



LONGHORN TIMES

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Fun Fact:

Viola's first reported settler was William Cook, who established his homestead in 1846. Land patents were issued from 1857 to 1861 to settlers John Bullion, Eli Pogue, William Marlow, Isaac Towell, and Henry W. Cook. Newton Barker arrived at about the same time; he was named postmaster when a post office was established in 1860. Barker had come from Viola, Kentucky, and he named the post office for his hometown. Because he also named his daughter Viola, many people assumed that the post office was named for her.

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<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/viola-fulton-county-7277/>

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Born in Yellville, AR, Sharmin Jennings had a very active childhood. She grew up playing softball, basketball, and loved riding horses. She went to school in Flippin AR until the 5th grade and has been in Viola every since. After graduation she went to UCA Conway for a semester before coming back to Viola to get married and start a family. When Mrs. Jennings went back to school she majored in Art. She began teaching at Viola in August of 1999. She has enjoyed teaching at the same school her kids attended. She likes that she knows when they are in trouble, some times before they do. She also enjoys being able to participate in school activities with them.

She would like to travel to Italy one day, but Colorado is Mrs. Jennings "favorite place". "If I didn't live in Viola, I would live in Ouray, CO".

Some of her hobbies include art (of course), drawing, painting and she loves to hike. "I like to get out in the woods and stomp around!". She enjoys cooking, but not baking... "baking is stressful and you have to measure stuff."

FROM MR. IVENS

We are getting near the end of the first semester. For many of you, this is a very important time of year. Grades and GPA's are on the line. Remember that the grades you get EVERY semester from 9th grade and onward will follow you the rest of your days. I know several of you may say 'I'm not going to college' or 'I don't need my transcript for anything'... this couldn't be further from the truth. Vocational schools and some employers are interested in your transcripts to see what type of work ethic you had in High School. Prospective employers also call schools to see what kind of worker you were in school. Do yourself a favor and think about your future every time you come through the doors. Your future just might hang in the balance. Make those scales tip your direction.

COACHES CORNER

Meet our Lady Longhorns coach, Jason Hughes. Coach Hughes is from Sherwood AR and attended ASU Jonesboro to study for an exciting career of coaching girls' basketball and softball. You can say he does a very good job, considering our Lady Longhorns are 13-0! Throughout his career, he has taught in many places, from Newport to Viola, Cave City to Flippin, and then back to Viola.

He married Olivia five years ago, and they recently had a beautiful son, Jaxon Brady. Hughes said he and Olivia were "scared and excited" upon finding out that they were expecting their first child. I asked Coach Hughes how they decided on their son's name and he said, "I got to pick the first name. I didn't want him called "Jack", that's why we put the 'x' in there. Olivia picked his middle name "Brady" after NFL quarterback Tom Brady." I asked coach, how big of a struggle is it to balance school life and home life now that you have a new baby? And are you tired a lot? He said, "I'm not as tired as Olivia. Definitely changed priorities as far as what's important. As far as school and games go, he's the most important thing when I get home. But yes, tired a lot!" I really felt that.

Some of you may wonder what kind of music coach listens to so I asked him what he has on his playlist. His response was "a strange mix of old country, classic rock and R&B." Not only is he into cool tunes but he loves to travel, He's traveled to Hawaii and the Bahamas. He would love to go to the Florida Keys and the Virgin Islands. Coach told me that he prefers summer heat over being cold.

So if you see coach in the halls be sure to congratulate him on the Lady Longhorns great season and on his new baby boy!

*"The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity.
The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty."
- Winston Churchill*

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- ★ **Games:** ★
- ★ 12/09 ICC ★
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- ★ Newton Classic ★
- ★ 12/17 Omaha ★
- ★ **Current Records:** ★
- ★ Sr High Boys ★
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