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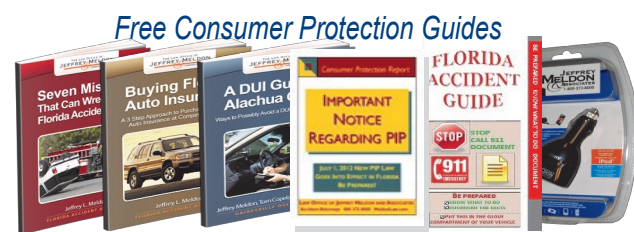


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Scenes from the Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet on May 20, 2014



Friends, families and students of the Jeffrey Meldon/ WCJB-TV20 Scholar Athlete Class of 2014 enjoyed themselves during the annual banquet held in their honor at the University of Florida Hilton Conference Center in Gainesville on May 20, 2014.

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When the heat of summer is getting you hot under the collar, it's time to relax with a tall glass of iced tea and have a laugh.

- At this time of year, a lot of parents pack up their troubles. Then they send them off to summer camp.
- What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer day? I'm Bacon!
- **Familiar Faces** Vacationing in Hawaii, two priests decide to wear casual clothes so they won't be identified as clergy. They buy Hawaiian shirts and sandals, and soon hit the beach. They notice a gorgeous blonde in a tiny bikini. "Good afternoon, Fathers," she says as she strolls by.

The men are stunned. How does she know we're clergy? Later they buy even wilder attire: surfer shorts, tie-dyed T-shirts, and dark glasses. The next day, they return to the beach. The same fabulous blonde, now wearing a string bikini, passes by, nods politely at them, and says, "Good morning, Fathers." "Just a minute, young lady," says one of the priests. "We are priests and proud of it, but how in the world did you know?"

"Don't you recognize me? I'm Sister Kathryn from the convent."



Dog Days of Summer

Summer Safety Tips to Help You Beat the Heat

Temperatures around the country are rising, and many of us may find ourselves stuck in traffic jams, waiting forever in long checkout lines in under-air-conditioned stores, or just struggling to get the grill working for the first cookout of summer. Whether you're planning to relax in the backyard, hit the pool, or explore the great outdoors, here are some ways to help keep you and your family safe this summer.

Prevent Skin Cancer. Avoid being outdoors during the midday if the sun is intense, use **sunscreen** with at least SPF 15, cover up with clothing, wear a brimmed hat, and wear sun glasses that block UVA and UVB rays. **Beware of Bugs.** Warmer temperatures aren't just attractive to people, but to **mosquitoes** and insects. Be sure to use an appropriate insect repellent and apply it properly. The Center for Disease Control recommends using



IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. **Around the Yard.** Remove any items that may collect standing water such as buckets, old tires and toys. Mosquitoes can breed in them in just days. It is also a good time to seal up gaps or holes outside your home to prevent rodent infestation.

Fun in the Sun. Protect yourself and your family from recreational water illness (Illness caused by germs or chemicals in recreational water) by doing your part to keep germs out of the pool. Take a shower before swimming and wash your hands after using the restroom and returning to the pool. **Dining Al Fresco.** When grilling, use a meat thermometer to make sure you cook meat and poultry thoroughly. Meats should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160° F in order to kill germs found in

raw and undercooked meat. Also put cooked meat on a clean platter, rather than back on the one that held the raw meat to avoid cross-contamination. **Keep your Pets Safe.** Dogs, especially those with short hair, white fur, and pink skin, can sunburn. Limit your dog's exposure during the day and apply sun block to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.

Staff Spotlight : Lisa Allen



With over twenty-six years of experience, Lisa Allen serves as a Legal Assistant/Case Manager in the Litigation Department here at Meldon Law. Lisa enjoys the satisfying challenges of the profession. "My profession is constantly changing and demanding, but staying on top of new laws, standards, regulations, and deadlines is satisfying for me and successful for our clients." adds Lisa. Lisa was born in Miami, Florida, attended high school and college in Ocala and moved

to Gainesville in 1988. Lisa and her husband Donzie have two teenage boys who attend high school locally, one of which (Tyler) will graduate in June. To find out more about Lisa Allen, please visit www.MeldonLaw.com

In the Community

Meldon Law hosts 17th Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet

The Meldon Law team, in partnership with local ABC News affiliate WCJB-TV20, hosted the 17th Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet on May 20, 2014.



High School Senior athletes throughout the North Central Florida area were recognized for their academic and athletic achievements by having a banquet held in their honor.



Each student was awarded a plaque and a \$100 scholarship. Among the student athletes, one male and one female were chosen as the Jeffrey Meldon/WCJB-TV20 Scholar Athletes of the Year and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and glass trophy.



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon has sponsored the program since 1997 and says it is his favorite contribution back to the community, "I am so proud of all of our wonderful Scholar Athletes-our country's future leaders." adds Jeffrey.

Attending the event were community leaders and the various sports coaches, friends and families of the 37 student athletes.

The city of Gainesville issued a proclamation in honor of the program, proclaiming May 20th 2014 as Jeffrey Meldon/WCJB-TV Scholar Athlete Day in the City of Gainesville.

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Community Events...

-Saturday, June 7: Now and Then History Bus Tours. Experience the heritage, culture and history of Alachua County with the Matheson Museum's "Now and Then History Bus Tour. The history bus tour begins at the Matheson Museum with light refreshments. Then, take a docent-led bus tour with a local historian. Tickets are \$30, for more info please call (352) 378-2280

-Saturday, June 14: The 4th Annual Stop, Drop, and Run 5K hosted by the Marion County YMCA. Come challenge yourself and kick off the summer right with a USA Track and Field Certified 5K! Team racing is also available. For more information, please contact the Marion County YMCA at (352) 368-9622

-Thursday, June 19: The Royal Opera House presents Verdi's "La Traviata". "La Traviata" is one of Verdi's most popular operas, combining drama, passion and memorable melodies, and the tale is presented vividly in Richard Eyre's production. For ticket info and additional dates, please contact the Hippodrome Theatre at (352) 375-4477

This month's topic of interest: June 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.



FDA Issues Proposals to Address Risks Associated with Surgical Mesh for transvaginal repair of pelvic organ prolapsed.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently issued two proposed orders to address the health risks associated with surgical mesh commonly used for transvaginal repair of pelvic organ prolapse (POP).

If finalized, the proposed orders would classify the surgical mesh for transvaginal POP as a high-risk device and require manufacturers to submit a pre-market approval application for the FDA to evaluate the safety and long-term effectiveness for patients.

Surgical mesh is a medical device that is used to provide additional support when repairing weakened or damaged tissue. Many mesh products come in kits that include instruments specifically designed to aid in insertion, placement, fixation, and anchoring of mesh in the body.

If you or a loved one has been injured by complications from the implantation of a transvaginal mesh, contact our office today for a free, no-obligation consultation to discuss the appropriate options for your injuries.



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!

April 10, 2014: Chris Starling from Union County H.S. for Baseball- Chris is one of seven seniors on the Tigers baseball team and does his best to stand out at the plate, while hitting .333 with 15RBI's and 13 runs scored this season. In the classroom Chris holds a 3.12 GPA and will attend Milligan College in Johnson City TN. in the fall.

April 17, 2014: Kenric Young from Gainesville H.S. for Football and Track & Field- In track Kenric is the District Champ in the 100 and 200, while his top 200 time of 21.25 seconds ranks fourth fastest in the state of Florida. Kenric holds a 3.1 GPA in the classroom and will play football and run track & field at the University of Utah next year.

April 24, 2014: Edward Barry from Belleview H.S. for Weightlifting- Edward recently claimed first place in the unlimited weight division of the Marion County weightlifting championships. Edward holds a 3.5 weighted GPA and will attend the USF in the fall.

May 1, 2014: Kalen McGill from P.K. Yonge for Softball- Kalen serves as Pitcher on the varsity softball team with a record of 140 strike outs. Kalen holds a 3.4 GPA and will play softball at the University of South Alabama on scholarship next year.

May 8, 2014: Courtney Cribb from Buchholz H.S. for Tennis- Having played tennis at the state level for 3 years, Courtney has been a captain on the Bobcats tennis team since her freshman year. Courtney holds a 4.6 GPA in the class room and will attend the University of Florida in the fall.

photo happenings...



Attorney Carey Meldon took part in educating attendees about the risk of DUI at the 32nd Annual Gator Stompin event hosted by the Pledge 5 Foundation in downtown Gainesville on May 1, 2014.

Legal Assistant / Case Manager Carolyn Watson celebrated her birthday on May 14th, 2014.



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon attended the New Orleans Jazz festival in April 2014.

Office Highlights

Meldon Law attorney Tom Copeland has been appointed to serve on the Regional Board of Directors for local charity organization.

Meldon Law attorney Tom Copeland has been appointed to serve on the Regional Board of Directors for Catholic Charities of Gainesville, where he will use his talents to serve the non-profit organization in various capacities including programming, development, and advocacy for the organization's clients throughout the North Central Florida region.

Meldon Law Communications/ Public Affairs Director Tavares Kettles who also currently serves on the Regional Board of Directors for the organization is completing his first of a three year appointed term on the board as well.

Tavares has served the organization as a member of multiple standing committees including the Development Committee and as the Public Relations Chair for the Spirit of Charity Gala 2014.

Tavares will serve as Vice Chair for the Spirit of Charity Gala in 2015 which is the organization's leading fundraiser event helping to fund programs such as Emergency Assistance Services, Weekend Hunger Backpacks and Rural Mobile Food Distribution.

Catholic Charities of Gainesville was founded in 1975 and assists anyone in need by providing non-denominational human services.

For more information about Catholic Charities of Gainesville, please visit: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org



Attorney Tom Copland accepting his board member name badge from Catholic Charities Regional Board Chair, Sharon Breiting.

Attorney Tom Copeland and Tavares Kettles take a moment to check out the Catholic Charities food pantry.



Ask the Attorneys...

Q: Summer is here. What should I know about reducing the potential for heat stroke to my child in a parked car?

A: This is a good question, especially with the start of hot summer days in Florida.

1. Never leave your child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows cracked.
2. Be extra cautious when there is a change in your routine. This is when it is more likely that a parent or caregiver can forget that they have a child with them.
3. Get in the habit of looking in the front and back seats before you lock your vehicle.

For more safety tips and information on this topic, please visit www.Nhtsa.gov.

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June's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. When was the first bathing suit worn?
2. How many American households buy ice cream each year?
3. Which brothers wrote the song *Summertime*?
4. On what day does the Summer Solstice occur in North America?
5. People in the Southern Hemisphere have their longest day of summer in which month?
6. In the U.S. what is the most popular selling meat grilled throughout the summer?
7. What forms the filling in a Summer Pudding?

Answers: 1. Greece in 350 BC, 2. 98 %, 3. George & Ira Gershwin, 4. June 21st, 5. December, 6. Hotdogs, 7. Fresh fruit