

Crowd Celebrates New Union Library

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One of the features of the new Scenic Regional Library facility in Union is the expanded parking lot.

Compared to the old Union branch, the new building offers double the amount of parking spaces — more than 100. It turns out, all the extra spaces still weren't enough to fit all the people at the library's grand opening event Saturday.

Cars filled the parking lot at the new library and at neighboring businesses. Some cars even lined Independence Drive

as hundreds descended on the facility to celebrate its official grand opening.

The building, which holds the Scenic Regional Library's administrative offices and the Union branch, has been open since August, but Saturday was the big celebration.

The library was open for business inside and outside were games and activities for families. Kids could play in a bounce house or get a temporary tattoo. Food and drink were available from the Friends of the Library.

Ceremony

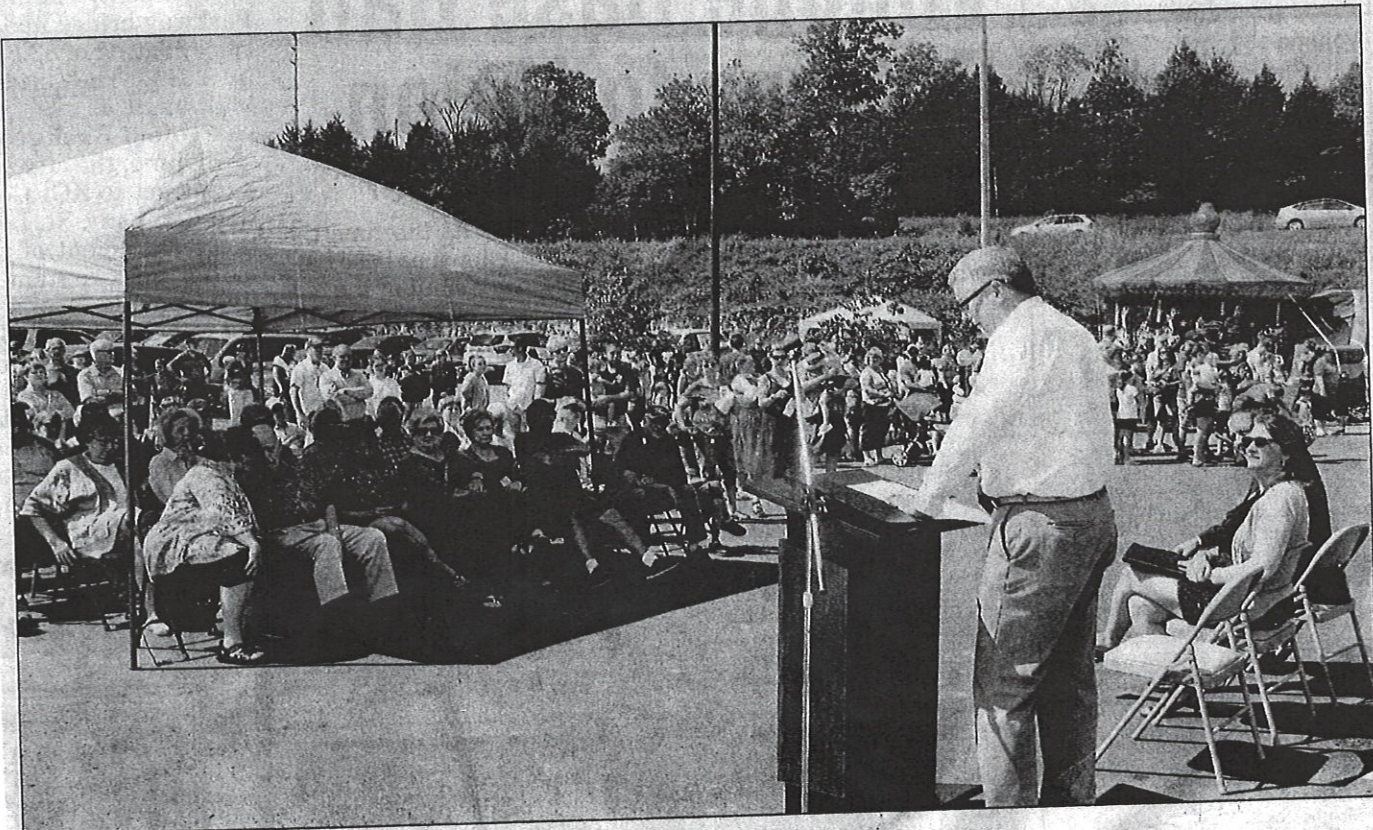
The main event of the day was a ceremony

hosted by Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell.

"I can't describe how excited we are to be able to provide this new state-of-the-art facility to the residents of Union and outlying areas," he said.

Campbell thanked the large crowd for turning out and showing support for the library. Thanking the crowd was a theme of the day. Multiple speakers thanked the crowd for supporting libraries by attending the event, but also by supporting the 2014 tax increase that made construction possible.

Campbell also thanked
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Large Turnout to Celebrate Library

Franklin County Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker addressed the packed crowd at the grand opening ceremony for the new Scenic Regional Library in Union. The facility is home to the library's administrative offices and is the new Union branch headquarters. The celebration featured remarks from guest speakers and activities for families. A large crowd filled the parking lot for the event.

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