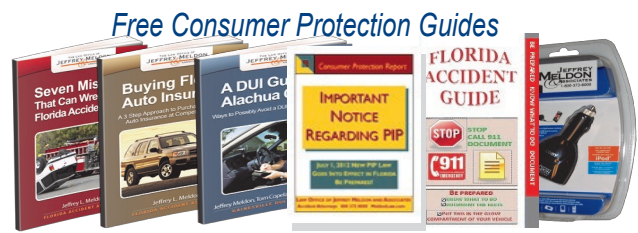


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Recipe of the Month: Red, White and Blue Strawberry Shortcake

Here's a simple 4th of July dessert that's sure to get you in the spirit!

Prep: 20 Min, Cook: 30 Min, Ready in: 50 Min.

Directions:

Ingredients:

- 1 (18.25 oz.) Box of yellow cake mix.
- 1 (8 oz.) container of frozen whipped topping, thawed.
- 1 pint of fresh blueberries, rinsed and drained.
- 2 pints of fresh strawberries, rinsed and sliced.

- Prepare cake according to package directions and bake in a 9x13 inch pan. Cool completely.
- Frost cake with whipped topping. Place blueberries in a square in the corner, and arrange sliced strawberries as stripes to make an American flag. Chill until serving.



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In the spirit of U.S. Independence Day 2014, here are a few jokes meant to give you a chuckle.

- Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington? Because the horse was too heavy to carry!
- Teacher: “Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?” Student: “On the bottom!”
- Do they have a 4th of July in England? Yes. That’s how they get from the 3rd to the 5th.
- What was the most popular dance in 1776? Indepen-dance.
- What does the Statue of Liberty stand for? It can’t sit down

Happy 4th of July
Celebrating our nation’s independence since 1776

U.S. Independence Day is one of our nation’s greatest traditions. Since 1776 Americans have celebrated the overall spirit of this great nation, a spirit that unites each of us as American brethren from coast to coast and sea to shining sea.

Variouly known as the **Fourth of July** and **Independence Day**, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the U.S. since 1941, but the tradition of Independence

Day celebrations date back to the 18th century and the **American Revolution**. This patriotic celebration became even more popular after the War of 1812, in which the U.S. again faced Great Britain. **Did you know:** U.S. Congress

first authorized **pyrotechnics** as part of 4th of July celebrations back in 1777, and today more than 14,000 fireworks displays take place throughout the nation every year on the 4th of July holiday. **Which day should we celebrate?** Some people think we should actually celebrate Independence Day



on July 2nd and not July 4th, which was the day the **13 delegates** voted on the Declaration of Independence. The written document wasn’t written and printed until July 4th. **Philadelphia’s Liberty Bell** was not rung on July 4th 1776. Its big moment came four days later on July 8th to honor the very first public reading of the Declaration **Independence Day** is one of only four federal holidays along with Christmas, New Year’s Day, and Veteran’s Day that is celebrated on the same calendar day each

Whether you favor fireworks, parades, barbecues, or baseball games, we at Meldon Law encourage you to take part in the nationwide celebration of Independence Day 2014. This day brings our nation together as a whole, while celebrating history, government, and the traditions that make the **U.S.A.** a land of freedom, liberty, and justice for all mankind.

Staff Spotlight : Gracie Copeland Q&A



- Q: What are your favorite hobbies?**
A: “I really enjoy Gator games, going to the beach, boating, riding motor cycles, hanging with family, friends and our pets.”
- Q: Where are you from?**
A: “I was born in North Carolina but have lived most of my life in Florida.”
- Q: What’s your favorite food?**
A: “I really enjoy trying new dishes, but Spanish cuisine and seafood are my favorites.”

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In the Community

City of Gainesville seeks to expand summer youth program.

The City of Gainesville seeks to expand Summer Heatwave, a popular and beneficial program serving over 500 youth during summer months. The program is a partnership between Gainesville Police (GPD), the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department (PRCA) and the State Attorney's Office and is thought to be one of the factors leading to a reduction in local juvenile crime.



Overall, Summer Heatwave provides a place for youth to go during evening hours, with activities ranging from structured team sports to a Life Skills class that is mandatory for all youth. There are also to open lounges for teens to socialize and play games.



The City of Gainesville looks to further the success of the program to help even more youth. With additional funding, the radius of service can be broadened to other neighborhoods where the youth can benefit from the positive activities and life skills development.

The expansion will allow more basketball games, transportation between recreation centers for youth, as well as other activities such as movie nights, fitness classes, arts and more.

The additional funds will expand the programs to serve over 1,000 youth, 500 more than last summer.

For more information on the program, please contact: Alicia Antone at (352) 393-8524.

Community Events...

-Thursday, July 3: Fanfares & Fireworks

Celebrate the 4th on the 3rd at this annual Independence Day Eve celebration held on Flavel Field at the University of Florida, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Families and individuals can picnic in the grass, enjoy three musical groups and watch a spectacular fireworks show. The event is free and open to the public. No dogs or sparklers will be permitted and coolers may be searched.

-Friday, July 4:

City of Alachua Fireworks Display

Billed as "The Largest Small Town Fireworks Display in America," the town of Alachua's annual celebration runs from 3 to 10 p.m. at the Hal Brady Recreation Complex, 14300 NW 146 Terrace, and includes children's activities such as a petting zoo, bounce house and water slides. Adults can enjoy bingo contests, dancing groups, vendors and live musical entertainment. Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information, please call (386) 418-6100.

This month's topic of interest: July 2014

At Meldon Law we strongly believe that public education is first step in the prevention of an accident. 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.



Florida Wildlife Commission Releases Boating Accident Statistics, Stresses Safe Boating.

According to a recent report by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, sixty-two people lost their lives in boating accidents in Florida in 2013 and there have been 11 deaths so far this year. Often, accidents can be prevented by more careful operation,

as it is critical for operators to maintain proper lookout and focus on what is going on around their boat at all times.

Statistics show that failing to have a lookout is a leading cause of boating accidents, which causes boaters to collide with other boats or objects.

In fatal accidents, drowning is the leading cause of death, which can be prevented by wearing life jackets. Life jackets can be worn during fishing or enjoying the sun, and they don't interfere with boating activities.

We encourage everyone to do your part to protect yourself and others while enjoying the waterways during the summer months. For more information on this topic, please visit www.MyFWC.com/Boating.



Meldon Law Presents the Dog Days of Summer Pet Photo Contest!

Enter the pet photo contest by submitting photos of your pet keeping cool during the dog days of summer, for a chance to win cool prizes.

Please mail all submissions to: Meldon Law, 703 North Main Street, Suite A, Gainesville, FL 32601

Or via email to: kettles@meldonlaw.com

Be sure to include your pet's name, hometown, and a few details about your pet's hobbies, etc.

Enter Today!



For cool prizes

Drink Tumblers



Gym t-shirts



photo happenings...



Attorneys Jeffrey and Carey Meldon attended the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (FACDL) annual meeting held in St. Petersburg, FL

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon receiving a City Proclamation, from Gainesville Mayor Ed Braddy, recognizing the Scholar Athlete Program.



Legal Assistant/Case Manager Abbie Knight enjoys a day of fun in the sun with her nieces and nephew at Daytona Beach, FL

A word of thanks...

We want to take an opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support of the Jeffrey Meldon/ WCJB-TV20 Scholar Athlete Program.

Special thanks to everyone who submitted nominations of students as Scholar Athlete of the week and for tuning in to WCJB-TV20 for the announcing of the winners each week. Without your help as a community, our program would not be possible.

As the academic school year comes to an end for many local students throughout the North Central Florida area, our program will be on hiatus during the summer months and will resume at the start of the school year in August. We wish the best of luck and much success to this year's Scholar Athlete Class!

Scholar Athlete Class of 2014



Dear Mr. Meldon,
Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be the Scholar Athlete of the Week! It is so great that you recognize students who work hard in the classroom and on the field, and I felt honored to be a part of your program! With your help, I was able to make my school, team, and family very proud. Thanks again!
Sincerely,
Katherine Kelly
Trinity Catholic

Dear Mr. Meldon:
I would like to thank you for hosting the 2013-14 Scholar Athlete Banquet last week. I enjoyed the evening and appreciated the recognition of athletes in our area, including our own Zak Woodward. This was a meaningful way to reaffirm community support for excellence in academics and athletics!
Jean-Paul Caliste
Jean-Paul Caliste
Gainesville H.S. Soccer Coach

Ask the Attorneys...

Q: Taking a 4th of July road trip – What should my checklist be before we hit the road?

A: This is an excellent question especially with Independence Day falling on Friday this year, allowing for longer and more travel on our roadways.

1. Make sure your vehicle is prepared by having it serviced before the trip.
2. Make sure children's car seats and booster seats are age appropriate and properly installed.
3. Avoid distracted driving. Do not use cell phones and electronic devices.

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July's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. When were fireworks first used in an official Fourth of July celebration?
2. Which president first held a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?
3. Which newspaper first printed the Declaration of Independence?
4. Which two U.S. presidents died on July 4 in the same year?
5. How many people were living in the United States of America on July 4, 1776?
6. When did the Fourth of July become a federal holiday?

Answers: 1. 1777, 2. Thomas Jefferson, 3. Pennsylvania Evening Post, 4. Jefferson & Adams, 5. 2.5 million, 6. 1870