

# Outstanding Master Logger of the Year

## Shannon Jarman



Shannon Jarman of Slayden, TN is a Master Logger of Tennessee and Kentucky. He has previous membership in the state of Mississippi as well. He proudly serves his community through his business, as well as being a husband, father of four, and a grandfather. Shannon and his father, Steve Jarman,

logged with mules and a tractor in the 1980s while also owning/operating a sawmill part-time. In the early 1990s Shannon was a sawyer for Averitt Sawmill in Clarksville, TN. In 1999 he bought a single log skidder and started a sole proprietorship as Jarman Logging. He continued learning and growing in the industry and in 2012 Jarman Logging became a corporation.

Shannon is very passionate about maintaining an innovative approach to logging in the industry. He, along with his wife and children, travel regularly to logging and related industry shows across the country to learn about the newest technology and advances in the field. He takes great pride in keeping cutting edge equipment that is clean, safe, and efficient for his crew. Shannon is always looking to learn new ways to lead and work safely in the logging industry.

Jarman Logging operates throughout Middle Tennessee. They harvest primarily hardwood and some pulp through select cutting but will also perform clear cuts at landowners' requests. Shannon works closely with each landowner to form a plan for harvesting and always works with a written contract. He has an impeccable reputation for leaving each harvesting site clean and in good condition. Shannon always implements BMPs. Roads, log landings and skid trails are carefully planned and constructed before each harvest. He feels a personal responsibility to take care of the land for future generations, while also setting his crew up for success. Being a good steward of the land is something Shannon always maintains through his work.

Jarman logging is a fully mechanized operation and chainsaws are rarely used. The crew operates with two 648L John Deere Skidders, an 859M John Deere Cutter with 2900 Quadco 360 head, 595 Barko Knuckleboom with a CSI delimeter and bucksaw, 495 Barko Knuckleboom, 525c Caterpillar Skidder, 573 Caterpillar Cutter with side cut head, four Savannah Machine Shop trailers, four Pitts log trailers, and a Pitts lowboy trailer.

Safety is a priority for Shannon. He carries workman's compensation insurance through Forestry Mutual and liability insurance with local Morrison Fuison Insurance Company. All operators carry two-way radios in equipment for communication. All equipment and trucks are inspected daily and maintained regularly. Every machine is equipped with fire extinguishers, with additional safety supplies readily available in two fully stocked work trucks which include hard hats, chaps, safety glasses, gloves, ear plugs and first aid kits. Jarman Logging holds frequent tailgate safety meetings, rewarded with the numerous safety awards from Forestry Mutual Insurance company.

Family and community are also important parts of Shannon's life and business. Shannon's two sons have learned the business of logging from an early age. While McClain works full-time as a foreman as well as operating the skidder and knuckleboom, Clayton operates a skidder part-time while also serving the community as a firefighter. His eldest, Savanna, also grew up spending lots of time in the woods with her dad. Today, she helps part-time with bookkeeping while also working in the community as a social worker. After serving in the United States Air Force, his son-in-law Tony also decided to join the family business as a skidder operator. Though his youngest daughter, Marleigh, isn't quite old enough to operate equipment, she still enjoys days she can spend in the woods with her dad. Shannon's wife, Rachel, oversees all bookkeeping and payroll, while working closely with a CPA. Rachel also enjoys serving the local community as a high school cheerleading coach. The crew also consists of Shannon's childhood friend, Shane, who

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is a cutter operator and mechanic, and long-time employee, Joey, who operates the knuckleboom and skidder.

Jarman Logging sponsors local Little League ball teams every year as well as supporting local high school athletics. He and the business have donated to countless charities over the years, as well as helping individuals in need. Shannon maintains great relationships with many local businesses for parts, service, and financial resources. For equipment sales, services and parts he relies on Thompson Machinery of Clarksville, Meade John Deere of Nashville, and L-M-I of Waverly, TN. For financial services he uses Trisar and Farm Credit, both located in Dickson, TN. He is a big supporter of shopping local, and truly believes local businesses help each other thrive.



*Shannon with children McClain, Clayton, Savanna, Marleigh and granddaughter June*



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1. Shannon & daughter Marleigh
2. Shannon hosting safety meeting for crew
3. Shannon's crew and equipment
4. Shannon's truck and canine friend