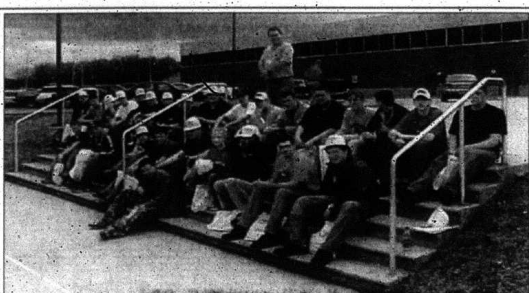




Ashley Buswell, of Broadhead, recently competed in the Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee, held March 22 in Louisville. A total of 59 youngsters from Kentucky and southern Indiana competed in the annual event sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau and Churchill Downs. Pictured left to right are Joe McGee of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance, Buswell, Milton Metz of 84WHAS Radio and David S. Beck of Kentucky Farm Bureau Foundation. The Derby Festival Spelling Bee will be broadcast on KET Monday, April 21 at 9 p.m. and on KET-2 Wednesday, April 30 at 10 a.m.



29 Automotive students and instructor Kenneth Fannin, from Rockcastle County Area Technology Center, toured the Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky in Georgetown on March 18th. Forward in the Fifth School to Careers sponsored the trip, which provided the students an opportunity to see large-scale manufacturing and the assembly line process in the automotive industry.

Minds in the Middle

Our Y-Club, FCA, Beta Club and Builders Club are joining to plan activities to promote support for our troops overseas. They will be asking for help from all RCMS students.

Wednesday was RAP day. Our advisory groups discuss having respect and tolerance for other people.

Next week will be spring break and school will not be in session.

Our 8th graders enjoyed a dramatic science production on Wednesday morning entitled *The Wright Stuff*. We are trying to wrap up our content for the year in preparation for the Kentucky Core Content Testing. The testing window will begin on May 5th.

On Friday, both the softball and baseball teams will be competing at home. The girls will also be planning at home on Thursday. We encourage you to come out and support these teams.

In preparation for assessment, RCMS has started a 3-4-Club. This is to recognize all our 7th and 8th graders who can show us that they are able to score a proficient or distinguished on open response questions. We look forward to having them all join!

Tuesday, April 15th will be Step-Up Night at RCMS. This is an invitation for all of our 8th graders and their parents to become familiar with the high school and get to know the staff. This will be from 5:30-7:30. Supper will be provided.

YSC Update

Parenting classes will be offered this spring at RCMS. Call our office to sign up. Topics will include: stepfamily living, parenting with dignity, and keys to great parenting. If additional courses are needed, let us know. Any or all classes will be

offered if there is interest. Need some ideas on how to help your child learn at home? Stop by the office and pick up a copy of "25 Ways Parents Can Help Children Learn." There are activities on math, science, social studies, and homework. The booklet is filled with tried and true ways to make learning fun and is published by the Parent Institute.

Alcorn completes Leadership Seminar at CC

The Cumberland College Office of Student Services announces that Ashley Alcorn, daughter of Karen Alcorn and Estill Alcorn, of Mt. Vernon, recently completed a 10-session Leadership seminar.

The seminar is part of a four-year leadership project at Cumberland College. Its purpose is to teach students how leadership is effectively exercised for the enhancement of personal skills. The seminar is designed to strengthen leadership skills, analyze characteristics of good leadership and the assessment of leadership style and potential.

Upon completion of the course, students were presented with a certificate of completion by Diana Warmoth, coordinator of leadership and community service, and Michael Colegrove, vice-president for student services at Cumberland College.

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