

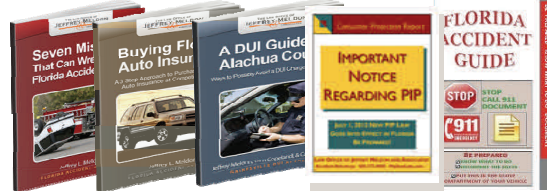
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### Recipe of the Month: Ms. Norma's Southern Pecan Pie

This dessert is sure to have your holiday guest raving!



#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of light brown sugar.
- 1/4 cup of white sugar.
- 1/2 cup of butter.
- 2 Eggs.
- 1 Tablespoon of All Purpose flour.
- 1 Tablespoon of Milk.
- 1 Teaspoon of Vanilla Extract.
- 1 cup of chopped pecans.

**Prep: 15 Min, Cook: 40 Min, Ready in: 1hr 5 min.**

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C).
2. In a large bowl, beat eggs until foamy, and stir in melted butter. Stir in the brown sugar, white sugar and the flour; mix well. Last add the milk, vanilla and nuts.
3. Pour into an unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes at 400 degrees, then reduce temperature to 350 degrees and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until done.

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

#### Thanksgiving Humor

- **Grocery Store-**  
A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" "No, ma'am. They're dead."
- **Six Legged Turkey-**  
A turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey.

His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone.

After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together.

"Well I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!"

They all asked the farmer how it tasted.

"I don't know" said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"



# Giving Thanks



Thanksgiving is about enjoyment, fun and merry-making. It is about the joy of togetherness with friends and loved ones as we come together to show gratitude for what life in itself has to offer.

Sometimes it's easier to focus on what we don't have, rather than what we do have. It's important to take time out and remember all of the things to be thankful for that many of us take for granted. This holiday season we at Meldon Law challenge you to find 25 things to be thankful for, and once you have completed your list, be sure to extend the challenge to a friend or family member. Let's see if we can continue the spirit of gratitude far beyond gifts given or received. Some of the things to be especially thankful for this season are **Family**, whether biologically or the people you've met in your life, that always make you feel at home. **Good Friends**, often it's the quality of the friendships we share with others that make life all the more meaningful.



**Weekends**, there's something magical about weekends. **Pets**, our pets offer one of the best examples of unconditional love. **Learning from mistakes**, if we never made mistakes we wouldn't be able to improve ourselves and become even better than before. **Laughter**, which lightens our burdens, inspires hopes, connects us to others, and decreases stress. **Time**, although we often don't think there's enough of it, but time grants us the opportunity to create memories with the ones we love. **Diversity**, it encompasses acceptance and respect, while

teaching us that each individual is unique. **Safety and Security**, being able to wake up without immense fear frees us up to really live. These are just a few of the things that come to mind when we think of what to be thankful for. During this holiday season may we all strive to have an attitude of gratitude everyday and let this Thanksgiving Day start us down that path.

#### A word from All of us.



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

At this time of Thanksgiving we take a moment to count our blessings: the freedom of this great country in which we live, its opportunity for achievement, along with the friendship, loyalty, and confidence you have shown in our law firm for over 40 years.

For all of these things we are deeply thankful, and we extend to you our best wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

*-The Meldon Law Team*

## Turkey safety tips...



How many of you have had a disaster happen at a dinner? Here are a few "Turkey Tips" that all cooks in the kitchen can follow this holiday season for cooking a delicious and safely prepared turkey.

- 1. Safe Thawing**-Thawing turkeys must be kept at a safe temperature. The "danger zone" is between 40 and 140°F — the temperature range where foodborne bacteria multiply rapidly. While frozen turkey is safe indefinitely, the soon as it begins to thaw, bacteria that may have been present before freezing can begin to grow again if it is in the "danger zone." There are three safe ways to thaw turkey: in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in a microwave oven.
- 2. Safe Preparation**-Bacteria present on raw poultry can contaminate your hands, utensils, and work surfaces as you prepare the turkey. If these areas are not cleaned thoroughly before working with other foods, bacteria from the raw poultry can then be transferred to other foods. After working with raw poultry, always wash your hands, utensils, and work surfaces before they touch other foods.
- 3. Safe Cooking**- Set the oven temperature no lower than 325°F and ensure the turkey is completely thawed. Place turkey breast-side up on a roasting rack in a shallow roasting pan 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. Check the internal temperature at the center of the stuffing and meaty portion of the breast, thigh, and wing joint using a food thermometer. Cooking times will vary. The food thermometer must reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165°F. Let the turkey stand 20 minutes before removing all stuffing from the cavity and carving the meat.

## In the Community



### Local Church Seeking Community's Help in Providing Holiday Meals.

It's that time of year again. Time to start thinking about Thanksgiving Baskets. This year Trinity plans on giving Thanksgiving Baskets to over 1,200 families referred by 40 different local community agencies.

The church is seeking your support to make sure no family in need goes without a Thanksgiving Meal! You can get involved by organizing a food drive or making a donation! Food drop off days will be November 2nd – November 19th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Trinity UMC. Together we can give families in need something to be thankful for. For more info, please contact Ted Gruesser at (352) 416-3043

### Food Item Suggestions:

- Frozen Turkeys (10-12 lb)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Instant Potatoes
- Jell-O
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Canned Vegetables
- Yams/Sweet Potatoes

### Other Items:

- Cash Donations
- Publix Gift Cards (\$10 and \$15 increments)

## Office Highlights

### Meldon Law Team Celebrates University of Florida Homecoming at The Swamp!

On Friday, October 17, 2014 the Meldon Law team including both the past and present employees gathered to take part in celebrating the University of Florida's Homecoming which included the 91st Annual Homecoming parade held in Gainesville.

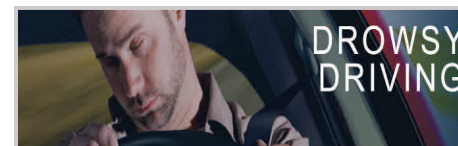
The Homecoming Parade is one of the longest running traditions at the University of Florida and every year the Meldon Law team gathers on the front lawn of the Swamp Restaurant to enjoy the festivities.

Each year hundreds of student organizations and businesses throughout Florida participate in this event to showcase their achievements, promote businesses, or to just show their Gator spirit!



## This month's topic of interest: November 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.



### Drawing Attention to the Risk of Drowsy Driving.

The National Transportation Safety Board recently held a forum on drowsy driving, in Washington D.C. According to the AAA, 40 percent of U.S. drivers have admitted to falling asleep at the wheel.

The NTSB states that losing two hours of sleep in just one night can affect a person's reaction time by 20 percent which adds up to one of the most under-reported problems on the road. One study has suggested that 20 percent of crashes (one out of every five accidents) involves a tired driver.

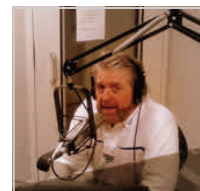
In an effort to reduce the number of fatigue related crashes and to save lives, the National Sleep Foundation is declaring Nov. 2-9, 2014 to be Drowsy Driving Prevention Week. This annual campaign provides public education about the under-reported risks of driving while drowsy and countermeasures to improve safety on the road.

State Rep. Alan Williams, District 8, sponsored the bill: "Driving Safety/ Ronshay Dugans Act", passed in 2012 which designates Drowsy Driving Prevention Week in Florida. The Bill was sponsored in memory of 8 year old Ronshay Dugans of Tallahassee, FL who was killed in 2008 when her bus was struck by a cement truck whose driver had fallen asleep.

For more information on drowsy driving, please visit [www.dot.state.fl.us/safety](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety).

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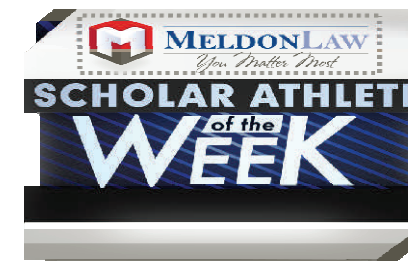
### November's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>



#### Questions:

1. What year was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?
2. The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving parade was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What is the name of the famous rock credited to where the Pilgrims first landed?
4. Which U.S. President was the first to declare Thanksgiving as a national holiday?
5. The term "Cornucopia" means what?
6. Which state produces the most turkeys annually?
7. A male turkey is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: 1. 1621, 2. Macy's, 3. Plymouth Rock, 4. Abraham Lincoln, 5. Horn of plenty, 6. Minnesota, 7. Tom



### Welcoming Back 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!

**October 2, 2014: Danny Veilleux** from St. Francis H.S. Danny is a two sport star for Football and Baseball. A four year starter, current captain, and quarterback of the St. Frances football team, Danny holds a 4.0 GPA and runs his own non-profit organization which helps kids in need.

**October 9, 2014: Jordyn Saulsberry** from Trinity Catholic H.S. for Volleyball. Jordyn leads the Trinity Catholic volleyball team as a captain and as she'll impress you with her great setting skills as well. Off the court Jordyn maintains a 3.8 GPA and will play at Troy University next fall.

**October 16, 2014: Brandon Gunter** from Newberry H.S. for Football. Brandon is a four year starter and team captain for the Panthers. Brandon leads Newberry in tackles with 63 total so far this season. Brandon maintains a 4.3 GPA, with the hopes of majoring in criminal justice in college and to someday become a judge.

**October 23, 2014: Gaby Amos** from Buchholz H.S. for Golf. Gaby is the team captain of the varsity women's golf team and has a team best average of 76. Gaby holds a 4.45 GPA and while undecided on her college plans, she knows she would like to attend a college that is competitive both in golf and academics.

**October 30, 2014: Allie Card** from The Rock School for Volleyball. Allie is a 4 year player and 2 year team captain of the Rock volleyball team. Allie holds a 4.4 GPA and will play for Georgetown College in Kentucky next fall.