

What a great time for an announcement! Springtime, with its fresh and cool mornings, flowers blooming and positive first quarter sales results assure Bell & McCoy another successful year in 2014. Obviously, this success would not be possible without customer relationships, a great management team, dedicated employees and a team effort with our partners (both manufacturers and customers).

Forty-two years ago, in June of 1972, two young Texas gunslingers (Gene Bell and Dan McCoy) began a dream (Bell & McCoy) that has impacted my life forever. Not only did I gain knowledge and education in the electrical business, but, more importantly, I learned about humility, compassion, teamwork respect and gratitude for others. As I gaze at the many pictures in my office that bring back wonderful memories of hunting trips, fishing trips, vacations and golf outings with my friends and family, I realize the many blessings God has provided. My heart is filled with sincere gratitude and thankfulness to each and every one that contributed to Bell & McCoy's success (our dream) over these years. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to my partners, Gene Bell and Buddy Binyon, who devoted their lives to our dream of Bell & McCoy's success. Not only through our business experiences - trust, respect and confidence as a team was the bond that maintained our brotherly friendship. Thank you Gene and Bud.

Well, that's the past 42 years, and now it is time to recognize the future of Bell & McCoy. Time is a precious gift. I am honored and confident of our management team, who has the energy, knowledge and passion required to exceed their dreams for the future. A new chapter for me will begin in June. I will be changing my "Wire Man Dan" signature to "Panama Dan" and spending time with my lovely Breanna in Boquete, Panama. My focus and passion for this new chapter will be to discover the real definition of time and the sweet spot in life. Mother Teresa described time as "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." How true this is! My prayers are with each of you and my life has been blessed by you. I can only hope that everyone associated with our electrical industry will continue to encourage our younger generation and make them aware of the many opportunities available for them in our business. Remember – dreams do come true! I am very confident that the principals of Bell & McCoy, Mr. Coursey and Mr. Binyon, and the entire management team will succeed in fulfilling their dream. Take a moment to review our Bell & McCoy website to assure yourself that their "dream" is actively in motion. What a great dream – now a reality – Bell & McCoy Companies.

This is not a good-bye, but merely "until we speak again". Give a smile to someone today and know that it can impact their life forever.

God's blessings to each of you,

Panama Dan