

RELIGION

Faith

Book brings a heartfelt message of faith

I came across the colorfully covered book at an arts fair months ago: *Sofia and Her Morningstar* by Paige Snedeker. The title caught my attention because my toddler daughter is named Paige. A cheerful woman at the artist's booth told me the author's story. At age three, Snedeker, a Clearwater resident, developed the rare neuromuscular condition Riboflavin Transporter Deficiency Type Two

Over the course of a decade, the illness took her hearing, most of her sight and the use of her limbs. Her older twin brothers David and Tyson also suffered from the disease, David passing away at age fifteen. Snedeker's lifelong Christian faith inspired her to become an illustrator and author, using an interpreter and a paint brush between her teeth. 'She is really an inspiration,' I recall the woman at the arts fair saying. That day, I purchased the book and grabbed Snedeker's information card. I placed it among countless others on my shelf and there the book sat until

tonight — when I read it to my daughter as a desperate alternative to Kids YouTube. It is a sweet story about the friendship between a flower, Sofia, and a butterfly, Morningstar. Sofia wishes to be more like her friend. She wants to fly instead of being stuck in the ground. The butterfly teaches her, "God has made you who you are, you should be happy." As I read, my daughter whined to watch my phone. She rolled over pouting. So, I turned the page to Snedeker's bio. "I want you all to know you can trust God whatever challenges you face. I want you to know you can keep your faith, joy,

love and peace," she said in a letter to readers. Her words both filled and broke my heart. This is a young woman who slowly lost her physically abilities, who one day heard her mother's voice and the next did not. This is a young woman who saw her brother buried by the same illness which confined her to a wheelchair. This is a woman who can not see the night sky. Still, she works to give others hope. I can only hope to raise a Paige with such a kind heart and love for God. The proceeds of Snedeker's books go to The Paige Project to help find a cure for

Riboflavin Transporter Deficiency. The majority of funds are donated to the non-profit CureRTD. For more information on the author and to purchase *Sofia and Her Morningstar* visit www.thepaigeproject.org.



SARAH WHITMAN

When *You* need help
it's yours **FREE!**

Retirement Communities | Assisted Living Facilities
Skilled Nursing Centers | Home Health Agencies
Companion Services

FLORIDA'S WEST COAST

SENIOR LIVING GUIDE

The Yellow Book of Senior Living Options™

www.SeniorLivingGuideOnline.com

Call for your FREE issue!
727-553-5108

Advertising opportunities available online
and in print. Covering eight counties.

MIDWAY SERVICES
A Service Experts Company
61 YEARS Est. 1957

One Call Does It All®
888-849-8545

YOUR HOME SERVICES HERO

PLUMBING
ELECTRIC
AIR CONDITIONING
KITCHEN & BATH REMODELING

\$59 VOUCHER

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING TUNE-UP

Cannot be combined with any other offers. Cannot be used towards a service fee. First time customers only. The Tune-Up includes 1 LB of R410a Freon (excludes R22) Limit one per customer. Call for details. Expires 6/01/19

\$100 OFF

Toward a New Water Heater Installation

Cannot be combined with any other offers. Cannot be used towards a service fee. Limit one per customer. Call for details. Expires 6/01/19

\$1000 OFF

NEW AC SYSTEM

Limited Time Offer!

Cannot be combined with any other offers. Limit one per customer. Call for details. Expires 6/01/19

\$300 OFF

Electric Panel Changeout*

*Minimum 150 amp service.

Cannot be combined with any other offers. Limit one per customer. Call for details. Expires 6/01/19

\$1500 OFF

Full Kitchen or Bath Remodel

Cannot be combined with any other offers. Limit one per customer. Call for details. Expires 6/01/19

SERVING YOUR AREA SINCE 1957

CMC1249534 EC13003598 CGC1508455 CFCA25591

ACCREDITED BUSINESS

Download the tbo weather app

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A hearing will be conducted on 6-13-19 at 7:30 PM at the Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Rd., Tampa, FL to adopt the 2019 non-ad valorem assessment roll for Beacon Meadows Special Dependent Tax District.

The proposed 2019 assessment of \$125, but not to exceed \$250, per improved residential property will be collected by the County Tax Collector as a part of property owners' ad valorem property tax bill. All affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearing. Written objections must be filed with the Registered Agent, 4814 Cypress Tree Dr., Tampa, FL, 33624, within 20 days of this published notice.

In accordance with Chapter 286, F.S., the public is advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Trustees with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

All meeting facilities are accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any additional necessary accommodations will be provided with a 48 hour notice. For more information call 813-563-2811.

05/24/2019 778574-1

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTRY PLACE SPECIAL DEPENDENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Country Place Special Dependent District will conduct a budget hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding its proposed FY 20 budget and 2019 assessment rate.

The trustees will vote on the budget and assessment rate. The hearing will be conducted at the Northdale Recreation Center, 15550 Spring Pine Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33624 on **June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

In accordance with chapter 286, F.S., the public is advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Trustees with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings; and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

All meeting facilities are accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any additional accommodations will be provided with a 48 hour notice. For more information call Keith Colini at (813) 968-2311.

05/24/2019 781224-1

Get your resume to the top of the pile.

We'll show you how.

Tampa Bay Times

MONSTER

tampabay.com/jobs

PRESS PLAY. CRIDLIN.

PUBLISHED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE Tampa Bay Times

Jay Cridlin
Pop Music/Culture Critic
Follow @JayCridlin

783224-1

The savings are back!

It's time to snip and save!

Spend \$2 on a Sunday paper and you can save up to \$200 - or more! **Every week!**

Just pick up the **Tampa Bay Times** every Sunday and look for a bigger, better batch of coupons - now including **RetailMeNot** (formerly known as Red Plum) for savings you love on the things you need!

Tampa Bay Times

RetailMeNot Everyday™