

Couple wed in Hawaii



Tracy Atkins and Dana Hile were married Sept. 18 on the beach in Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Virginia Klopp of Lady Lake, Fla., and the late David Klopp. The groom is the son of Marilyn Hile of Deer Creek and the late Paul "Dean" Hile.

Their attendants were the

bride's mother and Tom Hood. The bride is an R.N. and works as a corporate nurse with Car-Don Assoc.

The groom is a graduate of Carroll High School and works for Co-Alliances.

After a week in Hawaii, they are residing at 11948 Pebblebrook Lane, Carmel, IN 46033.

Rude honored for 50 years of service

Comet staff report

Camden-Jackson Township Fire Department honored Max Rude for 50 years of service during their annual Christmas party.

Rude joined the department in January 1958 and was chief for 17 years. He plans to retire next month.

"It's time to give it up," he

told the department at the party. "I'll think of you guys when you get called out and it's 10 degrees below zero. That's something I won't miss."

Chief Chuck Foreman said Rude was always very active in the department.

"After all those years of dedicated service, he will be missed," Foreman said.



Max Rude and Leanne Ellis

Clothing donations are needed

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The First Presbyterian Church in Delphi is still collecting clothing to be given away free to anyone who has a need.

"In order to continue this very successful mission, we are again asking for help from the community," said Linda Gin-

grich.

Those who have clothing to donate, should contact the church office at 765-564-2371, Gingrich at 765-564-2188, or any other church member.

"We will be glad to pick up donations if that is more convenient for you," added Gingrich.

Items are accepted for men,

women, youth, children, and infants: New and gently used clothing, such as coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, shoes, boots, belts, ties, jewelry, scarves, hair accessories, purses, new undergarments, baby blankets, bed linens of any kind, curtains and table linens, and Christian books. Money is also accepted and will be used

to purchase new undergarments as needed.

"Christmas is coming up and this would be a great way to make room in your closet for new clothing by clearing out things that no longer fit or that you are tired of," added Gingrich. "It does not matter what season the clothing fit, all donations are welcome."



At this time each year – the week before Christmas – I share my favorite breakfast recipes for Christmas morning. These special moments have always been a special part of the holidays for my family and me. There's nothing better than sharing warm moments in the early morning of such a special day with the people you love most.

Brunch Cake is one of my new favorites. I tried this savory dish last year at a wonderful Christmas buffet given by friends. Special Morning Bake is a great way to serve potatoes and Garlic Cheese Grits Bake is a Southern tradition. Round out your Christmas breakfast menu with homemade Apple Pecan Muffins and two fruity beverages – Orange Blush Punch and Perky Percolator Punch.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas and happy eating!

Brunch Cake

- 16 slices white bread
- 2 packages Canadian bacon
- 1 8-oz. package sharp grated cheddar cheese
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/4 C. minced onion
- 1/4 C. green pepper
- 1 to 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 3 C. milk
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 C. crushed potato chips
- Place 8 slices of bread in a 9x13

baking dish. Layer slices of Canadian bacon on bread. Cover each with cheese. Place another 8 slices of bread on top. Mix eggs, salt, pepper, mustard, onion, pepper, sauce and milk. Pour mixture over bread and refrigerate overnight. Just before placing in oven, melt 1 stick margarine. Pour over ingredients in dish and cover with crushed potato chips. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Special Morning Bake

- 2 lbs. hashbrown potatoes
- 16-oz. cream of celery soup
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- 10 oz. diced ham
- 1 lb. grated sharp Cheddar
- Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Put in a buttered 9x11 inch dish and bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serves 12.

Garlic Cheese Grits

- 1 C. quick-cooking grits
- 1 roll or jar of garlic cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten

- 3/4 C. milk
- 1 stick margarine
- Cook grits as package directs. Add cheese and butter. Cool. Combine eggs and milk. Pour into grits mixture. Pour into a buttered 2-quart casserole. Bake uncovered for 30 to 45 minutes in 375-degree oven. If desired, dust top with paprika and more cheese.

Apple Pecan Muffins

- 1 1/4 C. oil
- 2 C. sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 3 C. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 3 C. Granny Smith apples, chopped
- 2 C. pecans, chopped
- Combine oil, sugar and eggs and cream together. Stir in vanilla. Add all dry ingredients and mix very well. Add chopped apples and pecans. Grease and flour muffin tins or use paper or foil liners. Bake at 350 degrees for 35

minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

Orange Blush Breakfast Punch

- 1 (6-oz.) can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed and diluted with water as directed on can
- 1 C. cranberry juice
- 1/4 C. sugar
- 2 C. club soda
- Combine juices and sugar. Stir until sugar dissolves. Chill. Just before serving, add club soda to juice mixture. Serve over crushed ice. Double or triple recipe if desired.

Perky Percolator Punch

- 3 C. unsweetened pineapple juice
- 3 C. cranberry juice cocktail
- 1 1/2 C. water
- 1/2 C. brown sugar
- 3 thin lemon slices
- 3 sticks cinnamon, broken
- 1 1/2 tsp. whole cloves
- Pour juices and water into a 12-cup percolator. Put other ingredients in basket. Process and serve warm in mugs with cinnamon stick "stirers."

Meetings

Wednesday Forum

Members of Wednesday Forum met at the home of Alice Christian for the December luncheon and grab bag gift exchange.

Members donated toward the purchase of a goat for Heifer International Organization. HIO works to provide nutritional improvement and extra income for families through

livestock and training programs.

Jerry Landes will be chairman for 2008.

Classy Classics EH

Thirteen members of the Classic Classics EH Club met in Burlington for a mystery trip that ended in Bringham at the home of Pat and Joe Spence. There they were served their

annual Christmas dinner, catered by Pat, and Joe furnished Christmas music on the piano.

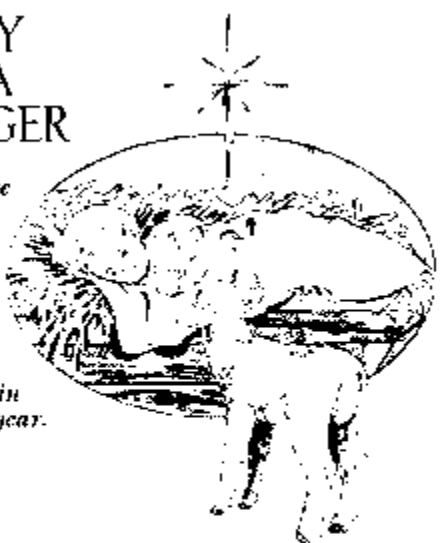
Members answered roll call by telling of a Christmas tradition in their family.

The next meeting will be Jan. 14 at the home of Loretta Lambert. Valentines and food for the Ronald McDonald House will be due at that time.

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