

Museum exhibit honors Rockcastle Co. woman

A new exhibit at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum titled, "Dressed for Duty: America's Women in Uniform," was opened on March 24, 2000 in Denver, Colorado.

It features a large collection of women's uniforms and memorabilia from the Civil War through Operation Desert Storm. The collection is dedicated to the memory of Virginia Mason Ponder, of Mt. Vernon, who served in the US Navy W.A.V.E.S. during World War II. She is the daughter of the late Henry and Jamie Mason and the mother of Lyman T. Ponder, Jr. of Richmond and June Ponder Mitchell of Midway, Ky. Her husband, the late Lyman T. Ponder, served in the Army Air Corps during the war.

The collection is owned by Jill Halcomb Smith, niece of Virginia Mason Ponder. Mrs. Smith, a professional international uniform historian, has just completed her sixth book, "Dressed for Duty: America's Women in Uniform, 1898-1973," which was the impetus for the exhibit. The book is also dedicated to Virginia Mason Ponder.

Speakers at the grand opening were Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaughn, USAF (ret.), president of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, VA; Marta Bohn-Meyer, SR-71 "Blackbird" pilot and NASA director; Emily Howell Warner, the first American woman to be hired as a commercial pilot and new inductee to the Colorado Avia-

tion Hall of Fame; and Jill Halcomb Smith, Masters of Ceremony were Ed Green and Kim Christiansen of KUSA Channel 9 in Denver.

The opening was attended by Smith's husband, TSgt. Jeffrey N. Smith, USAF, Floyd and Lucille Mason Halcomb of Somerset, sister of Virginia Mason Ponder, and Marlin and June Ponder Mitchell, daughter of Virginia Ponder, of Midway and former Waves, Wasps, Wacs, Wafs, USMC Women's Reservists, Army and Navy nurses and Red Cross members. Veterans attending represented women's service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and active duty members of the armed forces.

Jill Halcomb Smith continues to add to her collection of women's uniforms and memorabilia. She can be reached at 525 Koger Circle, Somerset, KY 42501.



On March 30th the Spring Regional FCCLA Meeting was held at Clay Co. High School. The theme for this meeting was "Stop the violence." Schools attending did a presentation on violence and what each school has done to attempt to stop the violence. Regional Officers for the 00-01 school year were chosen. Above, from left, Ashley Alcorn was named regional treasurer, Stephanie Cummins was named Historian and Ashley Lawson was also named regional treasurer. These three students will attend State FCCLA Leadership Camp June 7-9 in Hardinsburg, Ky.



Shalanta Nicely, left, senior at RCHS has just finished a one year term as Region 13 President of FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America formerly known as FHA). She led more than 15 chapters in the Region 13 area. Some of her duties included: presiding over Executive Council meetings, Fall and Spring Regional meetings, and assist in organizing STAR Events. Ashley Lawson also served as regional Parliamentarian and Brooke Roberts served as regional Treasurer for the 99-00 school year.



Virginia Mason (Frances) Ponder

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Church News

Pine Hill Cemetery

Please send your donations for the upkeep of the Pine Hill Cemetery to: Lorene Mink Ponder, 143 Mason Lake Road, Berea, KY 40403. 606-986-7756.

Working Day

There will be a working day at Pine Hill Cemetery on May 6th at 10 a.m. We have large load of topsoil. Men please bring a wheel barrel and shovel to spread the topsoil. Women - bring a covered dish.

Community Prayer

There will be a National Day of Prayer Meeting on the front steps of the courthouse on Thursday, May 4th at 12 noon. Also, a Community Prayer Walk for our County will be held Saturday, May 6th. Participants are asked to meet at the middle school parking lot at 9 a.m. for prayer and assignments.

Singing at Freedom

There will be a singing at the Freedom Baptist Church on Saturday night at 6 p.m. The group Konoma from South Carolina will be with us. Everyone is invited to attend.

Singing

The Sounds of Harmony will be singing at the Conway Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, May 7th at 6 p.m.

Singing

There will be a singing Saturday, May 6th at the New Hope Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Family Circle will be the featured singers.

Revival

Revival services will be held at the Crossroads Assembly of God in Brodhead beginning Sunday, May 7th. Evangelist will be Johnny Ackers from Hazard. The pastor, Nathaniel Fugate, and congregation invite everyone to come.

Anniversary Dinner

There will be an Anniversary Dinner at the Faith Apostolic Church on Saturday, May 13th from noon to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish.

Week-End Revival

There will be a Week-End Revival at the Three Links Christian Church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 4, 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. each evening. There will be special singing nightly. Evangelist will be Bro. Ron Lutes. Pastor Jack Martin and assistant pastor Grant Martin and the congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.

Memorial Day Service

On Sunday, May 28th, there will be a Memorial Day Praise and Worship held at the Red Hill Baptist Church. Anyone wanting to share testimony through song and worship is welcome to attend. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. with church at 11 a.m. followed by dinner and more singing and preaching. Everyone is encouraged to come and fellowship with us.

Powell Day

May 7th will be "Powell Day" at Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene, 40 Fair Street. Penny Powell Hensley will be playing and singing at the 11 a.m. service. May 7th is Pastor Dennis' last Sunday as pastor of the Mt. Vernon church. Due to his heart attack, he is retiring. Bro. Dennis invites all members, Sunday school enrollment and friends to come so he can personally say goodbye to you. Our Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Let's fill the church this Sunday! If you need transportation, call 758-0090 before 8 a.m. Sunday School superintendent is Don Roberts and pastor is Carl Dennis.

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Five students and one advisor from Rockcastle Co. High School attended the State FCCLA Meeting on April 10-13 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville. Those attending were: Matthew Brown, Shalanta Nicely, Jessica Cobb, Angela Owens, Ashley Alcorn and Ashley Lawson. The theme for this year's meeting was "A Bridge to the Future." This year marked the official name change of Future Homemakers of America to Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. This name change had been voted in at the National Meeting in July but Kentucky could not adopt the name change until this year's meeting. Students attending this meeting were very busy. Five competed in Star Events. Matthew Brown placed second in Consumer Analysis. Ashley Alcorn and Angela Owens received Two-Stars in Chapter Showcase. Jessica Cobb received Two-Stars in Creed. Ashley Lawson received Two-Stars in the Facts Test. Along with the competition Shalanta Nicely served as the State Nominating Committee to choose State FCCLA Officers and Ashley Lawson served as a chair of a Star Event competition.

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For Information Contact the Associational Office at 606-256-4571 or Mark Whicker - Crusade Chairman at 606-758-8313

Our Guest Speaker for this Celebration Event will be Toby Frost from Atlanta, GA. Toby is the Event Evangelism Coordinator for the North American Mission Board.

CHILD CARE is available at the Middle School during these nights for Children Ages Birth to 3 years old.

There will be a Special Emphasis each night!

- Sunday Night - **Victory Night**, we are looking for a Gigantic Crowd to help Kick-Off this Crusade.
- Monday Night - **Testimony Night**, Former Miss America - Kelly Cash will be there to Sing and Share her Testimony.

- Tuesday Night - **Music Night**, Southern Gospel Singer, Mrs. Lois Jane from Nashville, TN will be with us this.
 - Wednesday Night - **Church Night**, we would like to have a large representation from all the Churches in the County Present that night.
 - Thursday Night - **Children's Night**, there will Puppets and Clowns on hand that night to greet the Children.
 - Friday Night - **Youth Night**, all the Youth are invited to this Special Night Fun and Worship and a Pizza Blast too.
- Come and Join Us in the CELEBRATION EVENT!
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