

David: Seniors in Eugene and all around Lane County are sharing their life stories on video as part of a national living history project, and that's part of an ongoing social media initiative.

Jackie: KVAL's Tom Adams joins us in the studio with more on this innovative effort. Tom.

Tom Adams: Well, David and Jackie, this is a very happy marriage of today's social media technology, coupled with some of the greatest personal stories you'll ever hear. Seniors are telling their tales in this national project entitled These [00:00:30] Eyes Have Seen. Garden Way Retirement Community in Eugene hosted auditions this afternoon for area seniors to be a part of this project. Organizers say the stories range from love lost and later rediscovered, also wartime memories, and even sports achievements.

Harvey Lewellen: The Hammer.

Tom Adams: Why is that?

Harvey Lewellen: Because that seems to be my best event. When I was 80, I was throwing it around 1:40. I [00:01:00] set the world record that year.

David: Harvey Lewellen has been a masters' athlete with the Oregon Track Club for many, many years, and he is 90 years young. The video project was launched in 2016 by the Sunshine Retirement Living Company. On KVAL News at 6:00, we'll talk to more of the seniors involved in this effort and why they're doing it.

Jackie: All right. Thanks, Tom. Looking forward to it.