

McCleskey-Douglas wedding set for Friday, August 2



JAMES KIRK DOUGLAS AND MOLLY JO MACKENZIE MCCLESKEY

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown Benton, Mississippi. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Arron Lewis, Jr. of Durant, Mississippi and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Douglas of Benton, Mississippi and Ms. Amy Kirk Lawrence of

is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Vivian Douglas of Benton, Mississippi and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Douglas Kirk of Yazoo City, Mississippi

Miss McCleskey is a 2014 honors graduate of Central Holmes Christian School. She graduated, as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, from Holmes Community College in May 2016. Miss McCleskey then went on to attend Mississippi University for Women where she was inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi and graduated Magna Cumme Laude in May 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Currently, she is pursuing her master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Mississippi where she will graduate May 2020.

Mr. Douglas is a 2010 graduate of Yazoo County High School. Currently, He is a partner in the family business of DDD Construction and Sales, where he spends his days

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019 at Bridlewood of Madison.

All family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and reception.

*Treasures

(Continued from page 4.) easily could have been lost. Instead, Govaars has conducted years of research to relocate and reassemble the collection, relentless in her commitment to complete the publication process.

"The work that she's putting into this is Herculean," Hardin said of Govaars. "She has been very dutiful and serious about preserving things that are significant for a scholarly community."

Together, Rollston and Govaars are planning to publish their findings from analysis of the Vardaman collection.

Govaars is a 63-year-old New Jersey native reared in Southern California who spent time as a civilian school teacher overseas for the Department of Defense Educational Activity. Her

love of archaeology began when her uncle provided a scholarship for her to study in Israel in the 1980s. She later worked at the Caesarea Maritima site as a Drew University graduate student and came across Vardaman's name in her research. She communicated with him through letters in 1981 but never met him in person. In returning to her research after a hiatus, she tried to contact Vardaman two decades later, just a few months after he died. In his absence, she continued her talks with his wife.

"I made a promise to Mrs. Vardaman that I would see that her husband's work was published because he could no longer do it. Since she gave me access to unknown archives, it became my responsibility to publish them for other people," said Govaars,

adding that through her work, she wants to ensure that Vardaman's memory is respected.

"I got bitten by the bug of archaeology, but it's also the bug of being part of a team, and that's why I love coming to the Cobb. It's a team that's supporting me," she said.

Hardin said the Cobb Institute, and endowments given by Cully Alton and Lois Dowdle Cobb, position MSU to play a leading role in archaeological discovery. In addition to providing funding for the Cobb's building, including a research facility, laboratory and museum, the Cobb endowments created an MSU research unit focused on archaeological specialties in the geographical regions of the Mediterranean basin and the southeastern United States.



Summer Camp

Several months ago, my children broke it to me that my granddaughter was going to summer camp. I immediately became sick at my stomach. My best friend, Kathy, and I went to summer camp when we were her age. We were miserable – I can't even tell you how miserable we were. I promised the good Lord that if I could just get home, I would never send my children or grandchildren to camp if He would just get me home.

Kathy Ruth and I did what we had to do to get by. We did not like being outdoors or doing any of the activities that we were required to do. We basically stayed huddled together and cried a great deal of the time. We were scared to shower, so we just kind of stood near the water and prayed for the best. Red gel Close-Up toothpaste was the newest thing and our mamas had gotten us that for the week, so we did brush our teeth!

We didn't care for the food and just about starved to death. At night our bunks were across from each other and we would hold hands until we fell asleep.

Nobody has ever been as happy to see a Saturday morning roll around when our folks came to pick us up.

Well, Leila Rose is nothing like her Grandmother. She loved camp and took part in every single activity that she could – rock climbing, horseback riding, and archery were her favorites. They even camped out in a tent one night. She told me about all the new friends she had made and how she wanted to stay in touch with them and maybe see them again next year.

Leila Rose received several awards at the end of the camp week. Two were

From left, independent scholar and visiting researcher Marylinda Govaars, looks over artifacts from the E. Jerry Vardaman collection from Machaerus—an ancient site where John the Baptist was martyred—along with Alfalene Vardaman Morse, the late professor's wife who accompanied him to the site, and James W. "Jimmy" Hardin, associate professor and interim director of MSU's Cobb Institute of Archaeology.

(Photo by Megan Bean)

for archery and vaulting. The one I was most proud of was for compassion and dependability. It reads that she is considerate of others, kind, and trustworthy, making her a dependable friend.

I hope you will give this week's recipes a try. It is all about a quick and easy salsa to accompany Margaritas or the beverage of your choice. Thanks for reading.

MONTEREY JACK SALSA

- 1 (4 oz.) can chopped chilies
- 1 (4 oz.) can chopped black olives
- 4 green olives, chopped
- 1 tomato, chopped
- ¼ lb. shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- ½ cup Italian dressing
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- Mix all ingredients and

refrigerate. Serve with tortilla chips.

EASY CORN BEAN SALSA

- 2 (24 oz.) jars salsa
- 2 cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can shoepeg corn, drained
- 1 can Mexicorn, drained
- Mix all ingredients well and refrigerate. Serve with Frito Scoops or Tostitos.

**Lee Ann Fleming is a Holmes County native, food columnist and has garnered fame for her recipes featured in the film, The Help. Fleming can be reached at lafkitchen@hughes.net.*



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