BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL

ST. PETERSBURG — Each year, Legacy Week celebrates the accomplishments, power, strength and courage of leaders in the community. This year’s highlights included a Lecture Dr. Samuel H. Scheff, professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College, a golf tournament, and, of course, the Legacy Awards Dinner where this year’s theme was the Family Reunion.

When you think of a family reunion, a smorgasbord of food may come to mind or maybe pulling a hamstring trying to reunite, sometimes that plan backfires. When your family and friends are encouraged you to come to a family reunion, a dinner where this year’s theme of course, the Legacy Awards was the Family Reunion. Dinner was held at the Family Reunion.

Rev. Clarence Williams, senior pastor of Gilstrap, accepted his Faith Award. Rev. Williams is most certainly a community champion, drama queen and master of ceremonies. Karen Elliott boasted, family reunions are much more meaningful. "It’s a time to connect, a time to be reflective, a time to mend broken relationships and to start a new relationship," she said as she united the community—or family—to celebrate the legacies of the heroes.

Each year, the Legacy Awards, recipients are heralded at the banquet under true praises and surprised when their names are called, but sometimes that plan backfires. Although Rev. Wayne G. Thompson, senior pastor of First Baptist Institutional, was made aware of his honors, he was gladful of his aging mother’s Hospital. Good friend Lovetta Gilstrap accepted his Faith Award.

“The first Saturday in Feb., if your family and friends are encouraging you to come to a Black History Month event, there is a chance you may be recognized,” said Legacy Week, Inc. President Rev. J.C. Pritchett.

ST. PETERSBURG — It has now been two years since the Walmart Neighborhood Market closed at Tangerine Plaza, leaving thousands of St. Petersburg residents in a food desert without easy access to fresh, affordable transportation. Access to food is a challenge for many residents with limited incomes, making it difficult to get to the nearest supermarket, which is now miles away. Small neighborhood stores meet some needs but do not offer the range of products available in a traditional grocery store, and the prices are often much higher.

Fresh foods contribute to better health and the cycle of poverty, with our children and seniors suffering the most.

This is a social justice issue, and it’s the top issue that keeps me up at night. We need to solve the problem, and we need to get it right this time.

We’ve been down this road before. Walmart’s abrupt departure marked the second major chain grocery store to close at Tangerine Plaza. The first, a Sav-On supermarket, closed in 2012 with little notice, citing poor sales performance.

The results confirmed some of what we already knew—that we need a grocery store that offers a good range of fresh, healthy foods, products and services at affordable prices for families living in underserved communities. What we didn’t know was just how urgent that issue is.

Based on incomes, a traditional chain grocery store is not even sustainable at this location. Years of stagnant wages, rising costs of housing and healthcare, and limited paths out of poverty have taken a toll. Now we know why the neighborhood stores failed, and we know that we must take a different approach to solve this pressing issue.

BY GINA DRISCOLL

ST. PETERSBURG — The week of Feb. 12 and of Frederick Douglass on Feb. 14, both of them celebrate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln because it coincided with the week of Feb. to be “Negro History Month.”

That week is now recognized as Black History Month. Although Rev. Wayne G. Thompson, senior pastor of First Baptist Institutional, was made aware of his honors, he was gladful of his aging mother’s hospital. Good friend Lovetta Gilstrap accepted his Faith Award.

“We need to reconnect on how we’re come as a city, as a community,” said Mayor Kriseman, noting that although we think we always know what we want, it’s our shared history of creating a city of opportunity that will help us as a common ground.

This year’s flag raising ceremony was held to mark the beginning of Black History Month.
Amiah Adams is dreaming big

By KARI DAVIS-THOMPSON

ST PETERSBURG — When Amiah Adams got the good news, she wasn’t shocked. She graduated from Hollins High School, she was recently one of only 100 students selected to participate in Steve Harvey’s annual Disney Dreamers Academy.

The program, sponsored by Steve Harvey magazine, is a four-day workshop that helps to improve graduates and provide them with the guidance they need to make their dreams come true. More than 20,000 students applied for a chance to attend.

“She knows it is an honor and privilege to be selected for the program,” Adams said. “My ability to get in was like hitting a lottery, so I was shocked, but at the same time I’m a strong believer in God and God’s plan, so it was perfect for me.”

Amiah is most excited to meet the other Dreamers as well as Harvey. She’s also looking forward to the career guidance and skills to make her future bright.

As for becoming a Dreamer, Adams is in irreversibly pleased with her decision but more so for becoming a Dreamer. She said the dedication to her studies and her efforts are all so exciting.

“I’m proud of how much I’ve grown in her- self,” Adams said. “She pushed me and always set goals for each grading period.”

Food insecurity in St. Pete

In some ways my policy is to say to a community needs document survey. Survey results will be incorporated in our Consolidated Annual Plan. For more information contact, please contact the Department of Housing and Community Development – Affordable Housing and Homelessness.

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Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, portrayed by Niyah Henderson

During the Civil Rights Movement, Black Pearls Youth Council members created a history lesson through poetry and dance. Under the direction of Dorothy Irene Height, a documentary was viewed in front of a beautifully landscaped Westminster Center for Lifelong Learning. A large room was filled with an enthralled audience. The Black Pearls Youth Council members in charge of the event provided various speakers and facilitate a program that covered the Black Pearls' history, legacy and their role in the civil rights movement.

The Pearls, led by then-National Chair Ardel Bonds, received a standing ovation from the audience.

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The Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century was a turning point in history that initiated many crucial events. It was a vast movement of thought and action that received push back against the status-quo societal and political climate of the era particularly of the black American citizens. For many years, African American had been pushed into an existence created by rules and attitudes based on greed, arrogance, ignorance and hate. Feeling with injustices and frustrated from picket signs, the discordants of the black diamond became the resistance against the systemic and racial segregation, discrimination, and inequality.

Between 1955 and 1966, acts of nonviolent protest and civil disobedience by African Americans produced dramatic changes between white and black Americans.

In March, more than 100 Howard University students held a die-in at the campus protesting its ROTC program, and the Vietnam War. They demonstrated a black studies program, black history in the curriculum and school involvement in the demonstration ended with some of the demonstrators being arrested.

On March 31, Provost Benjamin Daniel announced his decision to seek reelection, leaving many people fearing the loss of a liberal voice for the university. The Isieh area college city began to erupt with growing expressions of anger and violence that culminated in violence.

On April of a multiple year civil rights movement culminated in Memphis, Tennessee, the March on Washington, D.C. was the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement. The year 1968 became the pivotal year of racial equality in American society with nonviolent protest marches, sit-ins, organized protests, peaceful demonstrations and many young people and citizens. The movement was beginning to turn into a national conflagration.

For the first time, many people were killed and thousands were injured or detained in a full-scale rioting.

In Sept., the first Black History Month opened the Black History Month program at the Westminster Center for Lifelong Learning. The young ladies were invited to perform poems, songs and stories about the black history. The Pearls, a group of young black women, performed poetry and dance. The Pearls presented a program that covered the Black Pearls' history, legacy and their role in the civil rights movement.

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Shonyn Rhud reading poem "Praying For A Woman" by Maya Angelou

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Emerging Leader 2019 Fellowship

Mhariel Summers

Mhariel Summers needs leaders to continue. Our community looks to many community leaders for vision and direction. As an emerging leader in the community, she currently works at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. C.K. Steele United Methodist Church. Summers has dedicated her education to understanding the plight of black people in America, even traveling to South Africa to better understand apartheid. As an emerging leader in human trafficking and resources for assistance.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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There will also be drawings for gift cards throughout the day so look to increase awareness and access to the local resources available to children and families in the community. Vending opportunities are available. This is a great free networking event for community agencies to meet potential clients. If you are looking to sell art, jewelry, makeup, services, crafts, etc., vendor tables are available for a $10 registration fee, which includes one table and two chairs.

Field Day Agenda
- Fitness Classes – Three classes starting at 11:30 a.m.
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NCNW Day of Service focused on literacy and learning

COMMUNITY NEWS

On the Scene with Faye

BY FAYE TIPPY

It’s Black History Month, but black business success stories is John W. Thompson, chairman of the Black Wall Street Foundation here in St. Pete, and Reginald Lewis, one of the richest African Americans in the United States. His firm has $54.9 billion in assets under management, both real estate and on the Forbes’ “Top Twenty Richest African Americans in the World” list. Let us now begin to collect these success stories is John W. Thompson, chairman of Microsoft Corporation who took office from Bill Gates in 2014. A

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Quintin Primo is the co-founder, chairman and CEO of Capri Capital Partners, LLC, one of the largest minority-owned real estate investment management firms in the United States. His firm has $54.9 billion in assets under management. Both real estate and in domestic and international commercial real estate. It is ranked on the Silicon Valley’s “Top Twenty Richest African Americans in the World” list.

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What’s next for Jordan Park?

BY MELINDA LUGO COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA) recently met with members of city council to address their plans for the new construction of a 36-unit multifamily apartment complex in the Jordan Park neighborhood.

The robust discussion covered a variety of topics from demolition and site prep to the full completion of interior and exterior enhancements including a graphic description of the entire complex proposed for Jordan Park.

Participants also discussed the immediate and long-term benefits to the Jordan Park Development Plan on the city as a whole and on SPHA operations.

Jordan Park’s future focus was directed at the housing and urban development movement away from public housing initiatives and toward Best Practices Demonstration (BPD) programming.

SPHA CEO Tawana Moore, especially noted key features of the BPD changes as well as evolving financial terms that will help preserve “affordability” of the complex for many decades to come.

Represented by Susan Bradley, Development Team Architects and Planners at Robert Reid Wold Inc., drew the forensic base for demolition of the nine Historic Villas Park commenced, as well as the later invasive and cost comparative its visualization conducted by BPD in 2018.

She demonstrated that the $188 per square foot cost estimated for rehab of the nine Historic Villas, circa 1939, is clearly prohibitive on the $25 per square foot cost estimated with the BPD’s assessment/valuation conducted in 2018.

Bradley’s assessment was followed by the additional financial analysis presented by Candace Tollison, representing a new owner.

The additional ground floor level which would include recreation area, kitchen, community center, dining area, and library.

She also mentioned the complex would include features such as a playground, walking trail, and a community center.

In addition, the complex would provide 36 units of affordable housing with features such as energy-efficient appliances, low-flow faucets, and low-flow toilets.

The complex would also include a community center with a multipurpose room, a kitchen, and a laundry room.

The community center would be available for use by the residents and the community at large for events such as community meetings, workshops, and cultural events.

In conclusion, the new Jordan Park complex will provide affordable housing for the community and will contribute to the economic development of the city.

For more information about the complex, please visit www.spha.com or call 727-893-7390.
At Suncoast Hospice, your loved one is our priority. For more than 40 years, we have provided compassionate life-changing care to patients and their families. Our nonprofit, community-based hospice is the only Pinellas County hospice:

- With freestanding specialized care centers providing continuous medical care if your loved one has stroke or other disease, Suncoast Hospice helps families make the right decision on Alzheimer’s, dementia and basic education tools. Journaling, exercise, yoga, guided imagery are all used as comforts.
- Each day takes a different path, she explained. Brandon-Hendriex conducts support groups at various homes and assisted living facilities. There are also support groups, workshops, and Caregiver Coffee Break meetings at all of the service centers. Journaling, exercise, yoga, guided imagery are all used as tools.
Legacy Week 2019: The family reunion

LEGACY, from front page

Bob Devin Jones was enthralled with the audience, log on to TheWeeklyChallenger.com.
Historic Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, an institution of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, will celebrate its 125th anniversary on Sunday, February 10. Bishop Rev. Kenny Irby, Bishop, and founder of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church, will celebrate the anniversary, with salutes to the denomination.

**Historic Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Celebrates Founder’s Day**

The event will begin with a service of prayer and dedication at 10 a.m., followed by a dedication service at 11 a.m. The service will feature a guest preacher and Bishop Dr. Manuel L. Sykes, Bishop of the Central Carolina Synod of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The celebration will continue with a community meal at 12:30 p.m., followed by a special worship service at 2 p.m. The evening will conclude with an interdenominational prayer service at 7 p.m.

**The Celebration**

- **Service of Dedication & Prayer**
  - 10 a.m.
- **Dedication Service**
  - 11 a.m.
- **Community Meal**
  - 12:30 p.m.
- **Special Worship Service**
  - 2 p.m.
- **Interdenominational Prayer Service**
  - 7 p.m.
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senses. Each time we go to
pair of shoes or get our hair
adjustments to our lives daily
consciously, we make minor ad-

The second thing that
helped them survive was
Mind. They kill thoughts in our
hearts, if we are not working on
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