

# Pete Wagoner appointed to Camden Town Council

By Jennifer Archibald  
Staff writer

Pete Wagoner is a newly appointed member of the Camden Town Council and will serve one year.

He was appointed by Carroll

County Democratic Party Chairman Dick Roe, and the oath was administered Tuesday afternoon by Camden clerk-treasurer Pat Casserly.

Wagoner was appointed following the death of council president Ralph Rohrabough.

"I did not seek this appointment and am accepting it with a sense of sadness and humility," Wagoner said. "Ralph Rohrabough was our friend and I will miss him a lot, and there is no one person who can 'replace Ralph,' for he was involved in so many things in this community and Carroll County."

"I will only try and do the best I can to carry out Ralph's role on our Town Council for the coming 12 months, in a transitional capacity. It is not my intention to seek an additional four-year term on the council in the fall election."

Wagoner previously served on the council for three years, beginning in 1991. He has served on the Area Plan Commission the past three years, as a Camden representative, but he said he will step down from that position. Wagoner said he will continue to represent Camden on the board of the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation.

Serving with him on the Camden Town Council are Andy Robison and Michelle Everett.



## New Camden Councilman

Pete Wagoner took the oath of office Tuesday as a newly appointed member of the Camden Town Council. He was appointed following the death of council president Ralph Rohrabough. The oath was administered by Camden clerk-treasurer Pat Casserly. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

## Hylton

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appropriate staff on site. Burlington will sign the ambulance title to the county, provide equipment, rescue and extrication services, building insurance and use of the telephone and Internet system.

A request for the commissioners to issue a proclamation concerning Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday received no action.

"If we are going to recognize

Dr. King in this way," Hylton said, "we should recognize all of the great leaders of our country. That we are honoring him with a national holiday seems like enough."

Clayton Hutson was appointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Krista Watson and Dr. Alvan Eller were appointed to the Carroll County Board of Health, and George Wallace was appointed

to the board of zoning appeals.

The Delphi Lions Club will post a sign on the courthouse lawn Jan. 22 through Feb. 3. Habitat for Humanity will have a sign on the lawn from Jan. 10 through Feb. 7.

The next meeting will be Jan. 16 at 9 a.m.

# County attorney's duties are clarified

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

A claim presented to Carroll County Commissioners by the county council raised some eyebrows at the special commissioners' meeting held Dec. 27. The purpose of the meeting was to approve claims and payroll, sign contractual employees agreements and elect officers for 2007.

However, commissioners stopped short when presented with a \$1,000 claim for legal services by the council. They refused to approve it until clarification was provided.

That clarification was first presented in contract wording for county attorney Barry Emerson, and then by Emerson himself.

Emerson's contractual duties read, "Attorney shall advise and represent the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Indiana as to all legal matters concerning said Board, Carroll County, Indiana and Carroll County Drainage Board."

Emerson said it was prudent for the council to consult an expert in the matter of the recent judicial mandate. He said Indiana statute allows for the council to retain legal counsel and advised the \$1,000 fee was reasonable for the service provided.

That the money was claimed out of the commissioners' budget caused additional concern for county leaders.

County auditor Beth Myers clarified the council does not have a budget.

She said the legal counsel retained by county council also represented her in the matter. She said when she followed the personnel policy, she understood there was likely to be legal action taken by the judge, which put her in an uncomfortable situation.

With that clarification, the commissioners' approved the

claim.

## Employee contracts approved:

- Mike Durr - emergency medical services director, \$42,330;
  - Ron Francis - highway superintendent, \$37,373;
  - Justin Darling - emergency management director, \$35,525;
  - Ramzi Awwad - highway supervisor/engineer, \$34,714 with vehicle;
  - Jay Dee Cree - E-911 coordinator, \$31,236;
  - Charles Appleton - courthouse custodian, \$27,861;
  - Russell Smith - transfer station operator, \$26,119;
  - Diane M. Brown - assistant superintendent Carroll Manor, \$25,508;
  - Sheryl Shockley - courthouse assistant custodian, \$23,756;
  - Dr. Marc Estes M.D. - EMS medical director \$20,600;
  - Barry T. Emerson - county commissioners' attorney, \$13,804 (base pay); and
  - Rex Gangloff and Phyllis Gangloff - county parks custodians, \$3,892 (total).
- Commissioners appointed themselves to the solid waste district board of directors, appointed Ralph Hughes, Pat Clawson and Jay Bush to the Carroll County Redevelopment Commission, and approved an agreement with the Rossville Volunteer Ambulance Service for \$9,124.

# Flora crash results in two arrests

Comet staff report

The Carroll County Sheriff's Department received an emergency call just after midnight on Jan. 1 advising a vehicle crashed into a sign in Flora and left the scene at a high rate of speed.

While searching the area for the suspect vehicle, officers were flagged down by Stephen Siwinski of Flora. Siwinski said his blue 1994 Chevy truck had been stolen.

While investigating the auto theft, Carroll County 911 received a call of a blue truck driving off the roadway striking a stop sign north of Flora.

The investigating officers followed a four-mile path of destruction, including mailbox damage and criminal mischief, to find the stolen truck crashed in a field. Two male occupants were attempting to flee the area on foot but were apprehended.

Matthew T. Skeens, 21, of Casper, Wyo. was arrested for auto theft, five counts of leaving the scene of a property damage accident, operating while intoxicated-endangering, theft and criminal mischief. Skeens is being held on \$23,000 bond.

Derrick W. Shuman, 20, of Peru was arrested for theft, criminal trespass and illegal posses-

ion of alcohol by a minor. He is being held on a \$7,500 bond.

Flora police officer Joshua Disinger was the investigating officer. He was assisted by Carroll County Deputy Mike Thomas and Deputy Tony

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cost for the next year when budgets are presented in August.

## Andersons tax abatement

Council members unanimously approved a five-year tax abatement for the Andersons in Delphi.

"It is good common sense to give a tax abatement to the Andersons," Economic Development Director Daryl Smith said in support of the measure.

Operations manager for the Delphi Cob Division Kevin McElfresh denied any full-time jobs would be eliminated at the mill. He said it is normal to lay off part-time personnel at this time of year. He said the plan is to add one or two

## 2007 meeting schedule

Commissioners will meet twice monthly on the first and third Mondays of each month in the commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the courthouse. The Feb. 19, April 16, June 18, Aug. 20, Oct. 15 and Dec. 17 meetings will be at 6 p.m. All other meetings will be at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Loren Hylton was elected president of the commissioners for 2007 and George Mears was voted second-in-command.

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full-time employees by the end of 2008.

Council member Steve Ashby said the Andersons paid \$215,250 last year in taxes and that amount will not decrease due to the abatement.

"I appreciate that business," he said.

County attorney Barry Emerson said although the abatement was for five years, only the first year's taxes will be abated 100 percent. After that, twenty-five percent of the new equipment tax will be levied. He said that percentage would increase to the full amount after five years.

## Meeting times

A request by council member Ann Brown, with support from Ashby, to set an annual schedule for monthly meetings received no action.

The next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 26 at 8 a.m.

## Other business

Council member Nancy Cripe was named to the 2007 Northwest Solid Waste District Board of Directors in abstentia. Council member Ron Slavens was appointed as alternate.

County auditor Beth Myers was granted permission to approve transfers equal to or less than \$50. She was directed to provide a monthly list of those transfers to council members.

## Additional appropriations

Money received from the state for 80/20-funded shared bridge projects is deposited into county general. The money must be approved as additional appropriations to the highway department before being utilized for bridge work.

An additional appropriation for \$47,722.86 was approved for the Carrollton Bridge project; \$59,787.70 for Bridge #18; and \$38,101.83 for bridge inspections.

## Next meeting

The next county council meeting will be Jan. 26 at 8 a.m.



Nursing home visit. Photo provided

## Obituaries

### Delainey Lynna Taber



Delainey Lynna Taber, 14-month-old daughter of Michael Taber and Catressa Carman Taber of Cutler, died unexpectedly at 8:54 a.m. Thursday, Dec.

28, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born Oct. 14, 2005, in Kokomo. Surviving with her parents are two brothers, Devin M. Taber and Kaleb D. Taber, both at home; her maternal grandparents, Ronald and Renita Carman of Cutler; her paternal grandmother, Patricia Taber of Rossville; and her maternal great-grandparents, Max and Bonnie Carman of Burlington.

Preceding her in death were her paternal grandfather, Leslie Taber, maternal great-grandparents, Lloyd and Beulah Draper, and paternal great-grandparents, Lemar and Ardele Flick.

Services were held Sunday at Valley View Baptist Church, Flora. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora. The Rev. Bill Godbey and Pastor Rick Jones officiated.

Memorials may be made to the Delainey Lynna Taber Memorial Fund, c/o Lafayette Savings Bank, 101 Main St., Lafayette, IN 47902, or c/o Lighthouse Homes, 3997 SR 38E, Lafayette, IN 47905.

Baker Funeral Home, Flora, (www.bakerfh.com) was in charge of arrangements.

### Dakota A. Clark

Dakota A. Clark, 4, of Logansport, died at 2:12 p.m. Dec. 29, 2006, in a traffic accident in Logansport.

Born Oct. 3, 2002, in Kokomo, he was the son of Clifford E. Gohn Sr. and Jerue R. Clark of Logansport.

Surviving with his parents are his maternal grandmother, Jeri A. Clark (companion: Gary E. Hollingsworth) of Logansport, with whom he resided; aunt, Tiffany Clark of Logansport; a brother, Clifford E. Gohn Jr. of Logansport; maternal grandfather, Stephen A. Clark Sr. of Galveston; paternal grandparents, Tom and Viola Gohn of Logansport; and maternal great-grandmother, Phyllis Mummert of Cutler.

Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Ball Hill Cemetery, Cutler. The Rev. Alvin Grumbling will officiate.

Reinke Funeral Home, Flora, is handling arrangements.

### Seena M. Anderson

Seena M. Cramer Anderson, 99, of Delphi, passed away Jan. 1, 2007, at 11:20 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi. She had resided there since Feb. 10, 2005, and before that, two years at Carroll Manor.

She was born Aug. 5, 1907, in Iroquois County, Ill., the daughter of Ben and Carrie Schroder Cramer. She attended Idaville schools.

Her marriage was to Arthur J. Anderson in Monticello in 1927. He preceded her in death Aug. 15, 1969.

Mrs. Anderson was a homemaker and enjoyed playing euchre card games.

Surviving are a son, Lloyd "Bud" Anderson (wife: Ruth) of Delphi, three grandsons, five great-grandsons, three step-great grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter and one step-great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Friends may call Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Services will be there Friday at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Ed Selvidge officiating. Burial will be at Masonic Cemetery, Delphi.

Memorial contributions may be made to Radnor United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

### Kayden Renea James

Kayden Renea James, 13-day-old daughter of Rustin J. Plunkett and Jessica R. James, died at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 1, 2007, at Lafayette Home Hospital.

She was born in Lafayette on Dec. 20, 2006.

Surviving are her father of Brookston; her mother of Camden; paternal grandparents, James and Nila Plunkett of Brookston; maternal grandparents, Tina Ragan of Camden and Tim James of Bringham; and maternal great-grandparents, Joe and Linda Spear of Lafayette, Ginny and Phil Niece of Crawfordsville, and Ruth and Leo James of Missouri.

Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Colburn Cemetery, Colburn.

Cree Funeral Home, Camden, is handling arrangements.

### Marjorie L. Landes

Marjorie L. Landes, 76, of Flora, died at 1:07 p.m. Jan. 1, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, Delphi.

Born April 19, 1930, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Marion and Laura Chapman Dillon. She graduated from Carrollton High School in 1948.

Her marriage was on Feb. 21, 1951, in Flora, to Carl F. Landes, who died Sept. 6, 2003.

Mrs. Landes was a homemaker. She was a member of the Deer Creek Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women, and an Extension Homemakers club.

Surviving are three children, Karlene Boyer of Muncie, Gary Landes (wife: Susan) of Anderson, and Sherry Strauss of Atlanta; five grandchildren, Chase Reagan, Amber Wolf, Jonathon, Katie and Lindsey Landes; and one great-grandson, Blake Reagan.

A brother and a sister preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Deer Creek Presbyterian Church. Pastor Mark Ellessor will officiate. Burial will be at Beech Grove Cemetery, Sharon.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Reinke Funeral Home, Flora.

Memorials may be made to Deer Creek Presbyterian Church.

### Emily J. Rife



Emily Jane Rife, 89, of Logansport, passed away Dec. 27, 2006, at 3:05 a.m. at Woodbridge Health Campus.

She was born March 9, 1917, in Stanton, Ky. to Grover Cleveland Drake and Leely Green Rogers. At age 13, she and her family moved to Carroll County. She graduated from Rockfield High School in 1936.

She married Harold Everett Rife on July 13, 1941, at the Ninth Street Christian Church in Logansport. He preceded her in death on June 22, 1989.

After raising her children, Mrs. Rife worked at the H.W. Gossard Company, Logansport and Hildebrand's.

Throughout her life she remained devoted to her family, her church and her friends. She was an incredible source of strength to them. Mrs. Rife will always be remembered for her honorable character and genuine compassion. Her legacy includes a strong, loving family and a wealth of good friends.

She enjoyed quilting, reading, cooking and spending time with her family.

Surviving are: two sons, Donald H. Rife (wife: Zeny) of Lafayette and Robert T. Rife (wife: Sue) of Palm Bay, Fla.; four grandchildren, Donna Rife of Lafayette, Robert Rife of Louisville, Ky., Jason Rife and Lisa Rife, both of Palm Bay; one sister, Mae Ferrier of Rockfield; three great-granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Laura Lou, two brothers, Russell Rogers and Gene Rogers, and two sisters, Nancy and Thetus.

Visitation and services were held at Fisher Funeral Chapel in Logansport. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the River of Life Builders' Fund.

### Ann J. Grimm

Ann J. Grimm, 95, passed away Dec. 1, 2006, at 1:33 p.m. at Wesley Manor in Frankfort.

Mrs. Grimm was born in Wyoming, Del., on Nov. 22, 1911, to Edward F. and Elizabeth Morris Jackson. She married Karl R. Grimm there on July 16, 1935. He preceded her in death April 26, 1993.

Mrs. Grimm was a member of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Frankfort.

Surviving are one daughter, Katrina Moore of Colchester, Conn.; one sister, Mary Mammele of Claymont, Del.; one brother, E. Farrell Jackson of Hockessin, Del.; four grandchildren; seven great-granddaughters; and one great-great-grandson.

Services were Dec. 6 at Wesley Manor. Burial was at Masonic Cemetery in Delphi.

Memorial donations may be made to Wesley Manor or a charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.goodwinfuneralhome.com.

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## Births

Joel and Cara (Gangwer) Brovont of Rossville are parents of a 7-pound, 15-ounce daughter, Grace Cynthia, born Dec. 27 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Grandparents are Doug and Debbie Brovont and Ned and Cindy Gangwer of Rossville. Great-grandparents are George and Edis Brovont of Pymont, Gene and Beverly Gangwer, Charles and Ruth Crow, and Gilbert Metzger, all of Rossville.

Scott and Kristina (Boone) Donnelly of Lafayette are parents of a 9-pound, 15-ounce son, Caleb Wayne, born Dec. 28 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Kenneth Jr. and Sharon Boone of Delphi. Great-grandparents include Jack and Regina Bowman of Lafayette and Kenneth Sr. and Judy Boone of Delphi.

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