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The new Museum Annex is situated to the left of the Historic Grapelle Butt-Mock House in Downtown Blairsville.

"My heart is in history in this county, and my heart is in the courthouse, and this is just an extension of that," said Paris. "I'm thankful that Bud took on the mission of completing this and doing this."

"I'm thankful that the county was able to furnish crews and maybe a little funding on the way. But we are just delighted that this is completed, and now it will give the Historical Society the opportunity to display, maintain for viewing, and be able to accept other items that they otherwise wouldn't be able to do."

The Annex building was designed to blend into the old style of the Mock House and make the two parts look like they were constructed at the same time.

For his part that Saturday, Akins took the time to talk to the audience about his friend David Friedly.

"So many times, I would pick up the phone and tell David that I couldn't get something together," said Akins. "We would be talking, and I'd tell him to call me back when he had it, and he would tell me that he had it right there on

the computer right then. He could find something I needed quicker than anybody I've ever known."

Following the ceremony, attendees enjoyed cake and punch to celebrate the dedication and reveal of the commemorative plaque affixed to the exterior of the building.

The dedicatory plaque reads as follows: "Union County Historical Society Museum Annex. In Remembrance: David Friedly - Historian; Loretta Honea - Curator. In Honor: William "Bud" Akins - Director. 2018."



Bud Akins speaking to a crowd gathered for the dedication of the new Museum Annex on Dec. 1. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

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