a storm.

So the question presses itself upon every generation: What can restore us to life? Can wisdom do it? Can intelligence or knowledge overcome death? Can morality or good intentions reverse the power of the grave? A decent and honorable life is good and necessary, but creation itself testifies to the limits of human virtue. Even the most upright life eventually ends in the cemetery. The earth receives kings and laborers, saints and skeptics alike.

Christianity speaks directly into this reality without sentimentality. Christ did not come merely to improve human

society or to offer moral instruction. He came to destroy death itself.

Standing before the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus declared, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live” (John 11:25). In Christ, resurrection is not merely an inspiring metaphor drawn from nature. It is the promise of God acting within human history. The life that creation hints at with each rainfall, Christ offers through His death and resurrection.

The Apostle Paul writes, “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11). Christianity proclaims, the resurrection of the person through His life giving Spirit.

There is an old story about a father and his young son driving past a cemetery. Seeing a large mound of dirt beside a freshly dug grave, the little boy exclaimed, “Look, Dad, one got out!”

Children sometimes stumble into deeper truths than they realize.

*We often think of hypocrisy as malicious deception.
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Why 2027 Is the Year to Review Your Coverage/Why 2027 Is Expected to Bring Significant Changes

By Morgan Beach

Coverage

As summer winds down, many Medicare beneficiaries begin thinking about one of the most important times of the year for their healthcare coverage: the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP). This year's enrollment runs October 15 through December 7, and any changes you make during this time will become effective January 1, 2027. If you're currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, this is your opportunity to review your coverage and determine whether it still meets your healthcare and financial needs for the coming year.



plan. Every person's healthcare needs are different, and factors such as your preferred doctors, medications, travel habits, and budget all play an important role in selecting the right coverage.

Rather than trying to sort through plan information on your own, Morgan Beach can help you:

- Review your current Medicare coverage.
- Compare available plan options for the upcoming year.
- Verify that your doctors, hospitals, and prescriptions are covered.
- Explain costs and benefits in easy-to-understand language.
- Answer questions throughout the enrollment process and beyond.

One of the greatest advantages of working with someone in your community is having a trusted resource you can reach throughout the year, not just during enrollment season. Whether you receive a confusing letter from your insurance company or have questions about your benefits, having a local expert who knows you personally can provide valuable peace of mind.

Don't Wait Until the Last Minute

The Annual Enrollment Period lasts from October 15 through December 7, but waiting until the final days can limit your time to carefully review your options. Starting the conversation early gives you the opportunity to compare plans, ask questions, and make informed decisions before the deadline.

Remember, any changes made during the Annual Enrollment Period will take effect on January 1, 2027.

Whether you're satisfied with your current coverage or simply want to confirm you're still enrolled in the plan that best fits your needs, taking the time to review your Medicare options each year is one of the smartest healthcare decisions you can make. A little preparation today can help provide confidence, peace of mind, and potentially meaningful savings throughout the coming year.

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Why 2027 Is Expected to Bring Significant Changes

Each year, insurance companies review and update their Medicare plans. For 2027, many beneficiaries can expect to see changes across the marketplace, including:

- Monthly premiums
- Prescription drug formularies and deductibles
- Provider and hospital networks
- Co-pays and coinsurance
- Extra benefits such as dental, vision, hearing, transportation, fitness programs, and over-the-counter allowances

Even if you're happy with your current plan, it's important not to assume it will remain the same next year. A plan that worked well in 2026 may have different costs, provider networks, or prescription drug coverage in 2027. Taking a few minutes to review your options each fall can help ensure you're enrolled in a plan that continues to fit your health needs and budget.

The Value of Working With a Local Medicare Agent

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43 Tarrant County Restaurants To Participate In Historic 30th Annual Dfw Restaurant Week, Aug. 10 – Sept. 7, 2026

The landmark 2026 event celebrates three decades of fine dining by raising vital funds for Fort Worth nonprofit Lena Pope

Submitted by Claire Armstrong, Photos provided by Lena Pope



Forty-three (43) of Tarrant County's finest dining destinations are gearing up for the historic 30th anniversary edition of DFW Restaurant Week. When folks dine out at participating local restaurants, 20 percent of their meal will benefit Lena Pope, the 96-year-old Fort Worth-based nonprofit dedicated to strengthening children and families through counseling, education, and behavior intervention programs.

The month-long culinary celebration officially kicked off the week of Monday, Aug. 10 and runs through Labor Day on Sept. 7.

Participating Tarrant-area restaurants will showcase specially curated three-course prix fixe dinner menus for either \$49 or \$59. Select locations will also offer two-course lunch or weekend brunch options for \$29. For the event's 30th anniversary, restaurants may offer an exclusive "Signature Experience Dinner" for \$99, featuring unique VIP elements such as chef's table perks, specialized courses, or signature cocktails.

Since first partnering with DFW Restaurant Week in 1998, Lena Pope has received more than \$3.3 million from the annual dining tradition. During the 2025 event alone, DFW Restaurant Week raised a total of \$681,327 across the region, with \$176,092 directly benefiting Lena Pope. Since its inception in 1996, the annual fundraiser has raised more than \$13 million for its North Texas charity partners to support family services and combat hunger.

"As one of our largest annual fundraisers, DFW Restaurant Week is absolutely vital to our mission at Lena Pope," said Ashley Barnes, Ph.D., CEO of Lena Pope. "Celebrating 30 years of this landmark event highlights the incredible power of community partnerships. Every single reservation made this August allows guests to enjoy a magnificent meal while directly funding the critical mental health and educational services that local children and families need to truly thrive."

Reservations are now open, and diners are encouraged to book early through OpenTable or by contacting restaurants directly. To view which Tarrant-area restaurants are participating and what menus will be offered when, visit: <https://lenapope.org/dfwrestaurantweek/>. The participating Fort Worth restaurants for the 30th annual DFW Restaurant Week include:

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Historic Fort Worth, Inc. invites the community to experience the 23rd annual Preservation is the Art of the City, a three-day art show and sale featuring exceptional artwork by talented Fort Worth-area artists.

Time: Friday 10:00AM - 4:00PM;
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Friday, Sept. 4

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Time: 5:30 PM

Price Free

Saturday, Sept. 19

Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Mariposa Market

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month; Outdoor market features up to 50 local artisan vendors, live music, face painting, and a dedicated kids zone.

Time: 10:00 AM

Price: free

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Annual art show and fundraiser celebrates Fort Worth artists while supporting historic preservation.

By Suzy Newkirk Coleman - Special Projects Coordinator

FORT WORTH, Texas — Historic Fort Worth, Inc. invites the community to experience the 23rd annual Preservation is the Art of the City, a three-day art show and sale featuring exceptional artwork by talented Fort Worth-area artists. The event will be held September 3–5, 2026, at the Amon Carter Center at Lena Pope, 3200 Sanguinet Street, Fort Worth.



More than an art show, Preservation is the Art of the City® is Historic Fort Worth's premier annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the event support Historic Fort Worth's mission to preserve Fort Worth's distinct historic identity through stewardship, education, and leadership.

The exhibition showcases original artwork in a variety of media from many of the area's most accomplished artists, several of whom have work represented in galleries and private collections throughout Fort Worth and beyond. Guests will have the opportunity to meet local artists, purchase original artwork, and support the creative community while helping preserve the historic places that define Fort Worth.

This year's Honorary Chairman is Dr. Asad Dean, a beloved physician, and a graduate of Fort Worth Country Day, The University of Texas at Arlington, and UT Southwestern Medical School. Dr. Dean, an oncologist, fell in love with art history when he took a course at Fort Worth Country Day. He credits art history for opening the door to his appreciation of both art and fashion.

This year's Featured Artist is Thomas Helmick, whose artwork inspired the event's promotional design and serves as the visual backdrop for this year's exhibition.

The event opens with Party with the Artists on Thursday, September 3, an evening celebration featuring the presentation of artist awards, the opportunity to meet participating artists, and the first opportunity to purchase artwork before the exhibition opens to the public.

THE EXHIBITION CONTINUES:

Friday, September 4: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission is Free.
Saturday, September 5: Noon – 9:00 p.m. Admission is Free.

Families are also invited to participate in City Build, a free, hands-on children's architecture program on Saturday, September 5, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. Young builders will use boxes, paper, crayons, glue, and other creative materials to design buildings that become part of a collaborative cardboard city complete with roads and the Trinity River.

The program encourages creativity while introducing children to architecture, design, and the importance of community spaces.

For 23 years, Preservation is the Art of the City has celebrated the remarkable talent of local artists while raising critical funds to support Historic Fort Worth's preservation programs. Every artwork purchased helps ensure that Fort Worth's historic places and stories continue to be protected for future generations.

Community Support

Preservation is the Art of the City is made possible through the generous support of community partners who share Historic Fort Worth's commitment to celebrating local creativity and preserving Fort Worth's historic identity. Central Market, the event's Gallery sponsor, along with Bennett Partners, FirstBank Southwest, Public Market, and Mary Alice Denmon Smith, provide vital support that helps make this annual celebration of art and preservation possible.

Historic Fort Worth, Inc. is grateful to these sponsors for their commitment to supporting local artists and strengthening preservation efforts throughout Fort Worth.

Admission to the art show on Friday and Saturday is free. Reservations are required for the Party with the Artists. To purchase reservations visit https://bit.ly/2026PAC_Tickets

For more event information, party reservations, sponsorship opportunities, or to learn more about Historic Fort Worth, visit historicfortworth.org or call 817-336-2344 ext. 107.

Event at a Glance: Preservation is the Art of the City Sept. 3–5, 2026

Amon Carter Center at Lena Pope, 3200 Sanguinet Street, Fort Worth, Texas

Party with the Artists: Recognition of Dr. Asad Dean, Honorary Chairman

Thursday, Sept. 3
Awards Presentation:
5:30 p.m.
Art Purchase Begins:
6:30 p.m.

Public Exhibition
Friday, Sept. 4:
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5
Noon–9:00 p.m.
City Build (Free Family Activity)
2:00–4:00 p.m.

About Historic Fort Worth, Inc.

Established in 1969, Historic Fort Worth, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving Fort Worth's unique historic identity through stewardship, education, and leadership. The organization stewards the 1899 Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House, Fort Worth's second landmark. It offers educational programs, advocacy initiatives, and community events that promote appreciation for the city's architectural and cultural heritage. Media Contact: Historic Fort Worth, Inc., 817-336-2344, info@historicfortworth.org, www.historicfortworth.org

The Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame is proud to announce Jean Roach and the late Patrick Gottsch as recipients of the 2026 Jo & Holt Hickman Legacy Award.

Article and photo(s) submitted by Andrea Ruby - Executive Director, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame

The awards will be presented during a luncheon on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at Hotel Drover in the Fort Worth Stockyards. The event is presented by the Norris Foundation and JJ & Bobby Norris, with Hotel Drover serving as the Luncheon Sponsor.

Established in honor of Jo and Holt Hickman, the Legacy Award recognizes individuals whose vision, leadership, generosity, and commitment to community have created a lasting impact. Through their dedication to serving others, strengthening communities, and creating opportunities for future generations, Roach and Gottsch embody the vision, generosity, and commitment to community that define the Hickman legacy.

"It is very rewarding, now in the award's third year, to continue shining a spotlight on individuals whose generosity and commitment to Fort Worth reflect the legacy of Jo and Holt Hickman," said Pam Minick, Vice President of the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and founder of the Jo & Holt Hickman Legacy Award.

Jean Roach is an icon in the Fort Worth community, widely respected for her visionary leadership, collaborative spirit, and unwavering commitment to serving others. Guided by her belief in "leaving everything better than you found it," she has dedicated her life to strengthening the city through meaningful and lasting contributions.



Her impact spans the arts, healthcare, education, and philanthropy, where her leadership and generosity have helped shape Fort Worth in profound ways. Among her most significant contributions is the creation of the KinderFrogs School at TCU. When approached by a group of young mothers seeking support for children with Down Syndrome, Jean recognized a critical gap in resources and boldly proposed the creation of a full-time preschool program. In less than six months, she secured a \$1.5 million challenge grant and additional funding to bring the vision to life. Today, KinderFrogs stands as a nationally recognized program, transforming the lives of countless children and families.

A lifelong member of Tri Delta, Jean's commitment to the organization spans more than 60 years of leadership, mentorship, and service. Her influence reaches from Tri Delta's Foundation to its philanthropic partnership with Cook Children's, and to generations of young women at Texas Christian University. In recognition of her extraordinary service and dedication, she was awarded Tri Delta's highest honor, the Ernestine Block Grigsby Award. She is also a Sustaining member of the Junior League of Fort Worth, where her dedication has earned her the organization's Sustainer of the Year honor, along with continued service in advisory roles for Christmas in Cowtown and as an Honorary Chair of the Grand Entry Gala.

Known for her integrity, humility, and steady leadership, Jean is fully invested in every endeavor she undertakes — offering not just her name, but her time, energy, and insight. At the invitation of Jo and Holt Hickman, Jean and her late husband, John V. Roach, lent their counsel and support during the growth of the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, contributing to its development and long-term vision. Today, Jean and her son-in-law, Tull Bailey, continue that commitment as valued members of the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

In the spirit of Jo and Holt Hickman — whose legacy is defined by vision, generosity, and a deep commitment to community — Jean Roach embodies those same values, making her a fitting and distinguished recipient of the Hickman Legacy Award.

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Patrick Gottsch was a visionary entrepreneur whose life's work transformed how the stories of rural America are shared. As the founder of RFD Network, he built trusted media brands that celebrated agriculture, western sports, country music, and the people and values that define rural life.



Raised on his family's farm in Elkhorn, Nebraska, Patrick's firsthand understanding of rural America shaped a lifelong mission: to ensure the people, traditions, and industries that sustain rural communities were seen, heard, and valued. His experience in agriculture and later as a commodity broker gave him a unique perspective on the needs of farmers and ranchers, ultimately inspiring his vision to create a national media platform dedicated to serving them.

In 2000, Patrick launched RFD-TV with a bold vision to create the nation's first television network dedicated exclusively to rural America. From that singular idea, he built a family of media brands reaching millions of homes nationwide, including RFD-TV, Cowboy Channel, Cowboy+, Cowgirl Channel, Rural Radio on SiriusXM, and RFD+, while remaining steadfast in his commitment to authentic storytelling and the communities he served.

Patrick's impact on Fort Worth is both significant and lasting.

RFD Network has had a presence in the Fort Worth Stockyards for years and has continued to champion the district's role as a national destination for western heritage and culture.

Through RFD-TV and numerous other ventures, Patrick created new opportunities for farmers, ranchers, rodeo athletes, musicians, agricultural leaders, and rural communities. His work preserved cherished traditions while introducing them to new audiences, ensuring they remained relevant for future generations.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Patrick believed deeply in family, faith, and community. He brought his daughters into the business early, mentoring and empowering them to become the next generation of leaders. Today, his legacy lives on through Gatsby Gottsch Solheim and Raquel Gottsch Koehler, who lead RFD Network and continue his commitment to serving rural America through authentic storytelling, innovation, and community.

Those who knew Patrick remember not only his entrepreneurial vision but also his generosity, optimism, and unwavering belief in the people and communities he served. Patrick's legacy is measured not only by the institutions he built, but by the lives, communities, and traditions he strengthened along the way. We are honored to recognize his extraordinary contributions with the Hickman Legacy Award.

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