

# Commitment to hospital completed

From Staff Reports

The Chowan Hospital Foundation recently presented Vidant Chowan Hospital with the remaining \$75,000 of a \$150,000 commitment to funding the Outpatient Services Center.

"The foundation is proud to continue to support the Outpatient Services Center and we are appreciative of the public contributions received for this project," said Ginny Waff, executive director of Chowan Hospital foundation. "I would like to extend a special thank you to all of our gracious donors who helped make this project successful."

The Vidant Chowan Hospital Outpatient Services Center opened its doors in June 2014 and has helped to expand rehabilitation and specialty clinic service to the community.

Renovation of the former skilled nursing unit more than tripled the size of the specialty clinic department, doubled the

clinic's capacity for chemotherapy administration, added 300 square feet to the adult rehabilitation gym and added a specially designed pediatric gym and treatment area.

"This project has greatly enhanced access to exceptional outpatient services," said Jeffrey Sackrison, Vidant Chowan Hospital president. "The expansion of rehabilitation and specialty clinic services has better allowed Vidant Chowan to meet the healthcare needs of our community."

"I would like to thank all of the donors for their extreme generosity and continuing support of the Vidant Chowan mission to improve the health and well-being of eastern North Carolina, which is exactly what this project is doing."

For more information on how you can give, please call Chowan Hospital Foundation at 482-6440. All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Among the finalists for River City Community Development Corp.'s "Men of Excellence" award shown Thursday are (front row left,) Phil Johnson, Petty Officer Alex Szilagyi, Elizabeth City Major Joe Peel and community advocate Hezekiah Brown.

## 'EXCELLENCE'

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Pepsi products, he just really wanted to be there."

Johnson is also a major force behind the "Love PQ" effort that was started by Spaug's church. What was first just an annual event has grown to be a year-round effort to help people in need. This summer's program incorporated participants in River City's Youth Build program.

The selection process was modeled after the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce's annual "women of excellence" awards, noted Lenora Jarvis-Mackey, the CEO of River City.

The guest speaker was Robert Kelly Goss. He spent 10 years as a writer and editor at The Daily Advance and currently works at Elizabeth City State University.

He talked about being a man, and the need to work to uplift the community.

"They (the nominees) have taken what they have and made something," Goss said.

In accepting his award, Brown challenged everybody at the breakfast meeting to recruit just one volunteer for his or her local school system.

"Go out and recruit one, just one," he said.

Captain Bruce Brown, the Commander of the US Coast Guard base in Eliza-

beth City, nominated Mabus, but the chaplain was unable to attend because of his work. His job covers all Coast Guard members in the state of North Carolina, some 4,000 people.

"This guy puts more miles on a government vehicle than anybody," Capt Brown said.

Mayor Peel, who was nominated by Council member Tony Stinmatz, said the men honored Thursday share one trait.

"The people who are excellence have gotten in touch with who they are," he said. "Excellence is about service."

Szilagyi, was nominated by Lt. Commander Alan Davenport.

He said the Petty Offi-

cer has been volunteering since he was 8-years-old, and started an English as a second language program at his school. He volunteered for 600 hours while stationed in Ohio for two and a half years.

Other nominees were Brian Goodbody, Bruce Green, John Young, Chris Grabe, Derek Springer, Fentress Morris, Jarrett Koch, Jonathan Snoots, Justin Rose, Cecil Perry, Michael Matos, Michael McDaniel, Robert Phippen, Phillip Alligood, Ryan Sheffield, Wayne Harris, Zachary Atchinson, and Bob Steinberg.

Steinburg was presented with a special award for his work in the region and his support for River City CDC.

## SEAT

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a member and vice chairman of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees from 1969 to 1984 and helped with the creation of a medical school there. He died in 2005. Futrell operated The Washington Daily News, a Beaufort County newspaper his father acquired in 1949. In 2010, the younger Futrell announced he would sell the paper.

Senate District 1 includes Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Cur-

rituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Gates counties.

Futrell is a lifetime resident of Washington and an honors graduate of Duke University, former member of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority and has served on numerous boards including the Washington Salvation Army, East Carolina Board of Visitors, North Carolina Beautiful, Duke University Divinity School Board of Visitors, his church's administrative board and the Washington City School Board including

six years as chair.

Cook, a resident of Chowan County, filed for office on Dec. 2.

He did send out a brief e-mail statement a few days later.

"From day one, my goal has been to represent the views of Senate District 1 constituents in the legislature, advocate for eastern North Carolina, and to move our state down a path to economic recovery and prosperity."

Two years ago Cook and challenger Stan White waged an expensive fight for the seat.

White, a former Democratic state senator ousted by Cook in 2012, filed for a rematch with the incumbent. Both candidates ended up spending more than \$1 million on their 2014 race - Cook about \$686,000, White about \$501,000. Outside interest groups also ran ads against the candidates in the race Cook ended up winning by 7 percentage points. Afterward, White said he didn't expect to run for the District 1 seat again.

The filing period for the March 15 party primaries continues through Dec. 21.

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