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Their three children went to Mary Immaculate Catholic School, and it was here that a school event would alter Dean's and Gail's future in a tremendous way! The year was 2004, and not only was it the year that they decided to move to Castle Hills, but it was also the year that Dean accepted the request of his children's school to conduct the calling of a school

bingo fundraiser. After a successful 8th grade bingo, Dean was asked to be the auctioneer at the school's auction. He had no prior experience but brought enthusiasm and a "give it all you got" approach to the event. Dean found his calling and built his brand "on the side" over the next several years, and DM Auction services was born. DM Auction Services is an exclusive Charity Benefit Auction Company that supports fundraising needs for schools, churches, senior citizens, wounded veterans, medical needs for all ages, the homeless, and many other non-profit causes. In 2009 Dean retired from Western Digital to pursue Auctioneering Full-Time.

Richard Branson once said, "If you want to stand out in a crowd, give people a reason not to forget you." The DM Auctions services* team is one of a kind, along with Dean's signature suit jackets, his favorite being his bright orange, and his enthusiastic and motivating personality lights up the room during live auctions. Dean is very conscious of the organization's mission as well his focus is raising record funds. The DM Auction Services Team includes his wife, Gail, who is essential to their talent collection. Together they employ 25-30 part-time auctioneers, support staff, Raffle Professionals, and 3rd party vendors. They operate 100% in Texas due to the sheer volume of fundraising auctions. As a team, they conduct 75-100 auctions per year.

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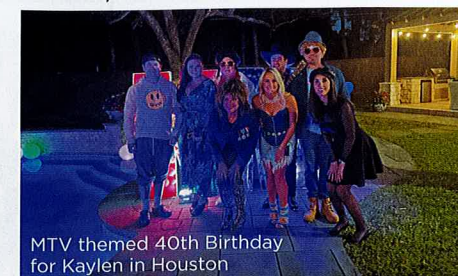
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Dean with Jack Nicklaus at recent Wounded Veterans Gala



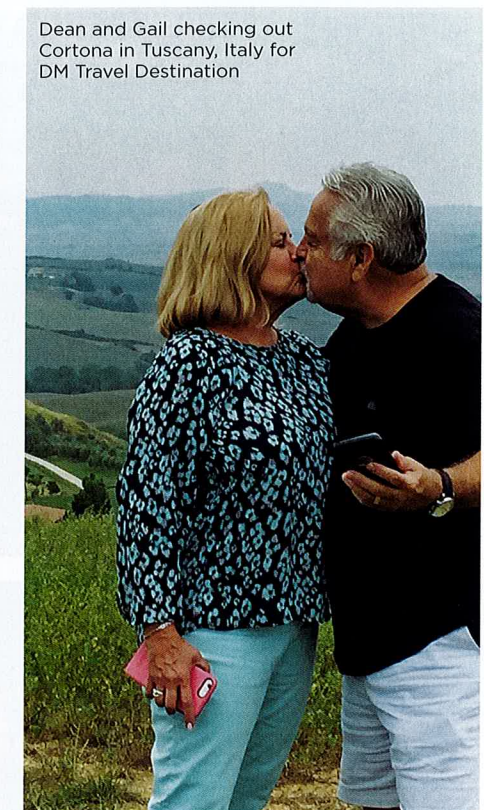
MTV themed 40th Birthday for Kaylen in Houston



Dean Bull Fighting during a golf tournament in Juarez, Mexico, that's a beer in his left hand!



Graham's Baptism



Dean and Gail checking out Cortona in Tuscany, Italy for DM Travel Destination



Dean (Auctioneer) and Gail with Luka Doncic at the Dallas Mavs Gala



Gail & Dean at a Wedding in Pebble Beach



Checking out DM Auction's Travel destination Punta-Mita



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Dean, Gail and Auction Team at a Castle Hills Gala



Family photos on the Beach, Cinnamon Shores 2021



Family Texas Tech Football Game

MCCURRY FAMILY FAV 5s:

Date Night: Fiorentino's - Italian

Restaurant: D Lincoln's

Movie: Dumb and Dumber

Fun Fact: Fought a Bull in Mexico

Prized Possession: Christmas Decorations

bought it for our five grandkids so we could drive around to all of the great parks!" They also love the 4th of July celebration, feeding ducks at the ponds/lake, and enjoying the local restaurants. When they are not entertaining in their home, they belong to and enjoy The Lakes at Castle Hills activities.

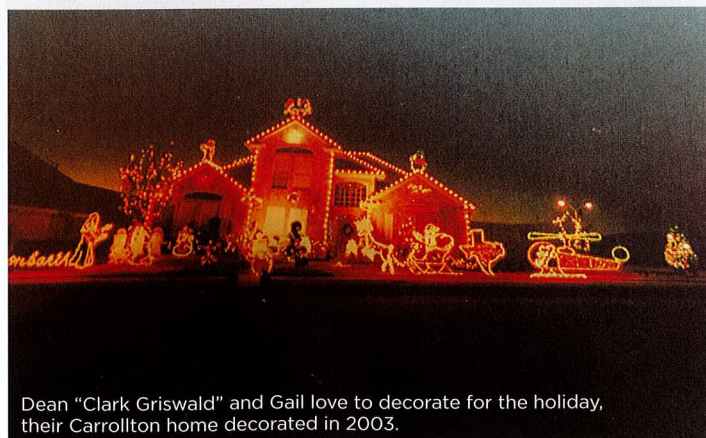
Some fun facts about the McCurry family are that Dean's parents went to Texas Tech and Dean and all of their kids. One of Dean's most inspirational figures in life was his father, Lonnie "Primo" McCurry, an All-American football player at Texas Tech and a Marine Col who fought in Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal; Guam, and other islands during WWII. Another fun fact is that they have met and worked with a long list of celebrities during Dean and Gail's auction endeavors, including Jack Nicklaus, Steve Martin; Huey Lewis; Don Henley; Emmitt Smith; Frankie Valli, Dirk Nowitzki, and Luka Dončić; Pudge Rodriguez. The McCurry Family is a family of musicians. When they are all together, you will find Kevin on the drums, Scott playing guitar and singing, Dean jamming on the piano, and Gail backup singing. Lastly, Dean loves bullfighting and was able to get out in the bullring during a golf tournament fundraiser in Juarez, Mexico.

Wherever their journeys take them, personally and professionally, it's time they spend together they treasure the most. Gail and Dean approach life as a team and always stay true to their motto, "Enjoy Life to the Fullest and Keep Religion at the forefront of your lives."

A NOTE FROM THE MCCURRY'S:

Castle Hills has become family for us! So many friends, shops, restaurants, The lakes, all on a golf cart, Why live anywhere else?

*DMAuctionServices.com / ScottDeanCountry.com / RyanFoundation.org/home / Amazon.com - Saving Ryan by Emil D Kakkis"



Dean "Clark Griswald" and Gail love to decorate for the holiday, their Carrollton home decorated in 2003.

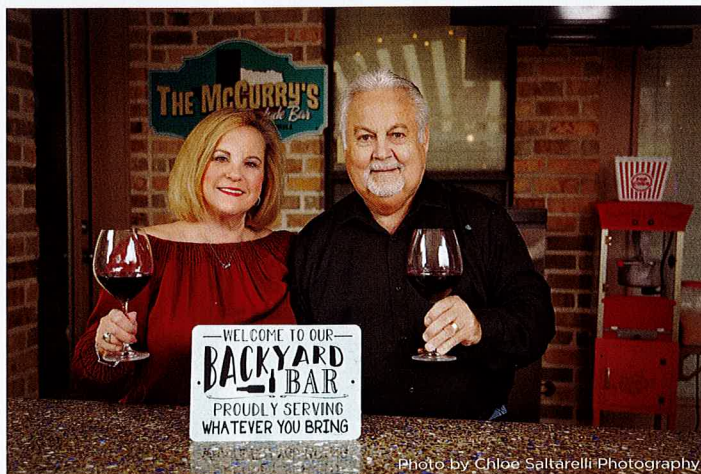


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