

## meet dad

Architect Jim Bob Kaufmann of Clarksburg, owner of Kaufmann Architects, husband of Amy and dad of 2-year-old Alex



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**IF I COULD GO BACK IN TIME, I WOULD** buy Berkshire Hathaway stock.

**I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT** fresh air and open spaces.

**I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO** sail.

**I WISH THAT I HAD** more time to spend with my family.

**NOW THAT I HAVE KIDS** I totally appreciate my friends who said I would never love anything this much.

**IF I HAD A MAGIC WAND, I WOULD** erase hunger.

**YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT** I wear spurs on my cowboy boots.

**I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT** art.

**MY LAST SPLURGE WAS** a cowboy hat.

**IT ANNOYS ME WHEN** I get interrupted.

**MY FAVORITE DAD GADGET IS** my power washer.

**IN HIGH SCHOOL, I HAD THE BEST** pickup truck.

**IN HIGH SCHOOL, I HAD THE WORST** physique.

**MY FRIENDS THINK I'M ODD WHEN** I choose to spend all day at a horse show.

**THE SHOW I CAN'T MISS IS** American Idol.

**IF I WERE PRESIDENT** I'd promote arts education.

**THE LAST BOOK I READ WAS** "Rigged" by Ben Mezrich.

**WHEN I SURF THE WEB, YOU'LL FIND ME** looking at horse show results or vacation planning.

**WHAT 4 PEOPLE WOULD YOU INVITE TO DINNER (DEAD OR ALIVE)?** Luis Barragan, Mexican architect; Frida Kahlo, artist; Wallace Stegner, author; Will Rogers, humorist.

**WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE DO THAT MAKES YOUR DAY?** Rubs my back.

**WHAT TOY IS YOUR SON INTO RIGHT NOW?** A toy Bobcat and toy motorcycle—he is all boy!

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST MESS YOUR KIDS HAVE EVER MADE?** Nothing major—every day is a little messy.

**WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU KNEW BEFORE YOU HAD KIDS?** How expensive it is.

**WHAT'S THE "DAD CHORE" THAT YOU DESPISE THE MOST?** Giving a bath.

**WHERE ARE YOU DREAMING OF GOING FOR YOUR NEXT VACATION?** Barcelona, Spain.

**IT'S DATE NIGHT. YOU'VE GOT A GREAT SITTER—NO WORRIES. WHAT DO YOU DO?** I take my wife to Waterboy for dinner and then music at the Blue Lamp.

**YOU CAN GIVE DADS UNSOLICITED ADVICE RIGHT NOW. WHAT SHOULD EVERY DAD KNOW?** Your kid is the greatest in the world. Give him a hug and tell him so—often. I mean it! 