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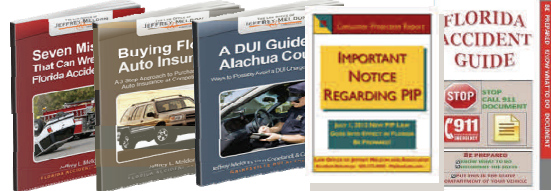
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**Recipe of the Month: Festive Holiday Snowman Cheese ball.**

This cheesy appetizer will be a favorite amongst all of your holiday guests!



**Ingredients:**

- 1-1/2 packages of cream cheese slightly softened.
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese.
- 1 cup shredded Gruyere cheese.
- Dash yellow mustard.
- Salt & Pepper.
- Grated carrot for the nose.
- Black olives for the eyes and buttons.
- Cilantro, for the scarf.
- Strawberry and tomato for the hat.
- Black peppercorns.

**Directions:**

1. In a large bowl, mix the cream cheese, shredded cheese, mustard and salt and pepper until creamy.
2. Separate the cheese mixture into three sections, each one smaller than the last. Roll each into a ball and then stack them upright, with the largest ball on the bottom and the smallest on the top.
3. Place two olives on the top part of the snowman for eyes. Stick a carrot in the center and then add the peppercorns for the mouth. Wrap the cilantro around neck of the snowman to make a scarf. Place a few of the other olives on the belly of the snowman for the buttons.
4. Top the snowman with a strawberry and tomato for a top hat. Stick a few fresh sprigs of rosemary under the strawberry. Stick two rosemary sticks out of the belly of the snowman for arms. Chill and serve with crackers or veggies!

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Here are a few jokes to share with friends and family during this holiday season.

**Holiday Humor**

• **The First Reindeer Seen in a Bar-** One evening, in a busy lounge in the deep south, a reindeer walked in the door, bellied up to the bar and ordered a martini. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the twenty-dollar bill from the reindeer's hoof.

As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."

The reindeer looked hard at the hoof full of change and said, "Hmmpf! Let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here."

• **Hanukkah Mailing-**

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Hanukkah cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Hanukkah stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?" "Oh my God," the woman says, "has it come to this? Give me 16 Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 22 Reform."



*The holiday season is about enjoyment, fun and merry-making. It is about the feeling of togetherness with friends and loved ones as we come together to celebrate our very own traditions.*

Holiday traditions vary from family to family. Elements common to many include the installing and lighting of Christmas trees and menorahs, the hanging of wreaths, and telling stories of holidays past. Whether you're sending holiday greeting cards, burning a yule log, or giving and receiving gifts, this is a time to enjoy the holiday season with the ones you love the most. This holiday we celebrate diversity and inclusiveness, which is more than simply changing labels and titles to read "Happy Holidays", but realizing that as we come together during our time of celebration, we also strive to build a cultural understanding and awareness of others. Carve out some time from online shopping or a holiday TV show to learn about how other people celebrate during this time of year.



People celebrate a variety of holidays during this time of year, and some people choose to celebrate none. Be open to these differences by taking interest in other people's traditions and making them feel welcome. Don't be afraid to ask people what holidays they celebrate. Find out what they do during this time of the year that is special. Let it be an opportunity to learn about different cultures and religions and the traditions that accompany them. We live in a nation which gives us the freedom to be different in all aspects of our lives and as we celebrate these differences, know that the role you play in being culturally aware of others has a great impact. In the spirit of this holiday season, be sure to celebrate your blessings: family, friends, good health, and being able to live in a great country, enjoying everything that this life has to offer.

**Holiday cheer from *Our family, to yours.***



Gracie Copeland, Carolyn Watson, Barbara Caswell, Abbie Knight, Tom Copeland, Tavares Kettles, Jeffrey Meldon, Carey Meldon, Lisa Allen, Nicole Talcik, Megan Connelly, and Bryan Jones.

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped make our progress possible. In the spirit of the season, we extend a heartfelt Thank You! Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace and Prosperity!

-The Meldon Law Team



# A word of thanks...

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Thank you to the staff of National CCL for serving as an extension of our firm since 1996, helping us to serve our clients.



We would like to take an opportunity to send a word of thanks to recognize an organization that keeps our office running behind the scenes and after hours.

At Meldon Law we make every effort to be available for our clients and callers, even after hours. The National Call Center helps us in making this possible by serving as our answering service and taking the calls that flow in after hours and on weekends.

## Community Events...

**Thursday, December 18, 2014:** Santa on the Square! Come and take part in a favorite family holiday program including a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, music, snacks, and hay ride. The event will be held in downtown Ocala from 10:00 AM. For more info, please contact Doreen Leaf at (352) 401-3916.

**Friday, December 19, 2014:** The Winter Wonderland! This year the Hippodrome has brought back The Wonderettes for a toe-tapping, heartwarming holiday celebration! Featuring beloved holiday classics. \$15 for students, \$25 for seniors and ages 30 and under. \$40 for side seating. For more info, please visit [www.thehipp.org](http://www.thehipp.org)

**Saturday, December 20, 2014:** The 8th Annual Miss Gainesville Scholarship Pageant. This year's pageant will feature some of North Central Florida's brightest young women as they compete for the titles of Miss Gainesville, Miss Citrus, and Miss Florida Gator 2015. Showtime at 6:00 p.m. in the Edith D. Cofrin Auditorium of Oak Hall School, located in Gainesville. Tickets \$20, All proceeds benefit the scholarship program.

# This month's topic of interest: December 2014

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. Although we aren't always able to take every case we receive, there is always an opportunity to educate others. Here's a topic worth discussing.



## Department of Transportation Wants Millions More Air Bags Recalled

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says a full national recall is needed for driver's-side air bag inflators that have been found to sometimes pepper drivers with metal shrapnel. More than 7 million vehicles are potentially affected in the U.S.

Takata, the Japanese auto supplier that makes a third of the air bags used by the auto industry, so far has focused its recall on regions with high heat and humidity—a focus that's too narrow the Department of Transportation agency said in a recent statement.

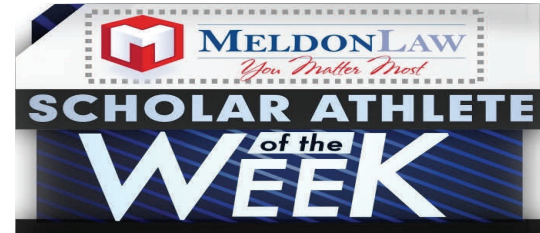
Initially, only six makes were involved when Takata announced the problem in April 2013. But a Toyota recall in June of this year along with new admissions from Takata that it had little clue as to which cars used its defective inflators, or even what the root cause was, prompted more automakers to issue identical recalls. In July 2014 NHTSA forced additional regional recalls in high-humidity areas including Florida, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Another major recall issued on October 20th 2014 expanded the affected vehicles across many other brands. Acura, BMW, Chrysler, Dodge, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Infiniti, Lexus, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Subaru and Toyota all use inflators that are the target of the recall.

A recent statement by the NHTSA states that "In recent days, Takata has publicly conceded that it changed the chemical mix of its air bag inflator propellant in newly designed inflators. As part of its ongoing investigation, the agency will analyze the information received to determine if the chemical composition of Takata's propellant mix may be a cause and/or contributing factor in the air bag inflator ruptures. ...

While NHTSA is not aware of either field incidents or test data suggesting that the problem affecting passenger-side air bags in persistently high humidity regions extends beyond those areas, the agency has been pushing the industry to perform testing to ensure that current recalls effectively cover vehicles with air bags that could be potentially affected by this defect."

For more information on this topic or to find out if your particular vehicle is subject to the National air bag recall, please contact your



Congratulations To Our Jeffrey Meldon/ TV20 Scholar Athletes of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the Scholar Athlete Program since 1997. Every week of the school year a high school senior in the North Central Florida area is chosen as the Scholar-Athlete of the Week and given a \$100 scholarship and a plaque. At the end of the school year we hold a banquet for all the winners and their families. Last year nearly 200 people attended the Scholar Athlete Banquet where one male and one female is chosen as **The Scholar Athlete of the Year**. The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship plus a beautiful glass trophy commemorating their achievement. Starting in 2003 the Meldon Law Firm teamed up with WCJB TV20 to promote the event widely on TV 20.

### Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!

**November 6, 2014:** Austin Vincent from Chiefland H.S. for football. Austin is the anchor of the Chiefland Indians offensive line at the guard position. The three year starter has a perfect 4.0 GPA and is committed to play for Brown University next fall.

**November 13, 2014:** Denzel Washington from Suwannee H.S. for football. Denzel is a four year varsity player and running back for the Bull Dogs. Denzel holds a 3.0 GPA and hopes to attend the University of Florida, South Carolina, or East Carolina.

**November 20, 2014:** Sarah Edens from Buchholz H.S. for Cross Country. Sarah is a top tier runner and ranked among the top 20 of 187 girls at the state cross country meet this year. Sarah holds a 4.0 GPA and will attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to study civil engineering next fall.

## Photo happenings...



Attorneys Carey and Jeffrey Meldon served as lecturers at the Florida Bar seminar on "Defending DUI Cases" on October 31st, 2014.



Meldon Law attorney Tom Copeland opens his gift from staff on Boss's Day held on October 16th 2014.

## Office Highlights

### Meldon Law Gives Back for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

As part of our mission to make a positive impact within our local community, this year the Meldon Law team took part in making baskets to feed local families for the Thanksgiving holiday in November.

Meldon Law attorneys and staff joined together to donate and purchase food items to fill the baskets with everything needed for a holiday feast. "It is our goal to make the greatest impact we can with what we have, while making a difference for the common good" says Tavares Kettles, Meldon Law Public Affairs Director.

The families who received the baskets were overjoyed with gratitude. We hope to be able to continue this project for many years to come.



## December's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>



### Questions:

1. Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas Trees?
2. Which popular holiday drink was an American invention?
3. What is the meaning of the word Hanukkah?
4. What is the total number of candles lit during the holiday of Hanukkah?
5. The Kwanzaa holiday begins on?
6. Who founded the Kwanzaa holiday?
7. How many ghosts are there in "A Christmas Carol"?
8. How many Christmas cards are sent on average each year?
9. Which is Santa's only reindeer that is named after another animal?

Answers: 1. Canada, 2. Eggnog, 3. Rededication, 4. 44 Candles, 5. December 26th, 6. Maulana Karenga, 7. Four Ghost, 8. 3 Billion, 9. Vixon.

### How to nominate an athlete?

To nominate a Scholar Athlete of the week, make sure he or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor in his or her sport, and a high school senior. We'll need the name of the Scholar Athlete nominee, his or her school, and as much contact information as you can give us on him or her and the coach.

Please send your nominations to WCJB-TV20 Sports Reporter Zach Aldridge via email at [zaldridge@divcom.com](mailto:zaldridge@divcom.com), or you can call Zach at (352) 416-0646.