



## Times Remembered

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Every time I see or hear about "Revive River Drive," it reminds me of my days of cruising in the 60s.

At that time my days were carefree and fun. Listening to the Wolf man Jack and WACKY radio out of Louisville occupied my time even when I was working; just to have my transistor radio with me or be cruising with my friends up and down River Drive. The route was up River Drive, go around the Wigwam, back down 4th street through Ravenna and back to Irvine, then repeat.

I was a sophomore in high school and had just got elected to the varsity cheerleading squad. I was on cloud nine. I loved basketball and I loved cheering; especially when we beat Irvine. That was a great rivalry.

After all the home ball-games the high school gave the cheer leaders and basketball players a certain amount of money to eat at the Wigwam. Well, the Wigwam was the place to be seen and to socialize

# Cruising

and have a Country Boy; which was a double decker sandwich on a bun with hamburger slaw, cheese, tomato, pickles and onions. The best tasting burger this side of heaven! No one could make such a great combination sandwich as the "Country Boy."

When you stepped inside, you immediately smelled onions and smoke; your ears welcomed the sound of the juke box playing that good old rock 'n' roll music. I can still hear all the rock 'n' roll hits such as: Elvis's, "I'm All Shook Up," "The Lion Sleeps at Night," and "Mountain of Love." Elvis was played the most. The smell of onions and cigarette smoke permeated the air; (which wasn't good), but we didn't know or care that cigarette smoking was so bad for our health then.

After every home game you couldn't get in "gun-shot" of that place. It was the busiest place anywhere. The Wigwam was full of parked cars and teenagers. Some went inside, others let the carhops bring their food to their car or just sat in their car or leaned on their cars and talked or argued about which car was the best; Chevrolet or Ford.

I've heard some people got engaged at the Wigwam, whereas others broke up at the Wig Wam. At that time I wasn't going "steady," so I just played the field and flirted; I had a better time.

Cruising around the Wigwam looked like a bizarre automotive version

of musicals chairs. We cruised up 3rd Street and 4th Street so much that I'd get dizzy. We hoped someone would leave and we could get a parking place. Since the Wigwam was more social than eating; most people our age at the time were in no hurry to give up their coveted parking place.

Eventually, we would leave and cruise; we loved checking out all the sharp cars and guys in them cruising. There were some great looking cars back then in Irvine and Ravenna. Teenagers took pride in their cars. They looked like they were spit-shined. Oh! Sharp cars were as important to girls as much as how the boys looked too. A sharp car could win a girl over every time!

Currently, Irvine has several Cruise in Car Shows a year that are very popular and those cars are something to see. I guess sharp cars will always be in my blood. I had a Mustang that I adored, but I sold it when Tara was 16; the insurance was too expensive. Maybe I will get another one someday. Hey! I'll be... Go Granny Go.

Those were the days; it's hard for me to fathom that next year will be the anniversary of my high school graduation. Can you believe 50 years? Where has the time gone? I still feel young and would like to call back those times in my life. They were wonderful, so much fun. Don't blink, or you will be 50, 60 or 65 and on Medicare before you know it!

# Do rich people really send their grass out to be mowed?



## America's Heartland

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Two good ol' boys were sitting on the front porch lazily passing the day when a big truck hauling sod passed by.

"I'm gonna do that if I ever get rich," one said. "Do what?" his buddy asked.

"Send my grass out to get it mowed," he answered.

Some of my favorite memories from growing up in the country were of times on the front porch, sitting around with family and friends on summer evenings, enjoying the cool air; the unexplainable flickering of fireflies floating on the breeze, the choruses of the whippoorwills and of bullfrogs and of crickets.

Perhaps you realize that porch-sitting has been a favorite pastime throughout human history. One of the first recorded instances is in the Book of Genesis. Old

Testament patriarch Abraham lived in a tent, so, I suppose his wasn't a porch in the contemporary sense of the word. But it was Abraham's practice to sit in the entrance of his tent in the shade of oak trees.

Long before air conditioning, Abraham found some relief from the heat on his tent "porch" where he loved to entertain passersby.

One day as he sat there, he had three visitors.

"When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed to the ground. Then he said, 'My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, please do not go on past your servant. Let a little water be brought, that you may wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree. I will bring a bit of bread so that you may strengthen yourselves'" (Genesis 18:2-5).

How's that for hospitality? Abraham invited the visitors to rest a spell and gave them food. It turned out these weren't ordinary visitors. They were heavenly beings.

"We should not be forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

In many parts of America, front porches are no longer considered important. In fact, many new homes being built these days don't even have porches. In

my opinion, we've given up a place our ancestors considered crucial. It was a gathering spot, complete with rocking chairs and swings and lots of chatter mixed with laughter.

It was on a front porch that I would sit and listen to my Uncle Delpheus Ore talk. He would smoothly and effortlessly weave biblical principles into the conversation. Talking about Jesus was as natural to Delpheus as talking about family and friends. I learned what a Christian looked like on that porch, looking at Delpheus. He was a manly man - strong and masculine, nothing like the sissies Hollywood portrays Christians to be.

Delpheus left a lasting impression on me with his robust brand of Christianity, which was on full display on that porch.

We all need a place where we can show hospitality, where we can put our Christianity on display, hopefully in ways that will cause others to want to know Christ.

And while we're doing that, we might just see some strange and entertaining things, like a truckload of grass on its way to be mowed?

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## ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY Sept. 25	TUESDAY Sept. 26	WEDNESDAY Sept. 27	THURSDAY Sept. 28	FRIDAY Sept. 29
<b>SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER BREAKFASTS</b>				
Toast, Cheerios Pears Milk	Pancake Porky Apples Milk	Maple Waffles Bananas Milk	Biscuit Gravy Orange	Muffins Mandarin Oranges Juice, Milk
<b>SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Green Beans Apple Milk	Turkey Sandwich Potato Smiles Strawberry Cup Milk Pizza Hut	Hamburger/Bun Baked Beans Peaches Mustard/Ketchup Milk	Pizza Hut Pizza Corn Oranges Milk	Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Roll Mashed Potatoes Mandarin Oranges Milk
<b>ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS</b>				
Toast/Cereal Pears Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Pancake Porky or Cereal Graham Snack, Apple Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Yogurt, Cheese, Gra- ham Snacks or Maple Waffle or Cereal Applesauce Juice, Milk	Biscuit/Gravy or Ce- real/Scooby Snacks Oranges Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Asst. Muffins or Cereal/Graham Snacks, Peaches Asst. Juice Milk Choices
<b>ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple, Milk	Cheese Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Cucumber Slices/ Dip, Pears, Milk	Hamburger/Bun Potato Wedges Baked Beans Dill Pickle Slices Peaches, Milk	Pizza Hut Pepperoni Pizza Corn Grape Tomatoes/Dip Oranges	Pizza Munchable Carrots/Dip Raisins Marinara Sauce Milk
<b>WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS</b>				
Toast/Cereal Fruit Juice, Milk	Pancake Porky or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Milk	Yogurt, Cheese, Crackers or Maple Waffles or Cereal	Biscuit and Gravy or Cereal/Scooby Snacks, Fruit	Assorted Muffins or Cereal/Graham Snack, Fruit
<b>WEST IRVINE LUNCHES</b>				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Apple, Milk	Pizza Munchable Carrots/Dip Raisins Marinara Sauce Milk	Hamburger/Bun Potato Wedges Baked Beans Peaches Dill Pickle Slice	Cheese Bread Sticks Cucumber Slices/ Dip, Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Pear, Milk	Pizza Hut Pepperoni Pizza Grape Tomatoes/Dip Corn Oranges, Milk
<b>ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST</b>				
Dutch Waffle Apple Jacks Pop Tart, Apples Juice & Milk	Scr. Eggs and Toast Cocoa Puffs, Pop Tart, Pineapples Juice, Milk	Biscuit and Gravy Trix, Pop Tart Peaches Juice & Milk	Pancakes w/Syrup Choc. Bites or Mini Wheats, Pop Tart Banana	Choc. or Cinn. Muffin, Apple Cinn. Cheerios, Pop Tart Peaches
<b>ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH</b>				
Popcorn Chicken WG Roll, Apple Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Tropical Fruit Milk/Juice	Spicy Chicken/Bun Fish on Bun Potato Smiles Let./Tom./Pickles Applesauce Pears	Pizza Hut Pepperoni Pizza or Chili Crispi- toes, Broccoli Bites w/Dip, Corn Pineapples Tropical Fruit	Spaghetti, Meat Sauce Ravioli, WG Garlic Toast, Romaine Salad, Sidekicks Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	Mini Corn Dogs Mr. Rib on Bun Baked Beans Broccoli & Cauli- flower w/Dip Fruit
<b>ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST</b>				
Cereal, Pop Tarts Yogurt Oranges/Apples Juices/Milk	Dutch Waffles Cereal Pop Tarts, Yogurt Oranges/Apples	Bacon/Egg/Cheese Biscuit, Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Ban., Apple, Orange	Chicken Biscuit Cereal, Pop Tart Yogurt Apple or Orange	Breakfast Pizza Cereal, Pop Tart Yogurt Orange or Apple
<b>ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH</b>				
Chicken Tenders Roll, Spicy Chicken on Bun, Grapes Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Tropical Fruit, Grapes	Tacos w/Shell Chicken Fajita Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans, Corn Side Kicks Applesauce	Chili Dog on Bun Mr. Rib on Bun Tater Tots Carrot Sticks Peaches Pineapples	Meatball Sub Chicken Patty/Bun Let./Tom./Peppers Green Beans Glazed Carrots Chips, Fruit	Ravioli w/Breadstick Fish on Bun Garden Salad Grape Tomatoes Pineapples Peaches

## Walk-in care

Mercy Primary Care — Irvine offers Friday evening and weekend hours with no appointment needed.

When you're not feeling well, you can get fast, convenient medical care outside of normal business hours —without the cost of an urgent treatment center or emergency room co-pay.

The clinic is open to the community (ages two and up), no matter who your family doctor is.

No appointment needed for treatment of many illnesses and injuries, including:

- Colds and flu
- Ear, throat and sinus infections
- Rashes and poison ivy
- Nausea and vomiting
- Flu shots
- Bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma
- Urinary tract infections
- Sports, school and camp physicals

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