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## The Well-Balanced Dad

*...He's Always on the Job—at Work and Home*

KENDRICK—Tad Brown repairs heavy equipment for the forest service, construction companies, and North Central Idaho farmers. His supervisor is a nice guy who rarely gets his own hands dirty, though, while Tad works tirelessly at his Kendrick shop or from his mobile workshop.



So, the work relationship is a bit unbalanced in some respects. In fact, his supervisor often just plays around and doesn't lend a hand to fix anything at all, Tad explains. "We go to the job site and he's usually just playing with tools and stuff, or playing a video game or he's on the phone. Lots of food and drinks and snacks. He's also running around, and I keep an eye on him making sure he's out of trouble," Tad said, noting the supervisor is not a super-mature person.

"We'll ride together in the truck and usually he's got to have a snack or a drink or something, so I always remember to pack that for him ahead of time," Tad said. "He mostly just sits in the truck and eats snacks, plays video games, and

watches me." The supervisor is Tad's three-year-old son, Grayson.

Rae Lynn, 7, looks forward to ice cream with her dad Thursday nights after cheerleading practice. "That's a car ride together for us, and it's quality time together," he said. Caisen, 8, likes camping with his family and playing the *Farming Simulator* computer game, says Tad.

"Teach your children whenever possible, and communicate with your kids' mom, advises Tad who, with his wife, Kayce Brown, seeks to put up a united front for their children, so that they know where the boundaries are and get consistency in their lives.

"It's a challenging world for parents; you know, you need to make a living and you need to spend time with your kids and there's that fine line of work and overtime versus your family life." Tad Brown ponders all that on the jobsite where, fortunately, he's got a supervisor who is well entertained while the father of three figures things out.

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