



**Times Remembered**  
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## Prom Memories

Pictures of prom night have been hitting Face Book the last week or two. All the kids look great. They are all beautiful; the gorgeous dresses,

tuxedos and suits the guys are wearing are outstanding. This year there were two proms, one at the high school and another before that at another location.

The prom always brings back memories for me. The prom in 1968 and 1967 was, of course, the highlight of our high school social calendar.

During my time at ECHS, there wasn't a more important date than the prom. If you didn't have a prom date.....well, socially that was a problem. Most went as couples.

The guys wore suits, white sport coats and a few tuxes. Girls wore long formal; they weren't as fancy as today's prom dresses but they were very pretty. You just didn't show as much skin as the skimpy dresses do today.

The principal at the time, Mr. (Luther) Patrick, only allowed Junior and Senior students to go to prom; no outsiders or underclassmen could attend until 1967 when student council finally convinced him to allow an open prom. The guy I was

dating was a senior, so I was on my way to the prom. I was so excited.

I borrowed a dress from a friend. The dress was yellow brocade, full length with an empire waist and a bow in front. I wore tiny yellow bows in my hair and wore a wristlet of yellow carnations.

The theme that year for the prom was "Polynesian Nights," a Hawaiian type theme. The gym was beautifully decorated with streamers, netting and tropical flowers. The "Monarchs from Louisville, Kentucky played rock-n-rock music until midnight. I danced until my feet were sore; my date didn't like to dance, so a bunch of us girls fast danced in a group and did the "Mashed Potatoes," "The Big B" and the "Swim," and all the other popular dances at the time.

We didn't ride to the Prom in limousines just hot looking cars like 57 Chevys and Ford Mustangs. There was no FLO Party; maybe some parties later at the Ravenna Beach. We could access the river at locks back then. We had a nice sandy beach to layout and swim. There was hardly

any trash on the beach; it was very nice.

The Senior Prom is always the last dance of the school year. It ends the time of a full high school career. Today we have Flo parties after the prom to entertain students the remainder of the night.

Then Graduation.....ready to seek the world. The 60s were a great time for dances; music, hot cars and everything about high school was great.

You are considered adults after graduation.....times to make decisions about your future. Will you attend college or go to the military or a vocational or trade school. College is great but sometimes it isn't right for everyone. If you acquire a trade like welding, plumbing or electricity it is learned; and you can use that knowledge for a lifetime.

Whatever you do; do your very best and choose something you love to do.....the saying goes, "If you choose something your love to do, you never have to work a day in your life."

# School board holds lengthy meeting after ATC tour

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After a tour of the Area Technology Center on Thursday afternoon, school board members met at Central Office to hear construction updates and to tackle a lengthy agenda.

After the meeting was called to order Board Chairman Donna Isfort asked that the board hold a moment of silence for Coach Blake Crowe who passed away two weeks ago.

"Blake will be sorely missed, but his memories will live on with us," stated Superintendent Jeff Saylor.

During the construction update Mr. Saylor said that the district will receive a credit in the amount of \$90,000 for a parking lot that was supposed to be added to the front of the high school.

He explained that the change has taken place because there is a gas line

in that area that is too shallow for the parking lot to be built there.

The board approved a pay application on the ATC building in the amount of \$871,554.66. Saylor said that a final payout on the bus garage would be made in June.

Peter Fisher explained that there were a few issues going on inside of the bus garage. but those were being resolved at this time.

Saylor added that he had told the contractor over the bus garage project that it had gone on long enough, and he wanted the project closed out.

Bids opened on phase 7 of the high school renovation and Saylor reported that the bids were one million dollars more than what was projected. He said the bid will be awarded to a contractor on June 17th and added that several of the contractors who are currently work-

ing on the ATC building have expressed interest in the project.

The board went on to discuss Senate Bill 128 which is being called a 'do over' bill. Under this bill it would allow parents to keep their student in the same grade for another year regardless if the student has passing grades.

Saylor said that so far 15 students from the high school have signed up to repeat the year over, and that parents will have until June 1st to make the final decision on keeping their student back.

He stated once the deadline has been reached parents will not be able to change their minds. All board members approved the 'do over year' with the exception of one.

Several job openings throughout the district were announced by Saylor. including a district wide custodian, a social worker, a resource center

assistant, a transportation manager, and several bus monitors to name a few.

He said that with 30 bus routes he felt like there was a need to have a monitor on each bus.

Board member Tammy Hardy asked why students weren't hired for that position anymore.

Saylor replied that as long as he had been the superintendent there had not been students hired as bus monitors. He added that other districts do hire students for the position, but he felt like it was a good idea to have an extra set of adult eyes on each bus.

The family resource center assistant will be paid for with grant money, according to Saylor. He said that the state looks at Estill Springs and South Irvine as one school, therefore, the assistant will spend their time at South Irvine.

Saylor also announced

a one percent pay increase across the board for all employees.

He also stated that a proposed tax increase within the new fiscal year budget had been removed. because he didn't think it was fair to taxpayers when they have CARES money. He said that when the CARES money is gone, they may have to look at a tax increase.

Mr. Saylor said other than that, there were no major changes to the tentative budget.

Dedication ceremonies have been set for June 3rd at Estill Springs, June 4th for the bus garage, and July 23rd for the ATC.

Saylor said the technology center is a 15 million dollar facility, and it's fantastic, and will be a great addition to the community.

Donna Isfort said that she, along with Superintendent Saylor had recently had a meeting with Representative Bill

Wesley. She said it was a very productive meeting and that Wesley is very supportive of the projects and things that they have going on in the district. Saylor said that he appreciates the support of Wesley and looks forward to working with him in the future to make the community a better place.

Student representative Summer Evans said that she was glad to be back in the boardroom and wanted to express her appreciation to everyone who has worked so diligently to make sure that the seniors were able to have a prom and a graduation.

She added it was good to get back to some sense of normalcy, and she wanted to thank everyone who had made it happen.

Saylor said that with vaccines opening up for students things would indeed begin to get back to normal. He added that 120 students had been vaccinated on Thursday.

# Grand jury indicts Irvine resident on over 400 charges

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On May 11, 2020, KSP Trooper Jansen Hacker, Irvine Police Chief John Sturniolo, and Irvine Officer Jason Conrad went to Powell's apartment to serve an arrest warrant which had been obtained by the Irvine Police Department for an incident the preceding day.

That warrant charged Powell with first degree stalking. According to Irvine Detective Sam Hensley, Powell threatened a female while holding a handgun.

A second indictment was returned against Powell on June 16, 2020 for the alleged stalking.

The indictment states that when the officers went to Powell's apartment to serve the warrant last year, he pointed a loaded 9mm rifle at them. It had one live round in the chamber.

Powell was indicted for resisting arrest because he allegedly refused to follow verbal commands of a peace officer to place his

hands behind his back.

The indictment adds that he had methamphetamine (first degree controlled substance), a half xanax bar (third degree controlled substance), a used syringe and metal pipe (drug paraphernalia) in his possession.

It further states that Powell was in possession of stolen mail which contained medical masks belonging to a female, three roadside signs belonging to the City of Irvine, and several tools belonging to Renaissance Apartments.

The superseding indictment states that when the arrest warrant as served, Powell knowingly had in his possession 451 images which visually depicted a sexual performance by a minor. That charge is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison.

Six of the original nine charges were also Class D felonies. The other three were Class A misdemeanors, punishable by up to one year of incarceration.



Cousins enjoyed the Prom parade on Main Street on Saturday evening. This was the first known parade before a prom, but it was similar to last year's parade for the graduates.



Some Prom-goers traveled the parade route in antique cars, as photographed above. The parade started in Irvine, traveled to Ravenna, before coming back to Irvine. Then the students crossed the Irvine bridge into West Irvine and turned on the Bypass to go to the high school, where the Prom was held in a big tent on the tennis court.

**Covid Report**  
5/24/21

**Active Cases**  
8

**Recovered**  
1141

**Deaths -- 14**

**Total -- 1163**

## top ten

**Most Valuable Media Franchises\***

1. Pokemon
2. Hello Kitty
3. Winnie the Pooh
4. Mickey Mouse & Friends
5. Star Wars
6. Disney Princess
7. Anpanman
8. Marvel Universe
9. Mario
10. Harry Potter

\*all-time revenue  
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