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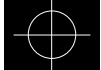
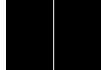
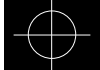
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DAY 1
Feb. 14, 1908:
Calhoun County is born

St. Matthews residents F.J. Buyck and M. Jarecky donated the land for the iconic Calhoun County Courthouse, which was dedicated in May 1914. Citizens tried three times to establish Calhoun County, with the third time in 1907-08 proving to be the charm.

DAY 2
Dantzler House, St. Matthews

The Dantzler House was built in 1850 in St. Matthews as the summer home of Jacob M. Dantzler and his family. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its architectural, political and military significance. In 1852, Olin Miller Dantzler, son of the elder Dantzler, married and moved into the summer house as his permanent residence.



DAY 3
Harry S. Dent: Southern Strategy to Christian ministry

Whether he was acting as a political adviser to President Richard Nixon or saving souls in eastern Europe, St. Matthews native Harry Shuler Dent, Sr. went into the job with the same focus. Following his graduation from Presbyterian College, Dent began working for U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond. The senator switched to the Republican Party at Dent's urging. It was through his political work that Dent became known as the developer of the Republican "Southern strategy." The Southern strategy helped Nixon win the presidency in 1968 and move the South into the GOP column. In 1981, Dent closed his law practice to begin full-time service as a Christian lay leader. He served as director of the Billy Graham Lay Center and chairman of the 1987 South Carolina Billy Graham Crusade.



DAY 4
Greek Revival-style Rast House
former stagecoach stop

The Edward Monts Rast House in Calhoun County is considered a testament to classic Greek Revival architecture. The residence, constructed about 1850, was a stagecoach stop when Charleston was still the capital of South Carolina. In the 1950s, the Rasts moved the house, at that time mostly dilapidated, a quarter of a mile and built underneath the structure a first floor fashioned from old brick that featured a large family room. The residence has double windows and high ceilings. Today, the home is located near the Calhoun County Country Club between the towns of Cameron and St. Matthews.

DAY 5
Col. Thomson earned nickname
during Revolutionary War

A Pennsylvania native, Col. William Thomson, who settled in Amelia Township which is today Calhoun County, served an active role in the British colonial government and later in the government of South Carolina. Thomson was a politician, soldier and patriot. He was called "Danger" by the men who fought with him during the Revolutionary War. Born of Scottish parents in 1726, Thomson and his family moved to the northern section of Amelia Township, a few miles east of what is now Fort Motte.



DAY 6
Sandy Run's Red Store
built in 1820

A landmark in Calhoun County, the Red Store has been vacant for nearly 20 years. The structure is being considered for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Built by Herman Geiger about 1819-1820, the store was situated on a main stagecoach road from Charleston to Columbia. The building was used as a residence and as a store. Its long wing was built in 1821 and used as a place to store heavy groceries and other staples. Later, the front rooms of the structure accommodated dry goods and a grocery store.

DAY 7
Rast designed
Tricentennial tables

As South Carolina's Tricentennial was celebrated in 1970, Calhoun County resident Edward Monts Rast had something in store for the celebration. Rast designed two Tricentennial tables. One was given to the Governor's Mansion in Columbia as a gift in honor of the anniversary. The other was presented to President Richard Nixon through his adviser and Calhoun County native Harry Shuler Dent. The table was presented during the county's Tricentennial Week festivities in June 1970.



DAY 8
William R. Thomson, owner of Cave Hall, prominent in late 1700s

Cave Hall, also called Wright's Bluff, is located on the Santee River, Halfway Swamp and Bull Bluff Creek. It is named for a series of caves in the Southeast Basin of South Carolina referred to as the Lower Pine Belt, or Savannah Region. It was on this tract that Moses Thomson established Cave Hall Plantation. His grandson, William Russell Thomson, either inherited or bought the place. William Russell Thomson was an officer of the American Revolution. Later, he was justice of the peace for Orangeburgh District, 1785; manager of election for St. Matthews Parish, 1786; elected to South Carolina House of Representatives, St. Matthews Parish, 1790; appointed ordinary of Orangeburgh District by the Legislature, October 1791, and elected sheriff of Orangeburgh District by the Legislature, December, 1794.



DAY 9
Calhoun's Peterkin won
Pulitzer in 1929

A resident of Calhoun County was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for American Literature in 1929. Julia Mood Peterkin was the recipient of the coveted honor for her book "Scarlet Sister Mary," a novel about the lives of blacks in the rural South. Peterkin's novel was chosen for the Pulitzer Prize over notable works such as William Faulkner's "The Sound and the Fury" and Thomas Wolfe's classic, "Look Homeward, Angel."



DAY 11
Wannamaker sought to grow
a better soybean

In the early 1940s, the soybean was relatively unknown in Calhoun County. At that time about 3,800 acres of the crop were planted in the county. John E. Wannamaker, Jr. of St. Matthews was one of the South's pioneers in the use of soybeans. His number one goal was to find a soybean with the highest yield that was the most shatter and weather-resistant with heavy pod distribution, high oil content and a good maturity date.

DAY 10
St. Matthews rolled out
welcome mat for purple martins

The purple martin's diet consists entirely of insects, including mosquitoes. A town in southwestern Illinois that was experiencing an onslaught of mosquitoes during summers was able to reduce the number of the pests by attracting purple martins. St. Matthews Rotarians adopted the idea in 1970 and began placing purple martin houses in the county.



DAY 12
Marion Gressette, powerful state senator

When Calhoun County was formed in 1908, the future president pro tempore of the South Carolina Senate was a lad of 6. Lawrence Marion Gressette was born in the Sunny Plain section of what was to become Calhoun County on Feb. 11, 1902. Gressette strove to reflect the principles instilled by his parents, the late John Thomas and Rosa Wannamaker Gressette. He graduated from the University of South Carolina Law School in 1924 and was elected to the House a year later. He served in the Senate from 1937-1984. Gressette found himself serving on many Senate committees and became admired in the body. He became the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1953 and was one of the state's most powerful lawmakers for decades.

DAY 13
Lone Star

Like many small towns in 1893 the Atlantic Coast Line built a railroad in the present day area of Low Falls. The original name for what became Lone Star was Auburn. The first store was built by Bull & Taylor. It was because of this lone light shining from the store at night that an engineer working for the railroad name this stop 'Lone Star.'



DAY 14
Dr. Clemmie Webber
led life of service

Dr. Clemmie Webber raises her hands in celebration at the ceremony announcing the naming of Boulevard Street in Orangeburg from its intersection with U.S. Highway 21 to its intersection with S.C. Highway 33 as Webber Boulevard. She was a scientist, educator, author, mentor, pioneer, community leader, wife and mother. St. Matthews native Dr. Clemmie Embly Webber grew up on Orangeburg's Treadwell Street with her four younger siblings.



DAY 15
Golden Kernel Carolinas' first pecan-shelling plant



Before the turn of the century, Dr. S.J. Summers, a family physician in the Cameron community, brought from Mississippi the first pecan seedlings to be planted in South Carolina on a commercial scale. In 1924, Golden Kernel Pecan Co. Inc. opened as a pecan-shelling operation. The Summers family grew pecans and raised hogs. The nuts were cracked by hand, and Golden Kernel not only sold what it grew but bought nuts from Holly Hill, Aiken and Orangeburg to crack, ship and sell. The company became the first pecan-shelling plant in the Carolinas. Today the operation buys and sells nuts grown in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. The business is operated by Summers' two sons, David and Bill.



DAY 16
Wannamakers
pioneers in seed,
soybean business

The Wannamaker brothers, from left, Treutin, Whit and Banks, are shown at their St. Matthews farm in the 1920s. The Calhoun County Wannamaker family's roots go all the way back to the year 1732. The family was farming then, and nearly 300 years later it continues to do so.

DAY 17

Horace Ott, composer of jazz and pop

The catchy rhythms of The Village People's 1978 hit song "Y.M.C.A." were the work of St. Matthews native Horace Ott, who started taking piano lessons in his hometown at age 10. "My brother complained about the noise" he made while practicing, Ott said. He said he could not pass the piano without sitting down and playing, no matter the time of day or night. Some of Ott's other arrangements and recordings range from "You Don't Have to Be a Star," which he created for Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, to "Lush Life" for Joe Williams.



DAY 18

Rebecca B. Motte sacrificed home to drive out British

The Battle of Fort Motte took place in 1781. This battle was significant as the principal depot of British convoys between Charleston and Camden during the American Revolution.

DAY 19

Sandy Run's Baker House dates to the 1820s

The Baker family settled in the Sandy Run area of Saxe-Gotha Township about 1738 after 150 acres were surveyed for William Baker I. The survey was done at the confluence of Sandy Run and the Congaree River. In 1744, Baker I, an "elder of the German Congregation of Dissenting Protestants at the Congarees" purchased a nearby 350-acre tract from Richard Myrick where the William Baker House stands today, according to records at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History State Historic Preservation Office. The present house, which dates to the late 1820s or early 1830s, was built by either William Baker II or his son, William Baker III. Some records indicate Union Gen. William T. Sherman slept at the site in February 1865.



DAY 20

Trader made home along Lyon's Creek

George Sterling, explorer and Indian trader, received a 570-acre land grant in March 1704 along Ox Creek (today called Lyon's Creek). Sterling became one of the area's first settlers in what was to become Calhoun County. He died in 1706.



DAY 22

Buyck's Bluff

Archaeology experts describe the Buyck's Bluff Archaeological Site in Calhoun County as "significant for the questions it can answer about the archaeology of South Carolina." The site, which is at a "restricted address," according to the South Carolina Department of Archives and History contains a complete sequence of human occupation beginning with Paleo-Indian, continuing through the Archaic and Woodland periods and terminating with the Mississippian Period, thus spanning some 10,000 years.



DAY 24

Zante Plantation dates back to late 1770s

The Zante Plantation was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The Zante Plantation, located in the Fort Motte community off U.S. 601, has been the home of several prominent South Carolina families. The dwelling's history dates back to the late 18th century when Peter Manigault acquired the property.



DAY 23

Clark House once housed the library

The Clark House was built in 1877 and is considered to be one of St. Matthews' oldest structures. It served as a county library from 1954 until June 1, 2010. Constructed in classic Greek Revival style, the structure was in use as a residence until it was converted for the library's use.



DAY 25

Ulmer-Summers house reminder of 18th-century architecture

The Ulmer-Summers house located on S.C. Highway 33 in Cameron is one of the few examples remaining of late-18th century domestic architecture in the Calhoun County region. The house was originally constructed on land granted to John Jacob Ulmer in 1757. The house was inherited by his son George Jacob. It has been in the Summers family for generations. The earliest section of the Ulmer-Summers house was built before the turn of the 18th century at the edge of a millpond. In 1852, it was decided that the site near the millpond was dangerous to the health of the house's inhabitants. The pond's dam was destroyed. The house was moved to another tract of land about a mile away.



DAY 26

Museum owns piece of Turkey Track

Known once as Arant's Field, this site was home to an Indian village probably around 500 AD. The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center owns a piece of history as the museum was given 5 acres of the 205 acres. The land is now part of the Congaree Bluffs Heritage Trust Preserve, Turkey Track. The property was given to the museum by Frances Crutchfield Kellers and is listed on the National Historical Register. It is surrounded and managed by The Congaree Bluffs Heritage Trust Preserve. Consisting of about 200 acres, the property is about an hour's drive from Columbia in the Fort Motte community and 15 minutes from St. Matthews.



DAY 27

Haigler House has ties to early immigrants

The Haigler House is a single-family dwelling that was built circa 1893 by Thomas Shadrack Haigler. The simple Queen Anne farmhouse features folk Victorian decorative details. The porches incorporate decorative spindle work, including turned supports, delicate gingerbread and carved brackets. The house is surrounded by several outbuildings which include an ice house, spring house, and a chicken coop. At one time a separate kitchen was probably connected to the house with a breezeway. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



DAY 28

Puritan farm

The Rev. Jacob Wannamaker built the home between 1820 and 1825 for Dr. and Mrs. George Keitt. The house combines several features of the Greek Revival style, particularly in the interior detail. Its large white, two-story clapboard frame structure features a second-floor porch addition and two connecting rear wings, all set upon a raised basement. A porch extends across the entire first-story front and rests upon the raised basement.



DAY 29

Houser residence served as tavern, horse-changing station

St. Matthews businessman David Houser built his home in 1829 on his plantation called Oak Grove. The house is a two-story wood frame residence, rectangular in plan, and has a one-story front porch and rear addition. The dwelling is a typical Upcountry farmhouse with some Federal style features in the interior. The two-story beaded weatherboard core of the house has a gable roof, with a stuccoed brick exterior chimney, the SCDH states. Houser was a planter who also operated a saw and grist mill. The land had been bequeathed to him by his father Andrew Houser Jr., who was a soldier in the American Revolution.

DAY 30

Holman Farm spans 278 years

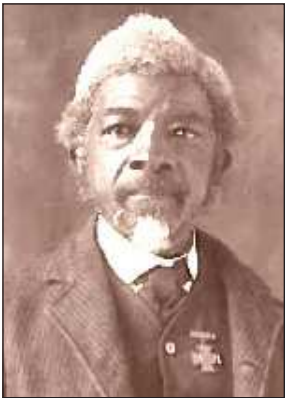
Found on the centuries-old Holman farm is the old Holman Cemetery, which includes more than 50 graves of family members. As you travel through St. Matthews east down Old Number Six Highway, you pass through the Holman farm, which is one of only a few that still operate under the same name as their ancestors some 278 years after the original land grant. Over the course of the 278 years of operation, the farm has produced crops such as asparagus, corn, small grains and soybeans. The farm also engaged in commercial egg production. Today, it relies on cotton and peanut production. Seventh- and eighth-generation farmers Capers and Bill Holman use farming practices far different from what their ancestors used all those years ago.



DAY 31

St. Matthews' Caleb Glover awarded Southern Cross of Honor

Caleb Glover, an African-American who was awarded the Southern Cross of Honor by the Paul McMichael Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, played a pivotal role in the history of St. Matthews. Glover was born around 1827 and died in 1920. He was a camp follower of Col. Olin Dantzler, a St. Matthews native who suffered a fatal battle wound on June 2, 1864, in Bermuda Hundred, Virginia, during the Civil War. Glover accompanied Dantzler to the battlefield during the Civil War and returned Dantzler's body to St. Matthews for burial. Glover also recovered and returned home the body of Col. Laurence Keitt of St. Matthews, who suffered a mortal wound during the Battle of Cold Harbor on June 1 and died near Richmond, Virginia, on June 2, 1864.



DAY 32

Congressman, secession delegate died from battle wound

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center is home to the Laurence Keitt Collection, which features clothing worn by Keitt, including the smoking jacket he wore during his European honeymoon in 1859. Laurence Massillon Keitt, a pro-slavery politician who died from a mortal wound at the Battle of Cold Harbor, near Richmond, Virginia, was born and reared in St. Matthews.



DAY 33

Revolutionary War officer built Midway Plantation

Little remains of the original Midway Plantation, which was built in 1785 by Col. William Russell Thomson (1761-1807). The present facade was added in about 1859. The Thomson family was prominent in the community, playing a role in the military, political and social history of South Carolina and both Calhoun and Orangeburg counties for more than 170 years.



DAY 34

Oakland Plantation once home to state senator

William Sabb Thomson was the first known occupant of Oakland Plantation, which according to local tradition was built prior to the Revolutionary War between 1750 and 1770. The Oakland Plantation house features a medium gable roof extending over the front porch and is supported by six square columns. It also features a wooden balustrade with latticework, added in the 1880s. The front entrance is flanked on either side by full-length French windows, lengthened from multi-paned windows. The rear portico has been enclosed and is used as a sun porch. A wide central hall runs the length of the house and is divided by a spindle work screen, added in the late 19th century.

DAY 35

Good Hope Picnic nears century mark

A historical marker is located at the Good Hope Picnic grounds on S.C. Highway 267 between Lone Star and Elloree in Calhoun County. The Good Hope Picnic was founded in 1915 to mark the completion of the cotton harvest and is held every year on the second weekend of August. Its founders wanted to provide local black farmers with a marketing outlet for their crops.



DAY 36

Lang Syne significant for agriculture, architecture

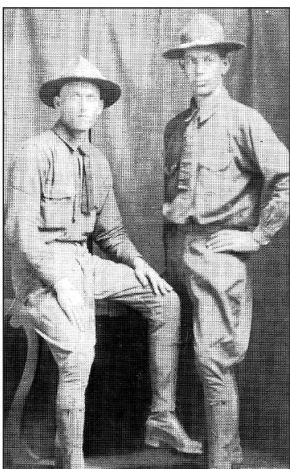
Calhoun County's Lang Syne Plantation has the distinction of recognition on the National Register of Historic Places for its contributions to agriculture, literature and architecture. The home and accompanying 65 acres were added to the National Register of Historic Places last year. The main house was built in 1915 and designed by George Eugene Lafaye, one of the state's most prominent and prolific architects of the early 1900s. The original home at Lang Syne burned in 1912 and a new one was built in 1915.



DAY 37

Cotton price slumped in Calhoun County during WWI

Ernest Whetstone and John McLaughlin Jr., both of St. Matthews, were among hundreds in the area to answer America's call to arms in 1917 to join the battle as allies of England and France against Germany in World War I. The presence of German submarines nearly closed the ports of Europe to cotton imports from the U.S. and as a consequence, the market price for cotton dropped to about 6 cents per pound. Calhoun County was predominantly an agricultural area, and cotton was its principal money crop. The low prices caused major concern and pessimism was rampant, according to St. Matthews resident J.A. Merritt in June 1933.



DAY 38

Totness was a cool spot

The former town of Totness, which is lost to all but time, was incorporated in 1850 and was a summer village for plantation owners. It was located about three miles from the Congaree River and about 200 feet above the river's elevation. The origins of Totness as a village date to the late 1700s. It was formally incorporated as a town in 1850 by the General Assembly.



DAY 39

St. Matthews man survived Bataan, POW camp in WWII

Capt. William P. Cain of St. Matthews is shown in a photo published in The State newspaper. The caption reads: "For 26 months after the fighting on Bataan, (Cain) ... was a prisoner of the Japanese in a concentration camp on Luzon Island in the Philippines. Just before the invasion of the Philippines, as several hundred of the prisoners were being moved aboard a "Japanese" transport to a secret hiding place, an American sub torpedoed the ... ship, and Capt. Cain was one of the 83 survivors ..."

DAY 40

Derby, Preakness winner spent time at Webb Carroll Training Center



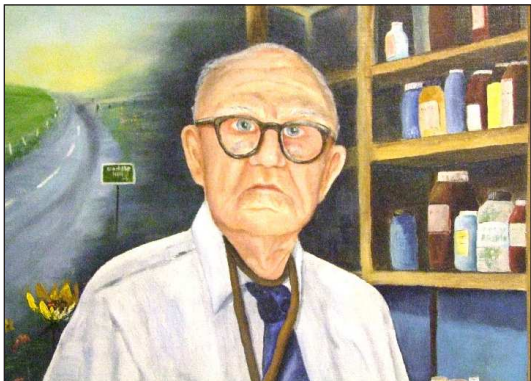
William Webb Carroll Jr. is no stranger to horses, having grown up on a farm with broodmares and babies. After his father died unexpectedly in 1972, he tried

his hand at different enterprises, from farming to running his own trucking company to managing a farm in Calhoun County. Failing to find contentment, he established Webb Carroll Training Center in the early 1980s. Through the years, the center has had an alumni association of horses that have reached fame and fortune, including the likes of Kentucky Derby-Preakness winner War Emblem and other winners like Oflee Wild, Tale of the Cat and Old Fashioned.

DAY 41

St. Matthews street name honors longtime physician

Dr. Harry C. Raysor listens as St. Matthews Mayor W. Gladden Smoak reads the announcement of the name change of Railroad Avenue to Harry C. Raysor Drive in April 1976. Calhoun County residents filled the streets of downtown St. Matthews one Saturday in April 1976. The Purple Martin Festival Parade had barely gotten underway when it came to a halt on Dant-zler Street at the intersection with Railroad Avenue. As the Essex antique car bearing Dr. Harry C. Raysor, honorary parade marshal, stopped in front of the judges' stand, St. Matthews Mayor W. Gladden Smoak spoke a few words in honor of the 87-year-old local physician. He then announced, to the cheers of the crowd, that Railroad Avenue was being renamed "Harry C. Raysor Drive" in honor of the doctor.



DAY 43

Fort Motte named for Revolutionary heroine

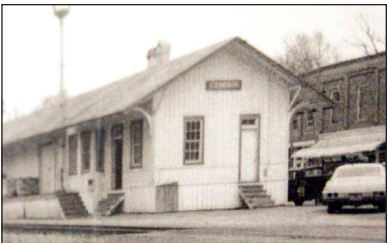
The town of Fort Motte was established in 1875. In 1925 the town voted to surrender its charter. Once a thriving community, today all that remain is dear hearts and quiet streets.



DAY 45

First Cameron settlers were immigrants

At the base of the rolling clay hills of Calhoun County, where the Lowcountry of South Carolina begins, is the town of Cameron. Through the years, Cameron has gained the reputation of "being that pretty, little town halfway between Charleston and Columbia on Highway 176." The Manchester and Augusta Railroad completed its first line in 1894, and the town of Cameron was named for the conductor who brought the first train through the community. W.W. McMillan was the first railroad agent. Before it was incorporated on July 10, 1896, Cameron was considered a part of the Four Holes community. There are families in Cameron today whose descendants lived in the area long before that. These early families came to America as German immigrants seeking freedom of religion. In the early 18th century, the first settlers arrived in Cameron from Germany via Zurich, Switzerland.



four- and five-speed overdrive to computer-controlled transmissions. Through the years, the business has expanded with the addition of several stall garages, vehicle lifts and office space expansion. Founder Paul Hutto died two years ago, but Hutto's Transmission Inc. continues to be a family affair.

DAY 47

Jericho UMC founded over 200 years ago

Jericho United Methodist Church has strong, deep Methodist roots. The church is located at 11 Houcks Gin Road just outside of Cameron. English-born Bishop Francis Asbury, often referred to as the "father of Methodism" in America, frequented the eastern areas of the newly formed nation in the late 1700s and early 1800s. According to church history, Asbury visited "Jericho campground," which no longer exists, and stood on a stump and preached the Gospel. According to a brief written history of Jericho, Asbury continued his ministry, "determined to plant a permanent seed for the United Methodist Church" in the Jericho community. In 1811, a congregation formed and began constructing a church building. Four years later, Jericho Meeting House was completed on four acres of land deeded to the church's trustees for \$3. Construction of the present-day church building began about 1850 on that original tract of land.



DAY 46

Family business flourishes in St. Matthews

The family-owned business known as Hutto's Transmission Inc., with its famous signature "sign," is celebrating 60 years in operation. The transmission service company has gone from hydramatic transmissions to



DAY 48

Peanut-buying stations emerge in goober 'gold rush'

Cameron is home to two peanut-buying stations, Carolina Peanut and Palmetto Peanut. Both were started by local farmers. These companies serve as collection centers where peanuts are dried, cleaned, warehoused and then shipped and sold.

DAY 50

County seat named in honor of old St. Matthews Parish

The town of St. Matthews was originally known as Lewisville. Later the name changed to St. Matthews in honor of the old St. Matthew's Parish, by an Act of the General Assembly, approved March 24, 1876. Robert Welch, attorney for the county, left the apostrophe in "St. Matthew's" out of the bill. Thus, the town name was officially "St. Matthews," without the apostrophe.



DAY 44

Sandy Run Lutheran Church incorporated in 1788

The Sandy Run Lutheran Church is one of the oldest Lutheran congregations in the state. It is believed to have been organized in 1765. Jacob Geiger settled in the Sandy Run area of Calhoun County about 1737. He brought with him his Lutheran heritage and both Lutheran and Reformed (Calvinistic) Congregations were worshipping in the region prior to 1751. The first house of worship was built about three miles north of the present location of the Sandy Run Church on the west bank of the Congaree River, near the mouth of Sandy Run Creek. The settlers soon found that they could not live so near the river and moved inland. The church was incorporated in 1788 under the name German Lutheran Church of Salem on Sandy Run, but it later came to be known as Sandy Run Lutheran Church

DAY 49

Calhoun County home to 3 ginning companies



Calhoun County was the leader in cotton production at the turn of the 20th and 21st centuries. The cotton gin (short for cotton engine) is a machine that quickly and easily separates the cotton fibers from the seeds, a job previously performed by hand. The fibers are processed into cotton goods, and the seeds can be used to grow more cotton or to produce cottonseed oil. Today there are three cotton gins in Calhoun County. Farmers Gin Co. LLC and Middling Cotton Company in St. Matthews and Cameron Cotton and Seed Company.

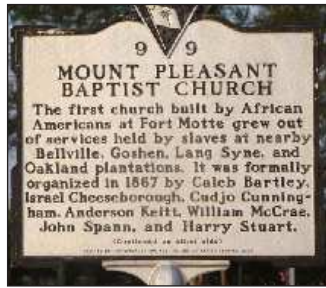


DAY 51
Grubbs Furniture has long history

Adam Arant, pictured, is co-owner of Grubbs Furniture in St. Matthews. He started out working in the warehouse of the family business at the age of 11. Willie Grubbs started selling furniture in the 1950s and decided in 1967 to start his own business: Grubbs Furniture and Appliances at 113 F.R. Huff Drive. For the past 48 years, the Grubbs family has opened its hearts and pocket-books, and offered equipment for many community projects such as the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center, the Chamber of Commerce, Calhoun Academy and Calhoun County youth baseball.

DAY 56
Oldest African-American church in Fort Motte

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church was established on Aug. 17, 1867. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church founding fathers were Harry Stuart, Anderson Keitt, Cudjo Cunningham, William McCrae, Isreal Cheeseboro and Caleb Bartley. These freed slaves were former residents of neighboring Goshen, Oakland, Belleville and Lang Syne plantations. Many church members came from the Buckhead Church in the Fort Motte Community. Tradition tells us it is the oldest African-American church in the Fort Motte area. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church keeps growing and is committed to doing good works, community ministries, and to remembering those who have gone before them who dared to make a difference. Always and most importantly, they are grateful to God for their many blessings.



DAY 59
Inabinet won state crowns, 2nd runner-up for Mrs. America

Pam Inabinet was born in Columbia in May 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Inabinet. She graduated from St. Matthews High School in 1968. First, she was crowned Miss South Carolina Teenager in 1965. Next she became Miss Calhoun County in 1968, then Miss Columbia, which led to her 1971 title of Miss South Carolina. After becoming a "Mrs.," Inabinet, of Calhoun County's Sandy Run community, was crowned Mrs. South Carolina in 1978 and went on to become second runner-up for Mrs. America.



Eugene S. Blease of Newberry. He was the first Wofford graduate at the time to become state chief justice.

DAY 62
Stabler makes history as S.C. chief justice

John G. Stabler was born in October 1871 on his father's farm in Calhoun County. From 1920 to 1926, he served in the state Senate until being elected to the South Carolina Supreme Court in 1926. Stabler was elevated to chief justice in 1935 upon the resignation of

DAY 63
VFW post name honors soldier killed in Vietnam

Staff Sgt. William J. Caldwell had a family history of leadership and service. On June 11, 1966, at the age of 28, Caldwell was killed by small arms fire. He was the first St. Matthews soldier to die in the Vietnam War. Today, VFW Post 10729 on the Moore Road in St. Matthews is named in his honor.



DAY 65
Company brings forgotten architecture, wood back to life

Encore Architectural Salvage Company works with custom furniture, doors, tubs and sinks, mantles and reclaimed wood. In addition, the company provides professional salvage of older homes, commercial buildings, farms and barns. The salvaged pieces are used to supply contractors and individuals with a large variety of unique antique lumber and architecture. The trained crew carefully deconstructs structures by hand in order to salvage as much of the reusable materials as possible. This process diverts many items from being dumped into local landfills.



DAY 66
Calhoun County home to two lake landings

The railroad trestle is a landmark visible from the landing at Low Falls. Calhoun County is home to two boat landings: Low Falls and Stump Hole. Low Falls Landing, at 958 Low Falls Road, Cameron, is near the upper end of Lake Marion along the Santee River. Stump Hole Landing, at 18 Halter Court, features a free boat ramp along with boat slips.



DAY 54
Camp Summers and Manget offers children's ministry, retreat

Camp Summers and Manget is situated in a pecan grove on Church Camp Road off Highway 33 near Cameron. In 1944, David Keene Summers and his wife donated 75 acres of land to the Eastern Conference of the Southern Methodist Church for the purpose of creating a camp ministry. The Summerses felt the need for a place for a children's ministry, where the pressures of an ever-changing world could be relieved.

DAY 52
Music teacher molded singers, piano players

Beloved piano teacher Julia Helen Garris taught piano and voice instruction to countless students in Calhoun County and throughout the Midlands for decades, in the process earning national acclaim through the success of her students. The daughter of Julia Crider Garris and Howard Franklin Garris, she lived in St. Matthews and was a lifelong piano teacher and voice instructor. In 1985, the National Guild of Piano Teachers inducted her into the organization's Hall of Fame.



DAY 55
Calhoun County Veterans Memorial dedicated in 2010

War memorials are an example of the type of monument or memorial that a nation erects to remember and honor those who have fought and made the ultimate sacrifice. Planning for Calhoun County's Veterans Memorial began in April 2007 and ground-breaking ceremonies were held in May 2008 at the Calhoun County Courthouse Complex. The memorial opened and was dedicated in November 2010.



DAY 57
Fillin' station: Thornton's is trip back in time



Richard Thornton's Texaco station has been around since the late 1950s. The signs may have changed; a new coat of paint is brushed on every now and then. The structure itself looks rather up to date. But stepping inside is to step back to a time when service actually meant service - someone pumps the gas for you, your windows are wiped, oil and water checked.

DAY 60
Georgia Gov. John Adam Treutlen

The marker at Metts Crossroads remembers John Adam Treutlen, who was a member of the first Provincial Congress and was elected the first governor of Georgia in 1777. He was a fervent believer in the fight for American independence. A price was put on his head by the British government. While he was still living in Georgia, the Tories took over his property and burned his home. Because of all of the threats to himself and his family, he was persuaded by his friends to move to St. Matthews Parish, South Carolina. In April 1782, in the present-day area of Metts Cross Road, which is near the intersection of Belleville Road and Highway 176 in Calhoun County, the Tories caught up with him and he was hanged, drawn and quartered.



DAY 64
Congaree bridge's history dates back to Bates Ferry

The South Carolina Department of Transportation completed the replacement of the Bates Bridge in spring 2013. During the early 1900s, John M. Bates led several highway location projects. He personally financed, built and managed Bates Ferry across the Congaree River between 1910 and 1922. Bates organized the Richland-Calhoun Bridge Commission in 1921 and arranged financing, secured the permit to span the river and supervised construction of Bates Ferry Toll Bridge connecting Richland and Calhoun counties. The bridge was completed in 1923 and served as a forerunner of the present span carrying U.S. Highway 601 traffic over the Congaree River.

DAY 67
Fairey family, cars together for a century

For more than 100 years, the Fairey family and cars just seem to all roll together, generation after generation. Fast forward to 2015 and Fairey Chevrolet Cadillac is still going strong. Four generations in the automobile business and the vision of the first Fairey dealership is still remembered. A handshake and honesty is still given to each customer.



DAY 69
Calhoun Country Market's décor reflects past

It is not uncommon to walk into the Calhoun Country Market, 1304 Bridge Street, St. Matthews, and find people with smiles on their faces reminiscing of childhood memories made in the old building. The market is surrounded with old pictures, receipts, advertisements, coupons, bills and antiques from days long ago. Many of these were items found in the attic and under floor boards when the current owners, newlyweds Jonathan and Era Zeigler, began renovations in 2012. The market, which has had several owners in its lifetime, started out as a Texaco Station in the early 1940s.



DAY 53
WPA project created Lake Inspiration

What was once a marshy stagnant swamp eventually became part of a recreation park to serve as an inspiration in St. Matthews. Lake Inspiration, located off Raysor Road, was a project of the former federal Works Progress Administration, which was formed in 1935 and renamed the WPA in 1939. The former Calhoun County Emergency Relief Administration worked to properly drain the swamp and turn it into a spot of beauty. The work was helped along with the use of WPA laborers and was completed among other projects, including the construction of approximately 500 miles of community roads and the repair and remodeling of many school buildings.



DAY 58
John Ford continues to give

Officials and stakeholders cut the ribbon for the John Ford Community Center on Nov. 20, 2014, in St. Matthews. The old John Ford Middle School was sitting vacant for a number of years and there was a desire among Calhoun County leaders to see it filled once again. In 2011, the Calhoun County School District Board of Trustees gave the former school to Calhoun County. The county had expressed interest in restoring the facility as the John Ford Community Center. In November 2014, after a nearly \$1 million overhaul, the first phase of renovating and updating a portion of the school reached its completion. The center, located at 404 Agnes St. in St. Matthews, is touted as the largest of the county's community centers.



DAY 61
Antley Springs

In the early 1900s, about one mile south of St. Matthews, an area of springs was used to furnish water for Antley Springs Bot-



tlings Works. The bottling works' brochure states, "Nestling among steep hills, shadowed by magnificent trees, the Springs

are located in a nook that is at once a thing of beauty and joy for ever." The water was reported to "burst through a solid bed of rock, and bubbling health boils forth in wild abundance, as if in pure joy at being free again." The water from the springs was said to help with stomach troubles and disorders of the liver and kidneys.

DAY 68
Ulmer gave students 'gift of confidence'

Frederic Ulmer was born in Cameron in 1913. He was educated in the Cameron schools, graduated from Furman University, and earned his master's degree in mu-



sic from Columbia University in New York. He was well respected in the music world and as a community leader and role model for young people. He had a gift of finding talent in people that they never knew existed. He would encourage everyone to give their best; to use the talent that was given to them. Not so they could be the best, but to give their best. C.F. Ulmer is well remembered for his productions of wonderful Broadway shows he directed as a teacher at Orangeburg High School. The Calhoun County Museum has a memorial fund in his memory. The fund provides scholarships and supports arts opportunities for Orangeburg and Calhoun counties.



DAY 70
Emily’s ride: Young woman delivered message to Revolutionary War general

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center houses a miniature of Emily Geiger that is painted on ivory. Let’s go back in time. It is during the Revolutionary War. The location would be called the backcountry of present-day South Carolina. Women of South Carolina took sides and were often active during the Revolution. Emily Geiger was one of those women. She agreed to carry a message from Gen. Nathanael Greene to Gen. Thomas Sumter.

DAY 75
St. Matthews Furniture Company built on relationships

St. Matthews Furniture Co. Inc. started in 1977 as a weekend business for the Thornton brothers. Built on a reputation of honesty and integrity, St. Matthews Furniture Co. has been a family-owned and operated business with small-town customer service since its doors opened.



DAY 76
Prickett is a jack-of-all-trades, and a master of many

Success seems to follow Mackie on and off the race track. Mackie Prickett was a natural. Whatever came his way he managed with pride and success, whether in the academic arena, on horseback or on the ball field. Mackie grew up around horses. In 1944 at the age of 10, his debut as a jockey was at the Orangeburg County Fair riding “Mad Kiss,” which was owned by his father, McIver Prickett. Mackie is an alumnus of the University of South Carolina. An all-Atlantic Coast Conference quarterback at USC in the mid-1950s, his outstanding play was later remembered when he was voted into the university’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Today Mackie Prickett works daily as a pharmacist at Horse Necessities, Inc. in St. Matthews, or can be found at home on his farm with his wife, Shan.

DAY 78
Teresa Guinyard Hair passionate in mission to preserve history



Bethel AME Church is located one block from the Calhoun County Courthouse. The church has a rich history, and Teresa Guinyard Hair is very passionate in her mission to preserve that history. Her findings tell not only about Bethel AME, but early African-American churches, schools and teachers. She has made a large graph with the names of early African-American schools in Calhoun County where she has placed the names of teachers and schools.

DAY 81
Fort Motte Oyster Roast drew visitors from near and far



The Fort Motte Oyster Roast attracted more than 2,000 visitors at its height and was called South Carolina’s biggest event after the Carolina-Clemson game and the Carolina Cup. The church women started with \$200 from a bazaar and plans for a big oyster roast soon began. Expanding on the Hane family tradition and using the Hane Cannery,

they were off and running. The Hane families were wonderful members of the St. Matthews Parish Episcopal Church. The oyster roast attracted statewide attention. TV and newspapers added publicity, and in a short time after that first church oyster roast in 1953, their \$200 turned into \$4,000. The inspiration from these women on a mission, and 11 men, was unbelievable. The cost of a ticket the first year was \$1.25. The requirements and hands for hosting such an event grew, and soon other churches, family and friends throughout the county came forth. In honor of the St. Matthews Parish Episcopal Church’s 250-year celebration, the Hane Family will host an Oyster Roast in November in the Cannery.

DAY 84
Brown served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam



If it were possible to look up the name “Charlie Brown” in the dictionary, you would find the following words to describe this great man: God and country, love and honor, Southern, tall in statue, physically strong, impeccable manners, kind heart, beautiful eyes, well connected and honest. “When he smiles, the whole world smiles,” it has been said of Charles Brown of St. Matthews. The U.S. Army slogan, “Be All That You Can Be,” well describes Brown, retired MSG, U.S. Army. Without question, when he speaks everyone listens.

DAY 71
St. Matthews’ Willie ‘Big Joe’ Holman played in NFL

Willie Joseph “Big Joe” Holman, football legend, was born in St. Matthews on Feb. 27, 1945. He began playing at the old John Ford High School and spent his college years as a Bulldog standout at then-South Carolina State College. In 1968, Holman was drafted in the NFL by the Chicago Bears.

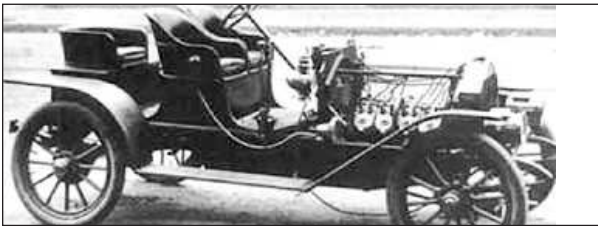


DAY 73
Going ‘green’: The asparagus years

Asparagus is no longer planted as a commercial crop in Calhoun County. However, for a few years, those green crops helped to produce green cash. In the 1920s, Calhoun County needed something new to grow. “Plant something else; you grow too much cotton” were words that were spoken during this time by Mike Watson. The first asparagus was brought into Calhoun County by Watson’s father-in-law, James M. Moss, who had watched asparagus grow successfully in the Ridge Spring area of the state.



DAY 77
Baxter’s ‘Little Red Automobile played role in birth of county



Although not a photo of “The Little Red Car,” this automobile was typical of the time period. In 1905, George Author Baxter purchased a “Little Red Automobile” (later to be called “Red”). He thought it would be a grand time to induce the community to get rid of the horse and buggy and use a gas buggy. It did not seem like it would be much different to drive an automobile. What Baxter had not counted on was that St. Matthews was not quite ready for this big change.



DAY 79
Calhoun museum offers chance to see real ‘weasel’

The yarn weasel is a wooden piece of equipment used in days gone by to wind and measure a skein of yarn. While mothers were busy cooking, cleaning and tending to their youngest child, an older child of 5 to 7 was able to easily operate the weasel, thereby saving the mother time and effort. The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center is pleased to have a weasel and large spinning wheel on display in St. Matthews.



DAY 82
BP Mini Mart offers good taste

Walk into the BP Mini Mart and you’ll nearly always see Willette Cheeseboro hard at work in The Deli. If you’re hungry, this is the place to go most any time of day between 6 in the morning and 8 in the evening. Willette says she delights in seeing the same loyal customers each and every day, determined not to miss their daily dose of chicken livers, gizzards, special onion sausage rolls and hand-cut fried potatoes.

DAY 85
Building housing Short Stop once served as cannery

Rhett Taber purchased the property for the St. Matthews Short Stop in 1988 from the school system. Built in the 1940s by Cecil Smoak, the building was once owned by the Calhoun County Public School System and was used as a cannery. At that time, the school district allowed the public to come in and use the facilities for their personal canning. The cannery has been transformed into a convenience store with a food counter that now serves breakfast and lunch.



DAY 72
‘Jewel of the Congaree’ was noted poet

Nestled in Beulah, the United Methodist Church cemetery in Sandy Run, lies Calhoun County’s “Jewel of the Congaree,” Miss Inez E. Franck. This title came from the Palmetto poetry lovers who read her newspaper column, “Singing in the Capitol.” Franck attended Columbia Commercial College in Columbia and American University in Washington, D.C. Franck was born in 1916. She wrote her first poem at the age of 8. Archibald Rutledge, poet laureate of South Carolina, taught and encouraged her.



DAY 74
Stump Hole Landing fish camp, restaurant

Dee Cowden and husband David have owned Stump Hole Landing fish camp and restaurant for nearly 12 years. Dee says the friendly atmosphere and hospitality keep folks happy and customers returning. She and David bought the fish camp in 2003. On the site there are 25 campsites and a private boat ramp. The main building features an all-in-one bait shop, restaurant and pool-playing area, all on the banks of Lake Marion. They are famous for their red catfish stew and a variety of sandwiches.

DAY 80
Museum displays show range of wedding dress styles



The selection of the dress has always been a major part of weddings. However, the dress of yesteryear was not what is expected today. A new dress was made if one could afford the cost. The dress could be plain and simple and often was not made of white cloth. It was common to have a dress made in order that it could be reused. Like everything, it was time and money. The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center has a wide range of wedding dresses from the early to mid-20th century as part of its collection.



DAY 83
Sandy Run’s business district

The 1500 block of Old State Road in the Sandy Run Community offers a variety of flavors and services for locals and passersby. Becky Rucker owns and operates Sandy Run Florist and Katie’s Sandwich Shop at 1576 Old State Road. Both the florist and deli are under one roof. Just a few yards away at 1584 Old State Road, Jigesh Patel owns and operates the Sandy Run Grill and Stop and Go Gas Station. The establishment was known for years as “Pete Tucker’s Store,” but it changed from that about six years ago.



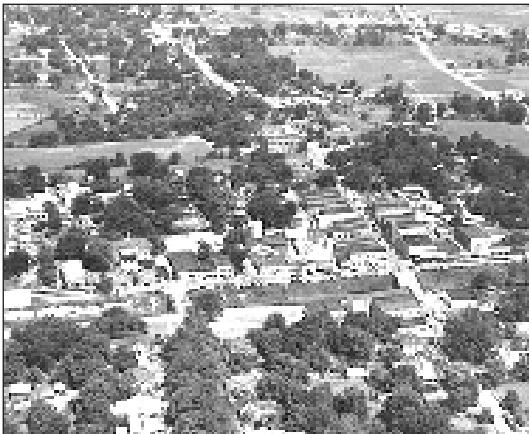
DAY 86
George and Johnnie Tilley: Calhoun County’s own Romeo and Juliet

George Tilley was born Jan. 25, 1897; Johnnie Fogle was born Jan. 9, 1907. The quiet little town of Cameron is where George and Johnnie met and fell in love. The world had Romeo and Juliet; Calhoun County had George and Johnnie. On Jan. 7, 1941, George was sworn in as Calhoun County’s fourth sheriff. Tilley would hold this position until he was shot on April 30, 1947, while transporting a prisoner.



DAY 87
Cameron Filling Station
continues old ways

Located in Cameron at the crossroads of highways 33 and 176 is a block building that holds lots of stories of days gone by. First built as Bull's Esso Station in 1957, farmers, locals, children on bikes and travelers would stop by to buy gas, a cold Coke, a pack of nabs or catch up on the news. Over the years, the building has increased in size, new signs have been added and ownership has changed hands. No longer will you find full service on the outside, but you will still find full service on the inside. The station has a new name: Cameron Filling Station.



DAY 92
Decades of dining in St. Matthews

A St. Matthews dining tradition is heading toward two decades in business. Mohamed Hloubi opened Town & Country Restaurant in 1998 in a former downtown department store. "Whoever comes in here, they sort of know us," Hloubi said, describing Town & Country as a "family business" for him, his family and the people of St. Matthews. A short ride from downtown is Calhoun Country Club, which is not only a popular spot for golfers; it is a morning gathering place for senior citizens who partake in a Southern breakfast and good conversation.



DAY 93
Popular Fort Motte
stops have new names

Our Store, pictured, is located at 525 Colonel T.O. Store, pictured, is located at 525 Colonel Thomson Highway in Fort Motte. The establishment was formerly known as Lucy's. Randy and Sharon Kornegay started remodeling the convenience store and dinette in 2013. "It's a work in progress," Randy Kornegay said. He said the business is called "Our Store" because, "we want people to feel like it's their store, too." Meanwhile, another popular business today is also operating under a new name. The service station and restaurant formerly known as Brakefield's was once the sole spot on Interstate 26 in Calhoun County where travelers could get a home-cooked meal. Today, it's the Exxon No. 5 and it's owned by North American Petroleum. Its in-store restaurant has the flavor of the past while offering a taste of the new.

DAY 97
Morris family
spreads
news for three
generations

Some things in Calhoun County have not changed since 1929. Those who live in Calhoun County, surrounding areas and even out of state rely on getting our newspaper weekly. It is personal, and they do business the old-fashioned way, one paper at a time. For the past 86 years, three generations of the Morris family have devoted their lives to publishing.



DAY 98
St. Matthews natives
make the big time

Academy Award and Tony Award-nominated actress Viola Davis was born at home on a farm in St. Matthews. Another St. Matthews native, Alshon Jeffery, was a standout football player for the University of South Carolina and was drafted in the second round of the 2012 NFL Draft and signed a four-year contract with the Chicago Bears.



DAY 88
Potter shared unique skills
in Calhoun County

One of the best known Catawba Indian potters, Sara Ayers' signed art is among the most sought after by collectors. Born in 1919 on the reservation near Rock Hill, Sara later moved to West Columbia where she became a prolific producer of traditional and neo-traditional Catawba Indian pieces.



Assisted by husband and fellow potter Foxx, Sara dug Catawba River clay, which she turned into fine pottery, firing it in a pit in her backyard. Sara received considerable recognition in her lifetime including the South Carolina Folk Heritage Award. She is quoted as saying, "Pottery is my life. It has helped me through some of life's rocky times." Two of her works are displayed at the Calhoun County Museum and many can be found in museums and private collections throughout the country.

DAY 90
Jewish families contributed
to Calhoun County's history

St. Matthews, originally called Lewisville, attracted Jewish families. Six years after the town was incorporated, 19 Jewish residents lived in the area. M. Jarecky, Loryea, Rich, Moritz of Germany settled in Charleston before coming to St. Matthews. Other names including Lewisohn, Wetherhorn, Jacobson, Elosser, Pearlstine, Cohen, Yelmon and Savitz were all prominent in Calhoun County. They all owned a business in St. Matthews. Each family offered much to the community, and the community had much to offer to them. Nineteen Jewish families came to the Calhoun County area, and of those families, all are gone with the exception of one. Each brought a special spirit of giving, working and community. Each is remembered as a person of honor and integrity.



DAY 94
'One cent delivers
a tasty chew'

On display at the Calhoun County Museum, you will find a unique Pulver chewing gum machine. This large, wall-mounted gum dispenser is in its original condition; the Pulver gum machine is a beautiful early piece of Americana. A.O. Rickenbacker Store in Cameron was the home to this special machine for many years.



DAY 96
Story explains
origins of the
Devil's Track

The Devil's Track is located on private property and is not open to the public. Legend has it that the track was cut by the Devil himself.



DAY 89
Two generations have dished up
good cooking in same spot

Tucked away off the main streets of St. Matthews is a cute little place called Shuler's Seafood Restaurant. When you step inside you know you are going to be greeted with a smile. When you leave you know you will have had something good to eat. Shrimp, crab, flounder, Virginia perch, an assortment of bone-fish, croaker and spots are on the menu. Herman says he learned everything he knows about cooking from his parents. Open Thursday-Saturday. It's not fancy, but Shuler's Seafood Restaurant sure is darling.



DAY 91
Pearlstine made a
difference in many lives

Sheppard "Shep" Pearlstine was extremely well read and determined. He was wise beyond his years, loved by all, and a fair person in business and in his personal life. "So glad you came to see me" or "Your secret is safe with me" were words he often spoke when someone came to talk to him in private. "Early Morning Riders" are well remembered in Calhoun County as groups of men who rode to Columbia and worked hard to create the legislature needed to form a new county. Shep is remembered as "The Shepherd of St. Matthews."



DAY 95
Larrymore offered wisdom
to community after Korea

Clarence Larrymore was wounded twice and honored for his heroism in Korea. He donated his medals to the Calhoun County Museum. Just ask anyone in town about Clarence Larrymore and in their minds they will quickly see a smiling face. "Binkey" is his nickname, and this writer remembers him well: a community leader, town building inspector, an American hero. Korea and the men who faithfully served are often forgotten. Larrymore was one of many who proudly served during that time.



DAY 99
Cameron's Spiers played for
Clemson, Brewers, Mets, Astros

Bill Spiers of Cameron began his professional baseball career with the Milwaukee Brewers in 1987. He was drafted in the first round, the 13th pick. From 1989-1994, he played infield with the Brewers before going to the New York Mets. In 1996, Bill joined the Houston Astros and remained in the infield for the Astros until his retirement in 2001. In 1998, Bill was inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2007, into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.



DAY 100
After 100 days, museum still has history to share

The Calhoun County Historical Commission/Museum started out in 1952 behind the old library with two rooms and big dreams. Life was simple then. In 1976 the museum moved into a 5,000-square-foot, broken-down "Nut House." Today the museum has 20,000 square feet and is still growing.

