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Davis

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Phelps, took to the podium to share some special moments about Dr. Davis.

"I spent some time at East Carolina University with Alden and when he left and went to medical school we would go visit him," Phelps said.

Phelps also joked about Dr. Davis' performing surgery on his mother and how afterward he seemed a little nervous about the fact that he had just operated on his best friend's mother.

"I asked Alden what he is going to do now that he has graduated, because he is not retiring he is just graduating from having to work," Phelps added.

Phelps, along with other lifelong friends, Ben Castellow and John Davis, presented Dr. Davis with a special retirement gift, a gold rifle

Windsor Mayor Pro Tempore Cathy Wilson recognized Dr. Davis and the many surgeries he had performed in the more than 30 years of services he provided to the area.

"Dr. Davis provided various surgeries such as: hernia repairs, open and laparoscopic cholecystectomy (gall bladder removal), breast biopsy, mastectomy, vas-



Dr. Alden Davis (left) receives a gift from his friend Tim Phelps during his retirement banquet.

cular surgery, pacemaker insertion, appendectomy, hemorrhoidectomy, colon resection, small bowel surgery, soft tissue surgery, and placement of infusaports," said Wilson.

"The total procedures estimated in over 30-plus years include 60,250 procedures and surgeries. A total of approximately 30,250 colonos-

copies and 12,750 gastroscopies," she continued.

On behalf of the town of Windsor, Wilson presented Dr. Davis with a key to the city.

Former co-worker Penny Clough talked about going to work for Dr. Davis fresh out of a local medical assisting program.

"Dr. Davis was the one who

helped encourage me to go to nursing school. He is also the one who found my colon cancer. He is a great doctor and a wonderful friend," said Clough.

Dr. Davis' brother, Brian, enlightened the crowd on funny stories of him growing up.

"My brother rode his bike down the road with an acre

on each side and would hit the only stove pipe in the area. Mom took him in and had to clean up all of his wounds. The funny part was it was on our sister's bike, and all she was worried about was where was her bike," said Davis.

"After Alden started college, he really found his groove in things, like the movie 'How Stella Got Her Groove Back.' He really has done great things," he continued.

"I enjoyed my time, but I did miss a lot of things when my children were growing up. I missed a lot of school plays, church programs and ballet recitals. I tell my residents all of the time to take time to slow down and enjoy the simple things in life," said Dr. Davis.

"I hope to enjoy to get to go fishing and hunting in my retirement. I also hope to return to work at some point. I just know I can't spend many hours over an operating table," he continued.

Dr. Davis has had multiple abdominal surgeries over the past two years.

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Collapse

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Department, Windsor Fire Department and Windsor Public Works Department all were on hand to keep citizens safe.

The initial collapse damaged the adjacent law offices of Tonza Ruffin, but did not cause any other damage. Ruffin owned both buildings, but had agreed to allow the town to remove the Western Auto structure.

Castelloe said the next step will be having contractors resubmit bids which now will be just for cleanup. Those bids will likely be approved at the April 12 meeting, and cleanup begin shortly thereafter.

Castelloe said the area should be safe, but urged citizens to stay away from the debris.

He also expressed appreciation to Boyd Copeland Contracting, the Windsor Police Department, Windsor Fire Department and the Windsor Public Works team.



By early Sunday evening, all that was left of the former Western Auto building on Granville Street was a pile of rubble.

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