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Wynegar Hired as COA President

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The veteran community college teacher and administrator who helped lead Western Nevada College through a severe financial crunch has been named the 10th president at College of The Albemarle.

Paul O'Neal, chairman of COA's Board of Trustees, announced last week that Ronald Wynegar, vice president of student and academic affairs at Western Nevada

College, had been named president of COA.

Wynegar, 52, is slated to start April 17.

"He is very excited about getting to northeastern North Carolina and getting to work," O'Neal said, describing Wynegar as "very well qualified."

"We had four outstanding candidates and he was the one that the board unanimously picked as our next president," he said.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Wynegar said that COA

had called him Monday with the offer and he had been pleased to accept it.

"Everything I saw about COA while I was there for the interviews tells me it's an absolutely wonderful institution," Wynegar said.

He said the college obviously takes care of its students and the region as a whole.

O'Neal said a number of things about Wynegar made a positive impression on trustees.

"One of the things is what

he accomplished where he currently is," O'Neal said. "He took a tough situation and turned it around. He did a great job."

Wynegar himself talked about the Western Nevada experience during his visit to the four COA campuses as part of the selection process. He pointed out that he arrived at Western Nevada shortly after it received a 42 percent cut in state funding and a reduction in full-time faculty from 90 to 50.

"He took a tough situa-

tion and righted the ship and did a really good job," O'Neal said.

O'Neal noted that Wynegar also served a large, diverse area in Nevada that is very similar to COA's area in size and diversity. Wynegar also has worked at community colleges in Florida and Georgia. COA will be able to "go to new places" with Wynegar as president, he said.

For his part, Wynegar said he is excited about serving as president of the college.



ROBERT WYNEGAR

He has had a long career, See WYNEGAR, 2A

DECADES OF WORSHIP



PHOTOS BY JOY HARVILL

More than 500 people attended Sunday's service celebrating the 200th anniversary of Edenton Baptist Church.

Historic church celebrates 200 years of faith

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Happy 200th Birthday Edenton Baptist Church.

The faithful wore their Sunday best to attend a service highlighted by hymns, prayer and a sermon for the ages.

"It was a great joy for our congregation to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our founding" Reverend David Books said. "Edenton Baptist Church has been an integral part of this town throughout our history with numerous members of our church living out their Christian faith as they have served the people of Edenton and Chowan County. The stated mission of our church is 'To know God and the make God known,' and I believe that our congregation is faithful in that pursuit."

Jesse Croom's well-written book about the church, "Entertaining a Hope" offered an expansive look at the church's history that includes biographical accounts of visionary preachers such as Thomas Meredith, whose efforts led to the founding of Meredith College, and E.L Wells, the builder who spearheaded the construction of the four columned temple with the dome that is familiar to many across Chowan County and Eastern North Carolina.

"Whoever has studied church history

and through every contribution of every pastor, the constant reality has been the faithful presence and leadership of God," said Reverend Kenneth Word, pastor emeritus.

Banners that read "great is thy faithfulness" and "entertaining a hope" hung from the walls that have seen many decades of worship. Dressed in blue robes with white trim, the choir sang uplifting hymns of praise. Children who attended story time got cupcakes.

Word addressed the question of whether some congregations will survive into an ever changing age that tends to compartmentalize faith that aligns more with what is in style rather than what is right.

"The answer is no," he said. "But the church that gathers can survive because we can do more together than we can alone. The church where people are more concerned about serving God than the beauty of a building and care more about the reality of faith than the pretense — who face discouragement and crisis with love instead of ill — will survive."

Word said the future will produce a growing society of affluence, technology, false religions and more will shape people's views of religion more than the

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Shown is a cake made to celebrate Edenton Baptist Church's 200th birthday.

Layton to lead Chowan Herald

From staff reports

Miles Layton has been named editor of the Chowan Herald.

"Edenton and Chowan County are great places to work," said Layton, a North Carolina native and graduate of East Carolina University. "The newspaper has a strong history of serving the community."

Layton replaces former Herald Editor Reggie Ponder, who has assumed reporting duties for The Daily Advance.

Prior to joining the Chowan Herald, Layton worked for newspapers large and small during his career as a reporter and editor. After graduating from ECU in 1998, Layton attended graduate school at Ohio University, where he studied journalism and business. Layton has worked for several newspapers including the Daily Sentinel in Pomeroy, Ohio, The Dominion Post in Morgantown, W.Va., the Herald-Standard in Uniontown, Pa., and the Intelligencer/News-Register in Wheeling, W.Va. Most recently, Layton was editor of the Tyler Star News, a weekly newspaper in West Virginia.

Layton explained a little bit about his approach to community journalism.

"The people and history of this area are amazing, so that inspires me to want to know more about everything," he said.

Mike Goodman, publisher/executive editor of The Daily Advance, said Layton will be a welcome addition to the newspaper and the community.

"Miles is a great fit for the Chowan Herald," Goodman said. "He brings a wealth of experience in community journalism and a high energy work ethic that will benefit our readers. Also, he wants to be involved in the community, not only as a journalist, but as a citizen and family man."

Layton has won multiple awards for his writing from the West Virginia and Pennsylvania press associations.

"It's not the size of the paper, it is the size of the story," he said.

Miles and his wife, Nicole, are the proud par-

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Council considers renaming local park

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff writer

Queen Anne Park, adjacent to the Hayes Bridge in Edenton, may soon have a new name.

Town council members agreed at their work session on Monday night to have the full council consider at a future monthly meeting a proposal by Councilman Sambo Dixon to rename the park after the late Elizabeth Vann Moore, a local resident known for her generous nature and her love of history.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton noted it was "Ms. Moore's generous gift to the town, given anonymously,

that enabled the town to acquire the Queen Anne property and convert it to a park. The renaming of the park in her honor will ensure Edenton remembers the wonderful contributions Ms. Moore made to our community."

Dixon, a friend and neighbor of Moore, said he thought the honor was long overdue. He hastened to add, however, that were Moore still alive she would not have wanted the attention that the renaming of the park would draw.

"She would tan my hide if she knew that it was going to be renamed after her," Dixon said.

Council members Bob Quinn and Jimmy Stallings agreed that the honor was well deserved.

"She was an impressive lady who did many important things," Quinn said.

An obituary published in

the Virginian Pilot following her death on New Year's Day, 2010 outlined many of the achievements and special recognitions she received during her lifetime. It read, in part:

"Miss Moore served as a member of the Edenton Historical Commission and the Cupola House Association, from both of which she received Lifetime Service Awards. In 1978 she was awarded the prestigious Cannon Cup by the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina.

"She received a Certificate of Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Edenton Tea Party Chapter, for her research on the Edenton Tea Party.

"She wrote the Guide Book to Historic Edenton and Chowan County and

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Boundary dispute no cause for civil war between counties

BY PETER WILLIAMS
Staff writer

The county line between Perquimans and Chowan may not be where you think it is.

The issue came up when someone went to vote in Chowan County and was told they actually lived in Perquimans County.

The variance between where both counties think the line belongs and where the state recognizes the border is not large according to Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath.

"Basically it's like 100 yards," Heath said.

The actual county line may shift slightly to the west, meaning Perquimans County would become a little larger and Chowan

"What happened is the board of elections had a different map than what we were using."

Kevin Howard

Chowan county manager

would be a little smaller.

"We just want to make sure the line is correct," Heath said.

Julie Sharpe, the head of the Chowan County Land Records office could not be reached for comment. Hackney High, the county attorney for Perquimans County did not return phone calls for comment.

Kevin Howard, the county manager in Chowan, said he understands there may only be once house that is

involved.

"It's been discussed for a while now," Howard said. "What happened is the board of elections had a different map than what we were using."

The fact that a county line may not be where people think it should be is not unusual according to Ron Harding. He works on issues involving state and county boundaries for

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