



**PRESERVING OLD LA VERNE'S
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April has some weird weather. I attended a birthday party on 4/19/21 and it was almost 90 degrees on the porch. We had the heater going early in the week and tomorrow it will be really hot weather. My tomatoes and beans are not sure whether to stay low or grow.

La Verne TV has partnered with the LVHS to produce new videos for the "In Our Backyard" series. One showcases the work of Eric Davis, creator of the mural that adorns the walls of the Fourth Street Mill on 2124 Bonita Avenue. The second video is a follow-up featuring Bill Lemon's "Time Capsule", which provides us with the history of the businesses that occupied this building. Click on <https://youtu.be/NOSF03mvRhs> to watch Eric's presentation and view Bill Lemon's time capsule at <https://youtu.be/EdPxylcNWa4>. The third video is a virtual home tour of the M. J. Mishler House at 2513 Third Street. Take a few minutes to visit this cozy and beautifully-restored home and surrounding garden by clicking on <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1soPRCCjndKNhn5k0F1-qVagTuEPeG5LN/view?usp=sharing>. Another "Time Capsule" from Bill Lemon will be forthcoming on the people who lived in the Mishler House. Links will be posted on the LVHS website by going to the LVHS website, clicking on "Event Videos", and scrolling to the appropriate link. Bill Lemon has also posted the links on the LVHS Facebook page. Next up is a virtual garden tour to celebrate the beauty of spring.

We are ahead of schedule with this edition of *Legacy Links*. It tells the story of the Sparks family, whose children accompanied Walter Gates on his first day of school in Lordsburg. Bill Lemon will answer a question about our city and we report on a time when horses ruled the road – but motorized vehicles were on the rise. The combination could be dangerous. Jeff Allred contributed a wonderful remembrance about of his two mentors; Herb and Ruth Hogan. Please consider a description of a La Verne mentor who has influenced your life and we'll put it in the newsletter.

The Marsh House was moved down First Street on March 31st and is now resting at its new site. Thanks to Linda Wilkinson for this effort to preserve the home and thanks to Marv Weston and John Best for contributing photos of the event.

Only 40 copies of our book, *La Verne*, remain. This is your opportunity to buy from the LVHS at a discount for only \$20. We have t-shirts galore, sizes S-4XL, in black or white backgrounds.

SAVE THE DATE. Paul Spitzzeri will present on Zoom on June 14th at 7:00pm. Watch for a flyer and link to join. We are weathering a very long haul and I for one will appreciate activities in a way like never before. Be safe, be good, be happy!

Sherry Best, LVHS President