followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. 13 They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.[d]

15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. 16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. 17 These miraculous signs will

...School Menus

Chicken tenders, tomato cup,

fries,

green beans, roll, strawberries,

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit,

Breakfast parfait, fruit, juice,

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice,

Lunch

Nacho Grande, salsa, beans,

Chicken sandwich, veggie

Breaded pork chop, brown gravy, steamed broccoli, corn,

macaroni,

roll, Mandarin oranges, milk

carrot coins, green beans, roll, seasonal fruit, cookie, milk **Blackwell CISD Breakfast**

cup, garden salad, chips, fruity

cucumbers, apricots, ice cream

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Hot dogs, steak

broccoli, fresh fruit, milk

Thursday, April 21

brownies, milk

Friday, April 22

Monday, April 18

School Holiday

Tuesday, April 19

Wednesday, April 20

Thursday, April 21

Friday, April 22

Monday, April 18

School Holiday

Tuesday, April 19

Wednesday, April 20

Thursday, April 21

Friday, April 22 Cheeseburger

juice, milk

jello, milk

They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.[e] 18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will

accompany those who believe:

19 When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. 20 And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

Thursday, April 21

Sloppy Joe pasta, corn on the cob, salad, cornbread, milk

Friday, April 22

cheese, lettuce, tomato), tater tots, milk



March 2022

The Coke County Sheriff's Office answered 542 calls for the month of March 2022.

Sheriff's Information Report -

Funnel cake, sausage, fruit, 5 Alarm Calls - 3 Welfare Concern - 2 Assault Family Violence - 1 Domestic Disturbance - 1 Criminal Mischief - 3 Criminal Trespass - 2 Unattended Death - 1 Terroristic Threat - 1

Theft - 2

Missing Person, Located - 1 Forgery - 1

hot roll, milk

Fancy burrito (burrito, chili,



Incident Report, Electrical

Recovery of Stolen Property -

Public Service (includes funerals, motorist assist, alarm calls, etc) - 367

MHMR Interactions - 2

Civil Process - 0

Prisoner Transport (including arrest and to and from court) - 6

Warrants Served - 1

Livestock Calls - 17 Accidents - 2

Blue Forms Issued - 1

Accident Assist - 2

Traffic Stops - 102

Traffic Stops Resulting in Citations - 42

Total inmates in jail as of Monday, April 11, 2022:

Males - 2 Females - 1

The Accessibility of Parks

By James M. Decker How many parks does a city need, anyway? Isn't one park enough? Do we actually need more parks if kids just play on their phones all day?

These questions are the types of possible pushback that a community leader might receive from a proposal to expand a community's parks. These are fair questions that a community leader should be able to answer. If the community leader does not receive good questions about a park proposal, then the leaders should ask similar questions in self-reflection. government spending may be the purview of Washington and Austin, but local governments should have a purpose and a vision behind their actions.

The discussion about expanding parks should center around the idea of accessibility. When I started this series, I observed that rural communities are often surrounded by miles and miles of green spacethat are privately-owned and wholly inaccessible to most people in the community. Whether in a city of 3,000 or 3 million, public parks are the only green spaces that are truly open to every member of the community. However, being open to the entire community is only part of the accessibility equation.

I will use Stamford as an example because it is my primary case study for rural issues and because it well illustrates the park accessibility problem. Harmon Park is Stamford's largest and most centrally located city park. In some respects, this is a good thing. It is located at one of the most important intersections in town ("important" in that it hosts one of the city's two stoplights). It is located within a few blocks of the middle school and high school. It is near some of the highest population densities in the city.

But if one studies the map and considers who visits a park and how they might get there, some problems arise. That important intersection includes Texas State Highway 6. While Highway 6 is not quite Interstate 35, it is still a state highway with significant automobile and truck traffic. It is the primary thoroughfare between downtown Stamford and a large part of the community. If a child lives in a neighborhood north of the park or too far to the east (which is close to half the town), they must cross that state highway to access the park. Some children must cross the highway twice as it winds its way through town from southeast to

If you analyze the accessibility

of parks in your own community, you might find similar concerns. It is reasonable to assume that some parents would be reluctant to let their children cross a busy state highway on foot to access a park. But nobody walks anymore, right? Can't the parents just give their children a ride or take them to the park? If parents are working during the summer while the children are home from school, then no, they probably

A lot of us enjoy "nostalgia," be itreminiscences on Facebook of days gone by or watching Andy Griffith. A staple of those discussions is how things "used to be" - parents let their children run around the neighborhood unattended, children left to go play and did not return until dark, things like that.

Sure, children have more distractions today. Video games, social media, the internet, and other activities exist in a way that did not exist one generation ago, much less 50 years ago. But what if children choose those options simply because they are the most accessible recreation? What if children really are not much different now than in 1990 o 1970? What if accessibility is a major factor? What if, between working parents, busy highways, and a host of other factors, it is simply harder for children to get to parks today than before?

Given the choice, you might be surprised to learn how many children might choose outdoor recreation when it is accessible to them. Perhaps community leaders should consider more neighborhood parks, not fewer. Young families just might flock to a community as a result.

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Poptarts, fruit, juice, milk Tuesday, April 19

Monday, April 18

Fruit yogurt parfait, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 20

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice,

Thursday, April 21

Biscuit, gravy, fruit, juice, milk Friday, April 22

Pancakes, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 18

Sweet-n-sour chicken, lemon chicken, fried rice, lo mein noodles, chow mein, egg rolls, milk

Tuesday, April 19

Stacked enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, salad, milk

Wednesday, April 20

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, 2017 Ford F-150 King Ranch 4WD #7298B

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