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Bio: I was born and raised in Blue Springs, MO and still live there today. I've got an older brother and a younger sister who also still live in Blue Springs. In 2003 I married Michele and we enjoyed playing coed softball, biking, hunting, kickball, and having get togethers with friends and family. As we started having kids, some of these activities took a back seat as we focused more on the kids. We now have 3 kids; girl-12, girl-10, boy-7. The girls are very busy primarily in soccer, and they do lots of activities to stay busy over the summer. Mason loves sports also and plays baseball, soccer, and basketball. He also likes to go fishing and shoot his bow and arrow.

Professionally, I graduated from Blue Springs High School in 1997 and from MU in 2001 with a BS in Civil Engineering. I've worked at GBA since then, first as a bridge designer and later transitioning into a specialty projects role. In this role, I get to run rehab and repair jobs, design-build jobs, municipal bridge/structural, and really enjoy it.

Fun fact about me: I head up the GBA BBQ team

Favorite Quote: "A failure is not always a mistake...The real mistake is to stop trying" -B.F. Skinner

My job would be a lot easier if... I had a good number two coming up thru the ranks behind me