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Shoe Box Lunch Festival set to debut in Onancock for a fun-filled culinary and community event

Onancock, VA, July 1, 2024. The highly anticipated Shoe Box Lunch Festival is set to launch at the Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop for its first annual celebration of culinary creativity, the history and importance of blacksmithing, and community spirit on 10:00am-2:00pm Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Now in its first year, the Shoe Box Lunch Festival hopes to become a tradition for food, culture, and history enthusiasts and families alike. The shoe box lunch is a powerful symbol of innovation in the Jim Crow era.

This year's Festival promises an array of activities and attractions for attendees of all ages. Highlights include: demonstrations, exhibits, and hands-on activities showcasing the art of blacksmithing. Watch a skilled blacksmith forge hot metal into functional pieces, and try your hand at shaping metal yourself!

The Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop Memorial Museum, a rare, intact blacksmith shop in Accomack County is listed on the National Historic Register, the Virginia Landmark Register, and the Virginia Preservation List.

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