



Jimmy Bass sits down for a video interview with French historian Florent Plana to discuss World War II.

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kid from the first grade through the 12th grade. People will sometimes stop me and go, 'Do you remember taking my picture 40 years ago?' I just grew up with each generation and made friends all along the way. I've just been a part of the community through photography."

Bass has also amassed a sizeable

photograph collection that documents Laurel over several decades.

"If anyone wants to know anything about Laurel, they should go ask Jimmy Bass," Odum said.

"Shot people's weddings, then I've shot their kids' pictures," Bass said.

Years back, Bass was able to call most of the kids he photographed by name.

"These days," he said, "the names are beginning to fade."

The names may fade but Jimmy Bass's impact on our community through his photographs, the Veterans Memorial Museum, and his lasting legacy of kindness and giving will be with Laurel and Jones County for many generations to come.