



# LONGHORN TIMES

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## Fun Fact:

In 1983 the bridge at Henderson over Norfolk Lake was built. Prior to the dam being built the landscape of the entire area was different (see photo).

Reble Comstock, 90, of Viola, was once a resident of one of the towns that is now partially covered by Norfolk Lake. Comstock used to live in Elizabeth near Big Creek.

Comstock remembers what the towns were like before the dam was built. She said there was a church in Hand. The Hand Cove area that straddles the Fulton-Baxter County line is named after the town that was covered by the water when the dam went in.

"In Herron (and Henderson), there was a schoolhouse that was also a church," Comstock said. "It's now under water."

Not only did the living have to be relocated, but the dead had to be moved as well. Cemeteries in the towns of Custer and Herron had to be moved to higher ground.

The old bridge (pictured below) is now under 80 feet of water. According to the Scuba Doo Dive Shop in Mountain Home, which does some diving to the bottom of Norfolk Lake, there is very little left of the towns except foundations and an old bridge. "It's a great dive down to the bridge," Elizabeth Kenyon of Scuba Doo Dive Shop said. She said there are still some rafters of the bridge left and there is an old motorcycle sitting on top of it.



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Thrasher has been a teacher for 7 years. He was born in Springfield, MO and raised in Marshfield, MO. Mr. Thrasher has 2 bachelors degrees and a masters degree. He attended Central Bible and Evangel University. He always wanted to be a teacher and loves making a difference in the lives of his students. Mr. Thrasher and his wife, Kaye have been married for 30 years and live in Mountain Home, AR.

Mr. Thrasher has been the FBLA sponsor for 7 years. He has had students qualify for state every year.

Mr. Thrasher is a big St Louis Cardinals baseball fan and KC Chiefs football fan. He was really excited that the Chiefs not only went to the Super Bowl, but won it! It was a great game!

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- ★ Upcoming Basketball ★
- ★ Games: ★
- ★ **Regional Tournament** ★
- ★ Hillcrest, AR ★
- ★ 2/26-2/29 ★
- ★ **State Tournament** ★
- ★ Lake Hamilton, AR ★
- ★ 3/4-3/7 ★
- ★ Current Records: ★
- ★ Sr High Boys ★
- ★ 28-7 ★
- ★ Sr High Girls ★
- ★ 34-2 ★
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## GET TO KNOW ME...

Everyone knows Mrs. Shelly (Sanders); she is the first face everyone sees as they walk in the front door. She is from Alco, AR and went to school at Timbo High. When in school she participated in many extra-curricular activities. She was in FBLA, BETA, FHA, FFA, student council and was a member of the basketball team.

Mrs. Shelly has been married for 27 years to Deion and their daughter Carly Jo is a senior at Viola this year. When asked what it was going to be like working here after her daughter graduates she said, "There will definitely be a void without her here on a daily basis. She will miss me terribly I'm sure! Haha!"

Mrs. Shelly said that her busiest times in the office are at the beginning of the school year (August) and at the end of the year (May).

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Frank Vacante is our school resource officer this year. Mr. Vacante "loves working at this school". He was in the Army from 1999-2005 where he was deployed to such places as Korea, Iraq, Kuwait, and Qatar. After that, he worked as a police officer for 10 years in Navasota ,TX (north of Houston) and as Elizabeth postmaster for one year. Mr. Vacante says the most challenging part of his job is getting students to trust him and not to fear him. He is here to make the school a safer environment. When he is not working he enjoys fishing, baseball and woodworking.

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.

-Walt Disney