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Jordan Marshall, a Man on a Fishing Mission

Thirteen years ago, Jordan Marshall, EPW, and his dad began spending their weekends and evenings fishing on a newly purchased Bass Tracker boat. Back then fishing was a way to relax and enjoy both the beauty of East Tennessee and a little father-son time. Life on the lake was slow and easy. Jordan soon began fishing with his buddies too, and they often got together to fish from the bank. He loved fishing and he went as often as he could. On his 16th birthday, his parents gave him a kayak and unknowingly opened their son's eyes and heart to this new way of fishing. He could drive himself to the river now that he was 16, and he also had a way to get out on the water that didn't require a ramp or a trailer – he had it made. A few of his buddies also had access to canoes and kayaks and they began to float the river in search of their prize. Somewhere along the way, Jordan became competitive and at 18 he entered his first fishing tournament. He was a student at Pellissippi State and had recently met three other students who entered the tournament as a team in Alabama. The boys made their own Team T-Shirts, loaded their gear, and headed south. The newly formed team won 1st place and Jordan secured 2nd place in the individual category for himself. This changed everything. Jordan not only discovered a passion for competitive kayak fishing, but he began perfecting his unique fishing tournament strategy as well.

These days, Jordan fishes from a Hobie Pro Angler Mirage Drive boat (with peddles and oars) and enters approximately 40 tournaments a year, bringing home the trophy and prize money from four or five of those. Having completed nearly 200 tournaments he has traveled as far away as Wisconsin, Detroit, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and Dallas, Texas. He enters almost all these competitions as an individual and drives to the tournament by himself.

Don't feel bad about Jordan spending his weekends alone on the lake though, he's in his wheelhouse. He loves the drive almost as much as the fishing. He also fishes the weekly Thursday night tournament on Ft. Loudon from April to September. His favorite spot to fish so far is on the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He's won everything from a \$10,000 pot to a kayak and other equipment and countless trophies.

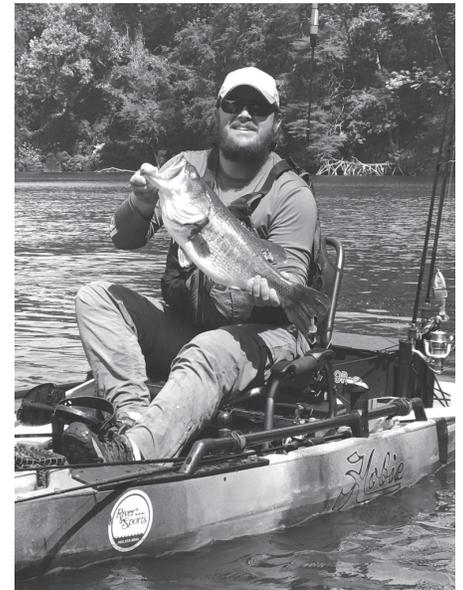
Jordan approaches each tournament in the same way. The first step is loading his equipment, including 11 rods,

on his kayak. He tends to take more than he needs, so he is prepared for whatever comes up during an eight-hour day of fishing. Next, he reads the water looking for the things largemouth and smallmouth bass love - food and protection from predators. He enters the water near the back of the lake or creek on the edges near the weeds and if he sees bait fish there, he casts his line. A lot of visible surface activity from bait fish usually means bigger fish are behind them, feeding. If after two to three casts, he hasn't caught anything, he moves on. He's very run and gun about his approach, changing positions on the water often, always on the move. His girlfriend, however does not approve of his strategy. She takes a more laid-back approach to fishing as most do, but using his strategy, Jordan won the Tennessee Valley Kayak Anglers Angler of the Year in 2017. He's also won the TNKATT Angler of the Year in 2018 and 2019, the East Tennessee Kayak Angler - Angler of the year in 2015, 2019, and 2021, the 2018 Georgia State Championship, and many others. He also qualified for the Hobie Worlds Tournament coming in the spring of 2022. Jordan and five other U.S. Team Members will compete in Åmål, Sweden on Lake Vänern in May against the best anglers from all over the world. They'll be fishing for the largest Pike and Yellow Perch haul and the most prestigious title in kayak fishing. The only disappointing thing about this tournament is that Jordan won't be driving to it. He won't be taking his kayak either, for this three-day tournament the kayaks will be provided. Jordan will be competing with the best of the best and he couldn't be more excited.

What does it take to win a fishing tournament?

Tournaments are typically geared towards a single fish species. Jordan generally fishes largemouth bass or smallmouth bass tournaments. Competitors are given a limited amount of time to reel in their catch, typically 6 – 8 hours per day for 2-3 days. Nearly all tournaments have an entry fee. The higher the fee, the bigger the prize money pot. Most offer cash prizes to the top three finishers. In addition, there is often a bonus for the largest fish of the tournament.

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Jordan showing off a great catch.



One of his many trophies.



Jordan with the kayak he won.

Applause Please



Promotion
Michael Alexander
EPW
Sanitation Collection
Crew Leader



Promotion
Jared Belcher
EPW
Traffic Signal Technician



Promotion
Brad Hurst
EPW
Sanitation Superintendent



New Employee
Arnold Blackwell
Dev. Services
Building Inspector



New Employee
Jillian Love
Dev. Services
Land Development
Administrator



New Employee
Lee Stinnett
MPD
Reserve Police Officer

Special Thanks from a Citizen

Good Morning Chief. I wanted to let you know that I am a very grateful resident of Maryville because of our fantastic Police Department. Today, I'm going to bring donuts to your office for everyone. I am doing so to say, "Thank you for your service," to Officer McKeel. A couple of weeks ago, he stopped on Alcoa Highway to change my flat tire in the rain. I was so thankful for his act of service that I couldn't let it go unnoticed.

Officer McKeel's generous act of service had a huge impact on me. I had blown out my tire and was pretty nervous and scared. I was also stranded on Alcoa Highway, not a good place to be. It was a little after 9 p.m. and raining. He did not hesitate to stop and help me. I wanted to do something that would show my appreciation and I decided to also make it an opportunity to help others as well, a way of paying it forward. I am a Maryville Rotarian and today is Purple Pinkie Day. That means each of these donuts is also a donation to the polio foundation to help end world polio. The donuts I purchased for your office today will translate into a donation of \$748 to End Polio Now. That amount will vaccinate 250 children.

I am extremely thankful for the help Officer McKeel provided to me at a time when I was pretty unnerved. Because of his act of kindness, together we are going to help save lives and limbs in the fight against polio. I am extremely grateful to our entire police department and for the fact that many times, their lives are at risk as they carry out their regular service to our community.

I wish you and your entire department a wonderful day. Thank you to all of the men and women in blue.

Sincerely, Suzie Cutshaw
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On October 20, guests who donated \$2 to End Polio Now at one of the participating Dunkin' Donuts restaurants received a Purple Pinkie Donut as a "thank you".

As an added bonus for each \$2 guest donation, area Rotary districts donated \$4 and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matched that with \$12, for a total donation of \$18.

In 2018, Dunkin' and Tennessee Rotary launched the Purple Pinkie Donut fundraiser in 30 Dunkin' restaurants throughout Tennessee in efforts to support End Polio Now! To date, the Dunkin' and Rotary promotion has raised more than \$600,000 to benefit End Polio Now in recognition of World Polio Day. (www.chattanoogaapulse.com)



Veterans Day November 11, 2021

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I, formally recognized on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month" in 1918. In 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars. We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. (military.com)



People are the Key

November Birthdays

2	Chuck Rowan, Engineering
3	Jerry Hall, W&S
4	Brad Poplin, Electric
5	Tom Bible, W&S
6	Jana Brown, W&S
8	Josh Richards, MFD Cory Tindell, EPW
9	John Roberson, EPW Kyle Reimer, MPD Mike McClurg, W&S
10	Steve Davis, Electric
13	Leland Blackwood, Admin. Matthew Tipton, MPD
16	Derrick McMurray, MPD
18	Sarah Harris, MFD
21	Jill Ridings, Finance
22	Matthew Gagnon, MFD
24	Brandon Nichols, EPW John Wilson, Electric
25	Scott Brown, Electric Aaron Inman, EPW Chandra Pickering, Finance
27	Rom Everett, MFD Timothy Lane, EPW
29	Jarod Shudan, EPW



November Anniversaries

Terry Welshan, Engineering	40 years
Gary Walker, Dev. Services	31 years
Kelly Hembree, EPW	27 years
Randy Teffeteller, Electric	23 years
Steve Holte, Engineering	21 years
Debbie Yarnell, Dev. Services	21 years
Jeremiah Morton, EPW	17 years
Mike Hicks, MPD	16 years
Eric Bailey, EPW	15 years
Kim Walker, Finance	15 years
Stephanie Perkins, MPD	15 years
Ben Belitz, MPD	10 years
Daniel Rogers, MFD	7 years
Brandon Riggs, MFD	7 years
Leslie Crawford, HR	6 years
Alex Steele, MFD	5 years
Ryan Spencer, MFD	2 years
Robbie Fox, IT	2 years
Chad Loveday, IT	1 year

Electric Dept. Had an Interesting Day

A young truck driver following his GPS to Rockford caught the cable company's guy wire on a narrow road and ended up breaking a City of Maryville Utility pole in three places. The accident happened on Old Knoxville Hwy. near where "Dad's Place" restaurant used to be, around 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Both overhead crews, Spike's crew and Jim's crew, worked until approximately 6 p.m. to set a new pole, transfer all the wires, and re-guy the pole.



Golf Tournament in the Books

The employee golf tournament was held on October 11. Those who participated are listed below by teams with the winners in italics.

1. Mike Swift, Terry McCoy, Keith Church, Kevin Bailey (Admn., IT)
2. *Alan Holmes, Brooks Pearson, Daniel Fipps, Eric Russell (MFD) • 1st Place Winners*
3. *Ronnie Irwin, Jamie Hipps, Brandon Nichols, Charles Teffeteller (EPW, Electric) • 2nd Best*
4. *Aaron Inman, Shane Myers, Jordan Marshall, Nick Yoakum (EPW) • 3rd Best*
5. Todd Burchett, Randy Cupp, Danny Kimsey, Kyle Newman (Water Eng, Finance, Macto)
6. Baron Swafford, Mike (Spike) Large, Kent Roberts, Don Myers (Electric)
7. Tony Crisp, Greg Cooke, Mark Taylor, Bill Garner (MPD)
8. Keith Brewer, Bill Bryant, Jay Parrott, Robert Large (EPW)
9. Sarah Harris, David Graves, Andrew Payne, Steve Talbott (MPD)
10. Ross Jamerson, Steven Wickert, Kyle Riemer, Tyler Buckingham (MPD)