

# Remember Hitchhiking



**Times Remembered**  
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Remember hitchhiking.....People are always talking about hitchhiking in the 60s and 70s.

Mention hitchhiking to some baby boomers, and their eyes roll back with delight remembering the joy of soliciting free rides. In the 60s you could see all kinds of people hitchhiking; a lot of hippies, male and females with their guitars, peace signs and flower power.

Many of the high school boys who played sports; especially basketball players hitchhiked home after practice in those days. At any given time there were two or three boys standing at the end of the (Irvine), Kentucky River bridge hitchhiking or standing in front of the Main Street Pool Room looking for a ride home. It was a way of life back then.

Some hitchhiked to school. One I knew rode with a doctor from Richmond who traveled to Lee County several days a week. It was cheap transportation. If you were military you could hitch a ride easily; especially in uniform. People would pick up GIs.

Times were more innocent then. Yeah, you had the occasional Manson family murders, you didn't

have people playing Grand Theft Auto either. I know you hear more scary stories about hitchhiking today. Times are more dangerous but we also hear more about bad things happening on the news, the internet, face book and smart phones.

So what killed hitchhiking? The interstate highway system took over as the principal route of long distance travel, and hitchhiking on these well-patrolled roads was illegal. Also, hitchhikers often worry about the dangers or becoming hunted. Parents everywhere now admonish their children not to hitchhike.

People were more open to picking up hitchhikers in the 60s than they are now. And with good reason, people just seem to be much crazier nowadays. I would never pick someone up. It's as dangerous to pick someone up as it is to hitchhike.

People avoid connecting nowadays constantly.....the person in the elevator, the broken down car on the interstate, the kid on the street asking for change. Folks tend to keep their noses down, (texting) and minding their own business. I don't know if its fear or the isolation of modern living or some sociological problem, I can't quite fathom; people are distant.

I see people on the road who are broke down and I really want to stop and help , but I'm afraid to.....it's too dangerous.....the crazy, serial killers, rapists and who knows what weird people are out there.

I have read there is still a lot of hitchhiking still going on overseas in several countries. I believe there is no safe place anywhere in the world for hitchhiking anymore. It's not the 60s anymore!

# Police arrest five on drug related charges

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Irvine Officer John Sturniolo, Sgt. Mike Gross and Ravenna Police Chief Ken White responded to 414 4th Street in Ravenna to investigate a call of a man and woman fighting.

Officer Sturniolo said that Robert Harvey, 45, was on the front porch of his residence. The Irvine officer stated that Harvey was unsteady on his feet and smelled strongly of alcohol.

The citation states that Harvey grabbed the radio mike and cord off Sturniolo's chest.

It adds that Harvey had filled a prescription that day for 52 suboxone strips. Directions called for him to take 2.5 strips daily.

Sturniolo said there were only 42 strips left, and Harvey had \$85 in cash.

He said that Harvey yelled and cursed at the jail parking lot while being processed and transferred to Three Forks Jail.

Harvey was charged with alcohol intoxication, menacing, disorderly conduct, and trafficking in a controlled substance second degree. He pleaded not-guilty to those charges during his arraignment on August 5. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for August 12.

Bail for Harvey has been set at \$650 cash.

A Richmond man faces drug related charges after being involved in a wreck on the Richmond Road on Friday night, July 31.

KSP Trooper T. Robinson investigated the one vehicle collision.

The citation states that driver of a maroon 1990

GMC truck refused medical treatment from Estill EMS and told the trooper that he was okay.

The citation states the driver's speech was slurred, his words were slow, and he was unsteady on his feet. Trooper T. Robinson performed field sobriety tests but stopped them for safety reasons.

Robert Burns Jr., 46, told the trooper he lost control of his truck on the Richmond Road. It spun around and came to rest in a ditch.

Burns told the officer that he had taken xanax earlier that day. He had a prescription bottle that had six blue pills believed to be oxycodone and two green rectangular and one oblong blue pill believed to be aprazolam.

The citation states that pills were all scheduled drugs and were placed in evidence. It adds the pills were in a prescription bottle for buprenorphine.

Burns was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, both first and third degrees (drugs unspecified), and prescription controlled substance not in proper container. He was transported to the Estill County Detention Center and transported to Three Forks Regional Jail.

Bail for Burns was set at \$2,500 cash.

Kristi M. Hull, 18, of 605 Old Fox Road, Irvine was charged with possession of a controlled substance first degree and first offense on July 21 .

The citation states that Hull was a passenger in a vehicle which was stopped for traffic on Bertha Wallace Drive. The driver, arrested for warrants, gave KSP Trooper T. Robinson permission to search his vehicle, a red 1998 GMC Sonoma crew cab.

The trooper stated that when Hull stepped out of the truck, she had a change purse. She reportedly gave the trooper permission to search her change purse. He said that inside the purse, he located two small clear bags that contained a white crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine.

Hull was arrested and transported to Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash. She was released after 10% of the cash amount was posted.

Eric D. Ison, 25, of Whitesburg, Ky., was stopped in traffic by KSP Trooper C. Royal for a suspected expired registration on July 25.

The trooper said he noticed that Ison had slurred speech and asked him to step out of his vehicle. Field sobriety tests were performed.

The citation states that Ison had a pill container containing three different kind of pills.

Ison was charged with no/expired registration plates, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, and both first and third degree possession of a controlled substance.

Ison was placed under arrest and was transported to Three Forks Regional Jail by the Estill County jailer.

# Council wants informed of hirings

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Councilman Tobo Bryant said he felt like someone with the municipal aid department should be contacted to find out who was authorized to use the truck.

"Auditors have opinions but I want to know what municipal aid says. It doesn't matter where it's parked at as long as the street workers have access to it," stated Bryant.

Councilman Tim Burkhardt said that he had heard rumors involving some major changes involving personnel. He added that he

felt like a discussion among the council about those rumors needed to happen in executive session. The council was unable to go into closed session on Monday night because the city's lawyer was unable to attend the meeting.

"I don't want any police officers laid off, I want a six man force and if we are having financial trouble we need to make adjustments in other departments. The same goes for the fire department, I don't want to see anyone laid off," said Bryant.

## ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

- Elementary Breakfasts**  
Aug. 12: Scrambled eggs, toast, banana, Juice and milk choices  
Aug. 13: Pop tarts, cereal, pears, Juice and milk choices  
Aug. 14: Muffins, pineapples, Juice and milk choices.  
**S. Irvine & Estill Springs**  
Aug. 12: Taco w/shell, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, refried beans, banana, milk.  
Aug. 13: Turkey wrap, doritos, carrot sticks, cucumber slices, pears, milk.  
Aug. 14: Hot dog on bun, French fries, baked beans,

- side kicks, milk.  
**West Irvine Lunch**  
Aug. 12: Hot Dog or Mr. Rib on Bun, Tater tots, Broccoli/dip, applesauce, milk, mustard, ketchup.  
Aug. 13: Cheese pizza, corn, vegetable blend, watermelon, milk.  
Aug. 14: Chicken strip/wrap or deli turkey wrap, lettuce, tomato, baby bakers, cooked carrots, side kicks, milk.  
**Middle School Breakfast**  
Aug. 12: Biscuit & Gravy, Raisin Bran Cereal, Chocolate Pop Tart, Peaches, Juice

- and Milk choices.  
Aug. 13: Trix Yogurt and Scooby Snacks, Frosted Flakes Cereal, Reese Puffs Cereal, Brown Sugar Cinn. Pop Tart, Pears, Juice and Milk Choices.  
Aug. 14: Chocolate or Cinn. Muffins, Apple Cinn. Cheerios Cereal, Chocolate Pop Tart, Mandarin Oranges, Juice and Milk Choices.  
**Middle School Lunch**  
Aug. 12: Grilled chicken or Spicy Chicken on Bun, Lettuce, tomato and pickle spear, potato smiles, applesauce, mandarin oranges, juice and milk.  
Aug. 13: Mr. Rib on bun or corn dog, baked beans, red pepper slices, diced peaches, pineapple tidbits, milk or juice.  
Aug. 14: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce or ravioli, breadstick, romaine salad, cooked carrots, watermelon, mandarin oranges, milk or juice.

- High School Breakfast:**  
Aug. 12: Breakfast pizza, cereal, pop tarts, pears, juice, milk.  
Aug. 13: Bacon, egg, and cheese biscuit, jelly, cereal, pop tarts, peaches, juice, milk.  
Aug. 14: Pancake porky w/syrup, cereal, pop tarts, orange slices, juice.  
**High School Lunches**  
Aug. 12: Meat ball marinara or chicken patty on bun, glazed carrots, cheese, banana peppers, onions, green peppers, lettuce, tomato, peaches, tropical fruit, juice and milk.  
Aug. 13: Mini corn dogs or pork chop on bun, baked beans, French fries, mandarin oranges, pineapples, milk and juice.  
Aug. 14: Grilled chicken or chicken patty on bun, sweet potatoes, California blend, lettuce, tomato, pickles, peaches, watermelon, milk and juice.

**seeds of Hope**

Have you ever met anyone who awakened in the morning and said, "Today is going to be horrible! I know it. I feel it. It's in the air!" How discouraging. Yet there are some who say, "Today's going to be the best day I've ever lived. I know God will be with me and bless me in all that I do." Is there a formula for having good, God best days? Apparently so.

David said, "if you want to have good days," do three things:

1. Keep your tongue from evil! That may be more difficult than it sounds. James said, "No human being can tame the tongue." Perhaps the best way to start a "good day" would be to ask God to control our tongue and

use it to encourage others and praise Him.

2. Turn from evil and do good! Another way to have a good day is to ask God to make us sensitive to the temptations we are sure to face as the day unfolds. It was Jesus who encouraged us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation." He knew that we would have to face temptation every day of our lives so he advised us to ask for God's help before we faced them. And don't forget the words of Paul, "It is possible," he said, "to escape temptation and avoid sin" if we call on God for help.
3. Seek peace and pursue it. This does not mean we are to surrender and avoid conflict. It means that we can enjoy peace in the midst of conflict if the conflict comes from being obedient to His Word, doing His will and following the path He has set before us.

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## Motivational Christianity?

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I would like to begin this article with some important questions.

1. Do you claim to be a Christian? Is your name on a church record somewhere? Have you today been repentant and confessed your belief in Jesus as the Son of God? Have you been baptized unto the remission of your sins? Have you in the past and are you now consistent in church attendance and personal involvement in trying to convert others?

If you are now active in these things, you are looked upon by the Lord as being faithful. In **Revelation 2:10** our Lord said to the church at Ephesus: "*Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*"

The reason for such a title that we are using today is that if you are now a practicing Christian, what motivated you to become one? Only you can answer this. But perhaps, the full story of our Lord's birth, His sinless life, the power He had over sickness and death. Maybe it was also His crucifixion for our sins. Maybe it is also His promise He made to all: "I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you can be also," John 14:1-3. The word motivation is taken from the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, pronounced "kether," meaning "to close around something so as to surround it."

This is what our Lord desires us to do with Him in our Lord's discourse upon the bread of life (**John 6:48-59**). Jesus plainly said unto His disciples, "*I am the bread of life, if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever, and the bread that I shall give is my flesh which I'll give for the life of the world.*" Friends, when we eat or drink anything what we are doing is consuming it, taking it in that it may give us nourishment and strength to survive. Here our Lord is also saying to us, "Eat of me and live forever." Maybe this may have been one of the motivating factors that caused you to obey the Lord, and maybe it is the whole story about Jesus that causes you to surround yourself with His commandment. I hope this is the case, but how do we motivate those who show little to no interest in Jesus to awaken and consider the fact that a hell, or lake of fire, awaits all the unrepented ones at the judgment.

Sadly, if this does not get their attention, perhaps nothing else will. But as long as there is life, there is also hope, so keep on being in motion as one of Christ's servants. If we will do this, surely we can help one to obey before it is too late.

If we can be of help, phone (859) 369-4165.  
Sincerely, Bob Casey