

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride

Distance Then / Now!!

Many of you remember when I lettered those big sign boards for Russ Holderman at Service Distributing. I guess the one above was probably the largest that I ever did for him. "Distance from Wadesboro" to whatever town selected - it would give miles and highways to the desired destination. I painted the sign above about 1956...at a time when gas was about one third of today's price. (At that price Allen could have gotten enough gas to have gone all the way to Polkton to see Melanie - only thing was he was not old enough to drive and Melanie was not born yet! Oh well, better luck next time Allen!) Allen even informed me that "old sign" was better than his GPS. I am so glad he learned to read!!! Now, as we close our column down for the year 2011 we hope each of you had a very Merry Christmas and we leave you with the blessing of a new 2012 to come. Wishing you a very happy / prosperous 2012! Ed



SPCC Massage Therapy Students Show Their Muscles

Students in South Piedmont Community Colleges Massage Therapy program finished the fall semester with a fun competition involving skeletal models and Play-Doh. Each student had a skeleton measuring about 2 to 3 feet tall. They used different colors of Play-Doh to place muscles on the skeleton, with a goal of those muscles being in the right place and the right size, proportionally. They could also add other features to their skeleton to give it some personality. For instance, Justin Talbert of Stanfield named his skeleton Gene Simmons, for the Kiss lead singer, and gave it an extra-large tongue. The three judges for the competition were Geri Duncan (creativity and artistry), Barb Firestone (wow factor) and biology Instructor Dr. Ed Wolfe (medical accuracy). They rated each skeleton on a 1-10 scale in each category and totaled the score. Pictured above, Barb Firestone (left) inspects the skeleton created by Megan Cassidy (right). For information about SPCC's Therapeutic Massage program, contact Mary Berger at 704-290-5865 or mberger@spcc.edu.

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Will Dagenhart Wins PPES Spelling Bee



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