

Storytellers spin yarns at World of Energy



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Michelle Buschner of the Clemson Area Storytellers spins out a yarn to a packed audience at the World of Energy Tuesday morning. Among those in attendance are students from the Tamasee DAR School.

Learn more about history in Oconee County

WALHALLA — Oconee County will soon have a new history book about the Richland Community, located in the center of the county, according to co-author Rudy Nothdurft.

Settled by veterans of the Revolutionary War, they amassed large plantations of about 1,000 acres each. They settled on the richest soil in the county. The community members believed in education, public service and upholding a high moral character.

One member of the community got legislation passed for the establishment of Clemson University. One advanced farmer built the first silo in South Carolina and

the third in the United States. The Oconee Medical Center was started by the Doyles, both born in Richland. Blue Ridge Electric was advanced by a Richland member. The automobile differential was invented in Richland before the auto was brought to the national market.

Peter Boos and Rudy Nothdurft have researched and collected these stories in a book, "The History of Richland in Oconee County, S.C., 1800-1950," which is being sold by the Oconee Heritage Center. Order your copy today for \$25 for delivery soon by the Oconee Heritage Center, PO Box 395, Walhalla, SC 29691.

It is a hardcover book of more than 250 pages

with numerous photos of plantation houses.