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Monmouth Vicinage Celebrates Black History Month

The Monmouth Vicinage will hold a program to commemorate Black History Month on Friday, Feb. 21 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the jury assembly room of the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

The program will focus on the history of the Heath Farm in Middletown, a historic farm and museum owned by Clinton P. Heath, a former slave. Curator Keith Maidlow and family member Dee DeChalus will speak.

Other speakers include Superior Court Judge Lourdes Lucas, chair of the Monmouth Vicinage EEO/AA Advisory Committee; Deputy Public Defender Van Lane; and Patricia Williamson, a representative of the League of Women Voters.

The program also will feature a presentation of colors by the Neptune High School NJROTC cadets, oratorical selections by students from the Neptune Branch of New Jersey Orators, musical performances by students from Dr. Martin Luther King Middle School in Asbury Park, jazz selections by the Neptune High School Jazz Band, and a vocal performance by vicinage employee Tarika Jean-Pierre. Cultural artwork will be displayed, and traditional African attire will be presented.

Superior Court Judge Mara Zazzali-Hogan, chair of the Monmouth Vicinage Advisory Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement, will present recognition awards to student winners of the Black History Month essay, poetry and art contest. The program is sponsored by the vicinage's EEO/AA Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement, and the Monmouth Bar Association.

The program is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact the Trial Court Administrator's Office at 732-358-8700, ext. 87025.

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