

# Lemons Retires After 26 Years at Claude ISD

BY JIMMY MUSTION

Looking back, we all have teachers that have made an impact on our lives. Whether it's an elementary teacher, an english teacher or a coach, there is that special teacher whom we will remember forever. Claude teacher Jana Lemons is retiring and to many, she was that special teacher.

Lemons came to Claude in 1992. She grew up in Plainview, TX, married, went to school and graduated from Texas Tech and settled in Claude. "Claude quickly became home," said Lemons. "Everyone was so friendly and helpful to a new teacher. The students are great and respectful. We commuted for 5 years before moving to Claude. The kids were so involved that it only made sense to make this our home."

Lemons expressed that growing up she had always wanted to be a teacher. St first she was working in a photography studio but once she has her three children she felt that teaching was a better fit. Claude, also, was a good fit. "Raising 3 kids in this small community has been great. Knowing

that they got a quality education where the teachers care about each individual student. Claude is a very caring place and makes you feel safe and secure." Shared Lemons.

While Lemons is known for producing the CISD yearbook and taking pictures at every event, she didnt start out teaching that. "I started out teaching math to 6-8 graders," said Lemons. "In 2010 I switched over to technology and started teaching 6-8 grade technology application. I've even had one section for one year of history, science and reading in the JH, different years. In 2011 I started also dealing with the yearbook and the last two years claude cast. I have also taught principles of IT, web design, digital media and audio/visual communication. Wearing many hats (even bus driving) while teaching is what you do in a small school."

To many, Lemons is the gold standard when it comes to teachers. "Miss Lemons is one amazing woman!" Shared CHS band director Shelley Thornton. "Shes kept up with all the changes in technology in the past 26 years and was able to teach them to ju-



*Jana Lemons served Claude ISD in a variety of capacities over her twenty-six year career.*

*photo courtesy of Jana Lemons*

nior high students, that's very impressive! On top of that she's been cheerleader sponsor for several squads, influencing them to become great young ladies. And then, she takes the most amazing pictures, capturing memories for a lifetime and puts them into an award winning Yearbook. We are all going to

miss her contributions to Claude ISD."

"I loved doing the yearbook because it is recording the history of the school each year." Shared Lemons. "It will bring back so many memories in the years to come for the students of Claude. My heart and soul went in to putting out a quality publication

that everyone could enjoy. From the designing, doing photography, to getting the students involved in learning how to be proud of the product that they were creating. I would have to say that that was my favorite subject even though it took the most work."

Thornton's own daughter, Callie, has been

taught by Lemons. "Mrs. Lemons is one of the best people I know. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to have her in multiple organizations. She was a true rockstar at Claude ISD," shared Callie.

While Lemons has been in Claude for many years, she always made

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# Caprock Roundup through the Eyes of the Callie Thornton

BY CALLIE THORNTON  
CLAUDE RESIDENT & FORMER  
MISS ARMSTRONG COUNTY

*"Second Annual American Legion Rodeo, Old Settlers Re-Union And Probable Free Barbecue To Be Held at Claude, Texas, July 20-21, 1932. Everybody Welcome."*

That was the headline previewing the second installment of what has come to be known as Caprock Roundup Rodeo and Re-union. While the rodeo no longer offers goat roping, mounted potato races, or trick roping, many things still hold true - and it's not just the barbeque. After 87 years, Caprock Roundup still captures the hometown and community spirit.

What makes this annual celebration so special to me is that the entire community gets involved. As students at Claude Elementary, we would each take our time creating the perfect theme for the parade. Then, confident that ours was the winner, we would hand them in and wait for the top artwork to be chosen. It was never me, but no hard feelings.

Once the theme was announced, teams, organizations, and individuals would go to work planning the decorations for their float. Every year, I would dress up my hot pink bike with entirely too many streamers, only to finish the parade with a single strand remaining.

We would mill around the square visiting all the vendors and spend too much on potato guns, and I would always make sure to get a cup of homemade ice cream to finish off the famous barbeque. Once my feet hurt, I would take a seat under the trees on the front lawn of the courthouse for the fiddle contest and my favorite tradition: the pageants.

I always looked forward to the day when I was old enough to compete for the title of Miss Armstrong County. When I was 16, with the wind blowing and my hands shaking, I took the stage in front of my community for my shot at the crown. With it being my first-ever pageant, I was terrified. But as I looked down at the audience, my heart was at peace. They didn't care who did the perfect turn or who had the best makeup, they were just happy to see teenagers keeping a tradition alive.

While we had a great time at the square, there was even more fun to be had at the rodeo grounds. The annual Chicken Chase is what was described as "hometown hilarity at its finest" as teams chased after deceptively quick chickens while drawing a laugh from the crowd. Team roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding were just a few of the events in the rodeo line up that I



Callie Thornton (right) was presented with her Miss Armstrong County crown in 2016 by outgoing Miss Armstrong County, Landry Little (left). photo by Donna Banister

would make sure not to miss as the sun set on a Saturday.

While I have lots of great Caprock memories, my favorite is of last year's dance. With the torches lit and the Cody Sparks band on stage, it was so cool to see the community come together and dance into the night. That was the best way to end our hometown celebration.

I never realized how special this tradition of ours was until I took a step back. Two days during the second weekend of July has turned into Claude's biggest event of the year that draws alumni home and visitors to our little town. It brings the community together, gives everyone a chance to see our

hometown spirit, and is the epitome of what small town, USA looks like.

I had realization, and I finally understood how special Caprock Roundup was. Living in the Texas Panhandle, you can count on blistering heat during the summer, but as I look back, I can't remember Caprock Roundup being ridiculously hot. It's almost like no one seems to mind the heat because we are too busy celebrating with each other.

That just goes to show that over the years, this event has involved into so much more than barbeque and a rodeo.

It is a celebration of where we call home.

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Phone Calls	270
Walk ins	30
Accidents	8
Agency Assist	31
Alarm	1
Animal Control	2
Attempt to Locate	0
Burglary	0
Civil	7
Control Burns	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Disturbance	0
Domestic	1
Drugs	0
DWI	0
Fight	0
Fire	11
Harassment	0
Illegal Dumping	0
Information	4
Juvenile Contacts	0
Livestock Out	30
Lost/Found Property	0
Medical Assist	12
Mental Subject	0
Motorist Assist	13
Public Intoxication	0
Public Outreach	0
Reckless Driver	15
Resident Assist	54
Sexual Assault	0
Stolen Vehicle	0
Suspicious Person	9
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Terrorist Threat	1
Theft	2
Trespass	2
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Warrants Served	2
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### July 10th

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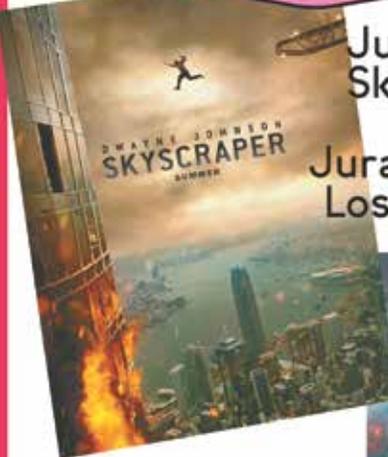
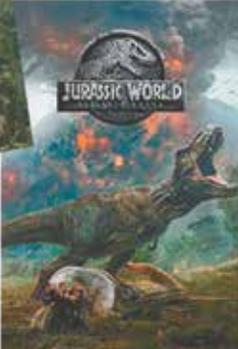
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**CAPROCK ROUNDUP** - Sat. July 14th, On the Square, Various Activities & Entertainment will be Available

**GAME ON VBS @ FBC** - Mon. July 16th thru Fri. July 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Alls students from the community who are 3YO through 5th Grade are welcome to participate

**2x2 TUESDAYS @ THE LIBRARY** - Tues. July 17th, 9:00 a.m., Claude Library, For ages two to incoming 2nd Graders

**BLUEBONNET THURSDAYS @ THE LIBRARY** - Thurs. July 19th, 9:00 a.m., Claude Library, For incoming 3rd-6th graders. We will delve into the new Bluebonnet books, watch the book trailers, do readers theater, discuss these wonderful books and perhaps even have a craft or activity of some kind.

**GAME ON VBS FAMILY FUN NIGHT** - Thurs. July 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church

Families are welcome to come & see what's happening

**PETER PAN PLAY** - Sat. Aug. 4th, 7:00 p.m., The Gem Theatre, Tickets are \$10 adult and \$5 children (12 & under). General Admission Seating. This is the final performance of the Gem Theatre Academy. Come out and support the students.

**PETER PAN PLAY** - Sun. Aug. 5th, 2:00 p.m., The Gem Theatre, Tickets are \$10 adult and \$5 children (12 & under). General Admission Seating. This is the final performance of the Gem Theatre Academy. Come out and support the students.

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8	4	7	6	2	5	9	1	3
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# Lemons Retires

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sure to welcomed any new student who comes into her classroom. "She was one of the first teachers who showed me kindness and welcomed me on my first day," shared 2017 Claude graduate Caitlyn Haskell. "I had her for over 2 years as a teacher for yearbook. She made every situation and activity fun. She wasn't just kind to her students because she had to as a teacher, she chose to be kind and caring because she wanted to and treated everyone like family and went the extra mile to make sure her students and everyone in the school felt like they were apart of the school community."

But now, after 26 yrs, it is time for Lemons to move onto the next adventure. But she will not be relaxing and taking it easy, she has big plans. "This was the right time to retire for me since my oldest granddaughter is starting high school and I will need to be going to support her in her activities. Plus all the other grandkids activities will be keeping me busy. Also a new business adventure came in to play at the first of the year. I'm opening my own photography business called Memories By Jana, LLC. Along with this I will be helping out with the new Event & Wedding Venue that we are putting in southwest of town off of Hwy 1151 on county road 14. We hope to have it up and running late spring of 2019."



Lemons will be incredibly hard to replace in the halls of Claude. Superintendent Brock Cartwright says, "Claude ISD would like to thank Mrs. Lemons for her dedication and devotion serving the students of CISD. She has touched so many over the years. We wish you the best in retirement." It is clear Lemons is an amazing teacher, person and friend. She was a fixture at every game, concert or awards show for the past 26 years. Her work ethic and energy will never be match. Her desire for quality and education should be a model to every one who wants to call themselves a teacher. She will be missed. More than missed. She is irreplaceable.

"Looking back I'm so glad that I decided to go back to school and finish my degree to become a teacher, hopefully I have touched some of the students lives and made an impact. I know that they have touched me and made an impact on my life. I wouldn't trade it for the world. Now I'm ready to begin my next chapter and I look forward to making more great memories."

# Join Us for a Cluck-tastic Good Time!

Calling all chicken lovers! No, we are not talking about a fried chicken contest, even though that would be amazing we should do one at Caprock 2019!. The chicken I am talking about are the ones to be chased and caught during the annual Claude Chicken Chase!

So what is a Chicken Chase? If you're not from the area, like me, you might not have a clue. The Chicken Chase is literally children and adults chasing chickens--and it's hilarious! It's a race to see which team can capture their chickens the fastest. Come out and watch or join in the

fun yourself. The Chase is Friday night July 13th. The check in will be at 6pm, with the chase starting at 7pm. Cost to enter the chicken chase is \$20 for a two man team. The winners get a cash prize. Not only that, but the world famous Chicken Chase shirts will be for sale for \$10. After the chase there is mutton busting on the Claude Rodeo Grounds. To watch the chicken, the cost is \$5. There will be the Caprock rodeo on Saturday night, cost is \$10. People can purchase an arm band for \$12 that will allow you attend both events.



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**BY JANA LEMONS**

My family and I moved to Claude in 1997. I had been teaching and commuting to school for 5 years from Amarillo. The kids became so involved in all the activities that it became a need to be here in town. Best decision we made. We have raised our 3 kids here and they loved being in the small town, small school atmosphere. They weren't lost in the shuffle and could be their own person. The people of Claude are so kind and take you right in. While I was commuting with three kids for those 5 years we could have stayed with several different people over night if we needed too, because of late night activi-

ties or bad weather. That was such a relief to know that we could and did on several occasions. We have been blessed to make good, lifelong friends in such a loving place. Now it is time to watch and see my grandkids call Claude their home and watch them grow where they can feel safe and secure. Being able

to take a walk, ride a bike, send the kids to a friends house, go to the pool, the grocery store and know that you will always meet someone with a smile. I just want to say thank you Claude for taking us in and making us feel so welcome 26 years ago. This is my second and final home, we love you Claude.



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(StatePoint) Nutritious, delicious and low-calorie, vegetables should be the star player of all your meals. But sometimes providing veggies for your family can be time consuming and costly. Luckily, there are a number of simple ways to boost your veggie intake, and it all starts in your grocery store's freezer aisle.

• Go frozen. Frozen vegetables are often one of the most affordable options and the quickest to prepare, reducing time spent slicing and dicing on busy weeknights. Frozen vegetables are easy to store for

long periods of time, and recent studies have found that freezing actually helps lock nutrients in.

• Swap it out: Little ones and even some adults can be resistant to certain vegetables at first. But there are ways to incorporate them into family meals with no one the wiser. Consider cooking with vegetables that offer the look, feel and taste of traditional starches such as rice, pasta and potatoes. For example, Green Giant's frozen Veggie Swap-Ins line, which includes Green Giant Riced Veggies, Green Giant Veggie Spirals and

Green Giant Mashed Cauliflower are easy go-to items in any kitchen for quick family meals. Indeed, 52 percent of American consumers who noted they had purchased Green Giant Swap-Ins products within three months of taking the survey, said they have introduced the product into their kids' meals without their kids knowing they weren't traditional potatoes, rice and/or pasta, and 49 percent admit to swapping these items for potatoes, rice and pasta 1-2 times per week.

• Be mindful: Dining out can be especially tricky territory for those looking to eat more vegetables. Read the menu carefully and ask questions. Many restaurants are happy to make substitutions to accommodate your preferences. For example, see if you can replace a side of fries with a garden salad or sautéed seasonal vegetables like green beans.

• Get creative: Whether you're hosting a barbecue, attending a potluck or simply making your family dinner, consider reducing calories in salads and sides by upping your vegetable intake in these dishes. Make an Italian pasta salad out of zucchini or carrot spirals. Swap out traditional rice with riced cauliflower to make a simple pilaf. The possibilities are endless.

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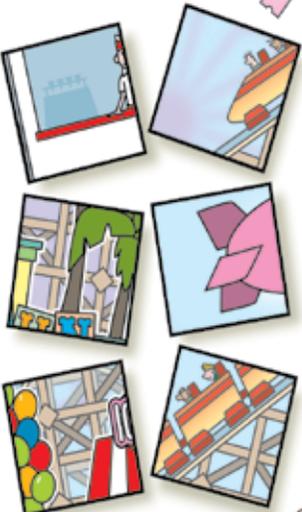
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## Amusement Park Vacation

Can't make it to a real amusement park this summer? Kid Scoop brings the amusement park to YOU this week.

### Amusing Photos

Luna de Loop has enjoyed herself at the amusement park and has taken lots of photos! Look at each photo below. Can you draw a square on the big picture at right where each photo was taken?

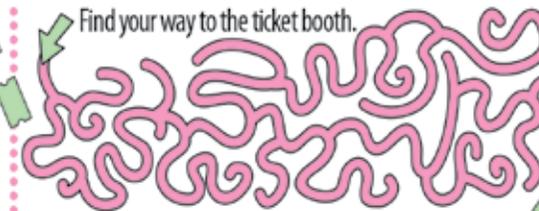


### What is a Dyrehavsbakken?

This is the name of the world's first and oldest operating amusement park. It opened in 1583 in Denmark. But just what does *Dyrehavsbakken* mean? Hold this page up to a mirror to discover the answer.

The name translates "The Animal Park's Hill"

Find your way to the ticket booth.



How many tickets can you find on this page in two minutes?

Extra! Extra! Amusing Scavenger Hunt

- Look through the newspaper and find:
- Three words that start with the letter A
  - Five numbers that add up to 100
  - Something you think is funny
  - A place you would like to visit
  - Something you'd like to buy

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Amusing Food

Part of the fun of a trip to an amusement park is to get some amusing food! The Froyo family ordered their treats. Each person got two or three treats and paid with the exact change. Look at each person's total. What did they each buy?

**Fred Froyo spent \$6.00**

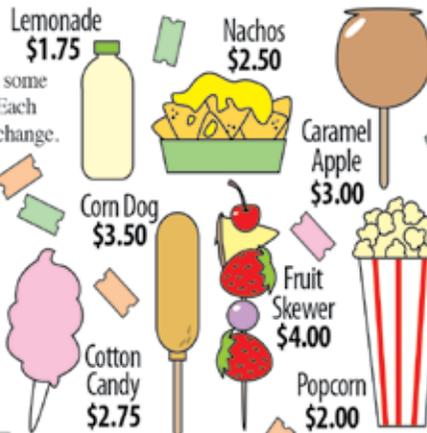
- NACHOS
- CARAMEL APPLE
- CORN DOG
- COTTON CANDY
- POPCORN
- FRUIT SKEWER
- LEMONADE

**Flora Froyo spent \$7.75**

- NACHOS
- CARAMEL APPLE
- CORN DOG
- COTTON CANDY
- POPCORN
- FRUIT SKEWER
- LEMONADE

**Fran Froyo spent \$8.50**

- NACHOS
- CARAMEL APPLE
- CORN DOG
- COTTON CANDY
- POPCORN
- FRUIT SKEWER
- LEMONADE



Standards Link: Math: Compute money sums.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Stacy and her friends took some pictures in the amusement park's photo booth. How many differences can you find between these pictures?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

- AMUSEMENT
- MIRRORS
- DENMARK
- COASTER
- TREATS
- ARCADE
- TOTAL
- WORLD
- PARK
- FOOD
- RIDE
- FAIR
- PLAY
- GAME
- FUN

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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R S N S N D R H D S  
S E U Y D L R O W T  
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A R E N U F A O T R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Invent a Ride

Invent an amusement park ride. Draw a picture of your ride. Create an advertisement to sell tickets to your ride. Use ads in the newspaper to get ideas on how to create an effective ad.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate info.

### Write On!

#### BEST SUMMER VACATION EVER

Pretend you are writing to a friend telling them about your favorite summer vacation.

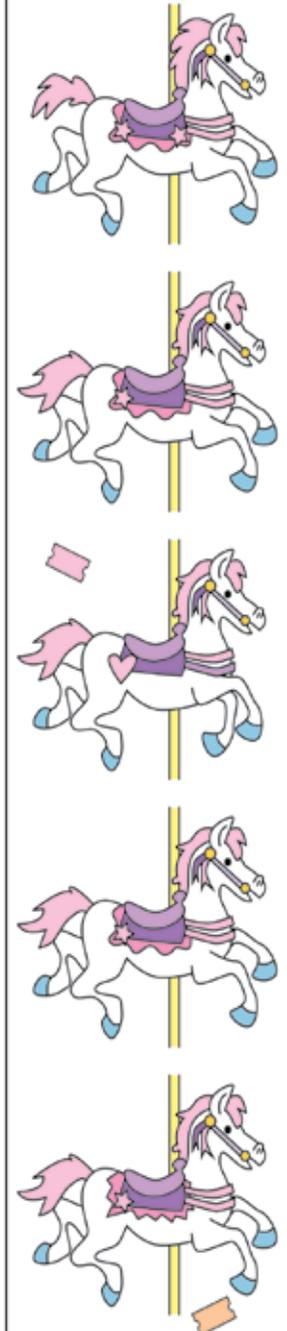
### Kid Scoop Together:

#### Carousels

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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