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Jeffrey and Patricia cheering on Florida Gators Gymnastics



Lizzie Robinson Jenkins and Yolanda Means at a banquet held by The Real Rosewood Foundation!

## THE 150TH RUN FOR THE ROSES

May 4, 2024 marks the 150th anniversary of the Kentucky Derby in Louisville Kentucky. The first Derby was run on May 17, 1875 in front of 10,000 spectators at the newly built Churchill Downs racetrack. A horse named Aristides won the inaugural Derby ridden by Ansel Williamson. This year over 150,000 people will be in attendance to see 20 horses Run for the Roses (A lush blanket of 554 roses is awarded to the Kentucky Derby winner each year).

Ocala, Florida is known as the "Horse Capital of the World" and with the new World Equestrian Center expanding rapidly the name looks like it's going to stick. Ocala/Marion County has produced 6 Kentucky Derby winners as well as 50 National Champions, 26 Breeder Cup winners and 6 Horses of the Year. In 2023 the favorite to win the Kentucky Derby was an Ocala horse named "Forte" who unfortunately was scratched just before race time. This year there are many Ocala horses that are trying to qualify for the Derby. "Affirmed" the 1978 Triple Crown winner, was born and trained in sunny Ocala.

Jeffrey and Carey with Coach Todd Golden at the Florida Gators Men's Basketball game vs Vandy in Nashville!

This year my wife Patricia and I plan on attending our first Kentucky Derby and we hope to see some of our great Ocala bred horses Running for the Roses. In 1937 my mother Dorothy Meldon rode from Cleveland Ohio with her brother Bernie to see the Kentucky Derby and saved the program from the event. I have the program in my archives and hope to pair it with one from the 2024 Kentucky Derby. Wouldn't it be nice to see another horse from Ocala win the Run for the Roses?



# 25th Anniversary

### Nominate a Scholar Athlete of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the Scholar Athlete Program since 1997. Every week of the 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.

Former Scholar Athletes: If you are a former scholar athlete or know one, please get in contact with Meldon Law at (352) 373-8000

KIMORA KEITH - Buchholz's Kimora Keith is a natural born defender that will do whatever it takes to help her team win. Even as a child, Keith didn't shy away from competition. Instead, she goes headfirst. Her head girls soccer coach, Bryan Hantak, believes she is ready for anything. Soccer has taught her that life is more than just kicking around a ball. It is about overcoming adversity and learning to work with others to have success. Keith gets it done not only on the field but in the classroom...she has a 4.4 GPA and plans to pursue a career in pharmacy.

BRIANNA KARANJA - Trenton's Brianna Karanja believes you have to earn everything in the game of basketball and in life. She does just this, by trusting the process. Through ups and downs, this Tiger knows that when the tides get rough, faith is her support system. Karanja is on track for a career year. She is averaging 6.4 points, 7.6 rebounds, and 1.3 blocks per game. Karanja knows basketball will only take her so far, and her true calling lies in medicine. She puts her academics first with a stellar 4.3 GPA in hopes of becoming a pediatrician.

Criteria: He or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor of their sport, & is a high school senior. Send nominations to taylor.burr@wcjb.com or jake. rongholt@wcjb.com **GOOGLE REVIEW OF THE MONTH** 

Nicole Cull 2 reviews

★★★★★ a month ago

Meldon Law has taken good care of my husband and I always keeping us informed about our case. We will forever be grateful for their hard work and communication. Thank you all for your help and kindness. I strongly recommend Meldon Law to take care of you and your legal needs

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# TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sheila Roach Case Manager

Sheila's kind heart and steadfast dedication radiate through her commitment to serving Meldon Law's clients with **compassion** and **excellence**.

Meldon Law Core Values:

Compassion Accountability Reliability Excellence Sense of Urgency

### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH - ALLYSON'S HOT HONEY CHICKEN**

### **INGREDIENTS:**

-6 cups cornflakes (use gluten free, if needed) -1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese -1 teaspoon smoked paprika -1/2 teaspoon onion powder -1/2 teaspoon garlic powder -2 large eggs, beaten

- -2 tablespoons hot sauce
- -2 pounds chicken breast tenderloins -extra virgin olive oil, for drizzling

HOT HONEY

- -1/2 cup honey
- -2-3 tablespoons hot sauce -1-3 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- -3/4 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
- -1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- -1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- -sea salt

### DIRECTIONS:

 Preheat the oven to 425° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
In a food processor, combine the cornflakes, parmesan, paprika, onion powder, garlic powder, and a pinch of salt. Pulse until you have fine crumbs. Alternatively, you can crush the crumbs in a ziplock bag by stepping on them. Dump the crumbs into a shallow bowl.

 Beat the eggs in a bowl, add the hot sauce and chicken, and toss well to coat.
Dredge the chicken through the crumbs, covering fully. Place on the prepared baking sheet. For a thicker coating, dip the chicken back through the eggs, then through the crumbs a 2nd time. Place on the prepared baking sheet.
Drizzle with olive oil. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until crisp all around.
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4. Just before the chicken is done cooking, make the sauce. In a sauce pot, warm together the honey, hot sauce, cayenne, chili powder, onion powder, and garlic powder, plus a pinch of salt.

5. Drizzle the warm sauce over the chicken. Top with herbs. If the sauce thickens, warm for 5 seconds in the microwave. Enjoy!



# In the Community..



Maria and Brittany with Coach Steve Spurrier at a networking event hosted by Spine & Joint Centers of America

Patricia Meldon, Yolanda Means, & Daurine Wehbe at Mahulda Gussie Brown Carrier Influential Award Banquet



Amy, Michele, Marsha, Mark, & Angel at a networking event at Spurrier's Gridiron Grille

# CASES OF INTEREST: APRIL 2024

### **GOLF CART FATALITY:**

Our client tragically lost his life when a distracted golf cart driver crashed into our client while he was riding his bicycle. Our client was an avid cyclist and was riding his usual route when a golf cart made a left turn and cut across our client's bike path. The impact of the collision was so severe that our client was knocked off his bicycle into the air and landed in the roadway. Due to the golf cart driver's failure to adhere to standard traffic regulations and exercise due caution, our client was tragically killed. Our office is pursuing a wrongful death action on behalf of the surviving family.

### CLIENT SEVERELY INJURED WHEN T-BONED BY GAS TRUCK:

Our client was severely injured when a commercial propane truck ran a stop sign and crashed into our client's vehicle. Due to the severity of the crash, our client has undergone several surgeries and procedures at the young age of 37. Our client also suffered a terrible traumatic brain injury as a result of the violent crash. Our office is pursuing a negligence action against the driver and company who crashed into our client.

### DANGEROUS SLIP AND FALL:

Our client was exiting a restaurant and while walking down the stairs slipped and fell due to water on the floors. The fall was so great that our client was transported via ambulance where he was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury and has undergone serious pain management in addition to required surgeries. Our office is pursuing a negligence claim against the restaurant for failure to maintain safe premises.



# REFER A FRIEND



At Meldon Law we love helping people and continue to work hard to provide our clients with the best experience through challenging times.

If you happen to know of anyone who may need the services we provide, please have them reach out to us at 352-373-8000.

### JOKES OF THE MONTH

What do you call a scary horse?

A nightmare.

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What do you call a pony with a sore throat?

A little hoarse.

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Why are race horses in shape?

Because they are on a stable diet.

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Where do colts go when they're sick?

The horsepital.

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