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## The museum is now open

The Board of John N. Smith Restoration and Preservation Inc. welcomed the public to the opening of the John N. Smith Cemetery Outdoor Museum on Saturday morning. Master of Ceremony Donnie Joyner moved the event along, with congratulatory remarks given by Southport Mayor Joe Pat Hatem, Navassa Mayor Eulis Willis, and Brunswick County NAACP President Carl Parker. The Mt. Carmel Church DDH Choir performed musical selections followed by guest speaker Tracey Burns, Deputy Secretary of Diversity, Equity Accessibility and Inclusion, NC Department of Natural Resources. Board Chairperson Judy Gordon recognized supporters of the museum, and the ceremony ended with the ribbon cutting by Mayor Hatem and board members followed by a public tour of the museum.



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