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ROSEWOOD FOREVER - COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

On Jan. 1, 1923, a white vigilante mob decimated the town of Rosewood, murdering five (known) African American victims and inflicting physical and psychological trauma on countless others. The predominantly African American town was entirely destroyed by the end of the violence, and the residents were driven out permanently.

Now, 100 years later, Lizzie Robinson Jenkins and The Real Rosewood Foundation Inc., are commemorating the 100th anniversary during the Rosewood Centennial event. The focus of the community event is to remember, learn and celebrate.

Meldon Law is a proud supporter of this event as well as the foundation. The growth of our communities is extremely important, and we are grateful to the work of the Real Rosewood Foundation for keeping alive and preserving Rosewood history through shared intergenerational knowledge.

As Lizzie and the other board members remind us, "We cannot move forward until we understand how we got here."

The Centennial Kickoff event is on January 7, 2023 at Bo Diddley Plaza from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For nearly 80 years, the story of Rosewood — what it was and what became of it — remained a secret in the hearts and minds of the survivors, descendants and the white conspirators. It wasn't until 1982 when a journalist for the St. Petersburg Times resurrected the history of Rosewood through a series of articles that gained national attention. In 1997, an award-winning historical drama film was released, "Rosewood," and is available on multiple streaming services.



A 1923 house being burned to the ground during the Rosewood Massacre.



Lizzie Robinson Jenkins is the founder and CEO of The Real Rosewood Foundation.



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20^{abc} Scholar Athlete Program

Our Meldon Law / WCJB TV-20 Scholar Athletes of the Week!

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

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Scholar Athlete Program. Along with our yearly banquet, we now have a dedicated Facebook group where Scholar Athletes from past years can connect with one another.

Every year at our banquet, one male and one female are chosen as the Scholar Athletes of the Year. The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship plus a beautiful glass trophy commemorating their achievement.

Meldon Law teams up with WCJB TV-20 to promote the event.

JARRETT DARUS has been on the Chiefland golf team since 8th grade. He had the third lowest scoring average on the team, which he helped lead to a perfect 10-0 record. Darus has a 3.9 weighted GPA, is a member of BETA, FFA, vice president of INTERACT club and class president. He also loves history. He hopes to play golf in college.

JALYN STOUT is the reigning FHSAA State Player of the Year on the Santa Fe High School Volleyball team. She is a four-year starter, captain and led the Raiders in kills and aces. Jalyn also led the Raiders to their second straight state title in Class 4A. Her coach says that her ability to play every part of the game is what makes her so special. In the classroom, Jalyn has a 3.2 GPA and she is a part of the school's FFA program. Upon graduating, she will be attending Coastal Carolina University on a volleyball scholarship.

What is the criteria for 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 is a high school senior. To nominate an athlete, email jacob.rongholt@wcjb.com



REVIEW OF THE MONTH



“I have a huge appreciation for this firm. They listened to me, worked for me and led me through the claim. Jessica Thomason always gives me honest advice, she keeps me on target and discusses my options in very clear, understanding terms. All that being said, they are just good, kind and caring people. I will whole-heartedly refer them to my friends and family.”

-Aaron Gomez



\$350,000 SETTLEMENT: HIGH IMPACT COLLISION

Our clients were traveling north in the far right lane when a company vehicle slammed into our clients' vehicle at full speed. The other driver was cited with a careless driving traffic citation. Our clients suffered severe and life-altering injuries as a result of this collision and had to undergo surgery, ablations,

injections, as well as aggressive pain management. The adjuster argued that our client's pre-existing injuries did not warrant a six-figure settlement; however, our team was able to successfully argue that our client suffered new life altering injuries. The case settled pre-suit for \$350,000.00.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - DAVITA'S BRUSCHETTA

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 1/2 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 26 oz. Roma tomatoes, diced (about 7-8)
- 1/4 cup finely shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar, or more to taste
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, then more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped basil ribbons
- 1 (14.5 oz) loaf of hearty french bread (such as La Brea), sliced into 1/2-inch thick slices (about 12)



DIRECTIONS:

Cut up all ingredients and put into a large bowl. Add the olive oil and balsamic vinegar last. Stir and sit in the fridge until chilled. Serve.

In the Community



Jeffrey on the Bob Rose Show discussing Gator Football and Basketball, along with Meldon Law's dedication to the community.



Maria Youngblood showing off the back cover of the Gator Basketball program.



Shout out to the participants of the Real Men Wear Pink Poker Tournament at Main Street Bar & Billiards, hosted by Carey Meldon. We were able to raise more than \$4,300 for the American Cancer Society to help fund breast cancer research and save lives.



Meldon Law is sponsoring the Charity Stripe for the 2022-23 Men's and Women's Basketball seasons. For every free throw made by the Gators, we are donating \$19.71 to the Alzheimer's Association. Why not just \$19? Meldon Law was founded in 1971, so our contribution is symbolic of our over 50 years of serving the community.



Swag and swings...the koozies were a popular item at the Gator Dugout Club Golf Tournament.



Thanks to our interns Cole and Alivia for their help at the Gator Dugout Club Golf Tournament.



EVENT OF THE MONTH

HOGGETOWNE MEDIEVAL FAIRE

WHEN:

JANUARY 14-15, 21-22, 27-29, 2023

WHERE:

9409 SW ARCHER RD,
GAINESVILLE, FL



For three magical weekends, a medieval village comes alive during festival season for the 36th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. The Faire showcases more than 160 talented artisans and craftspeople from all over the country, who arrive at Hoggetowne to display and sell a variety of goods. At the marketplace, visitors will find one-of-a-kind blacksmithing, jewelry, stone and wood carvings, weaving, hand-blown glassware, leather crafts and period fashions.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

Where does a snowman get the weather report?

The winternet.

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What's the weatherman's favorite food in winter?

Brrr-itos!

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What can you catch in the winter, even with your eyes closed?

A cold.

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What did the tree say after a long, cold winter?

What a re-leaf!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are.”

-J.P. Morgan



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THIS MONTH'S TRIVIAL PURSUIT QUESTIONS

1. Where did MLK deliver his famous "I Have a Dream" speech?
2. How many times was Dr. King imprisoned?
3. Where was MLK assassinated?
4. What was King's birth name?
5. How old was MLK when he got into college?
6. How many streets in the U.S. are named after Martin Luther King Jr.?
7. What award did MLK receive in 1964 for being a peaceful civil rights activist?
8. Dr. King utilized principles of non-violent resistance from which Indian social activist?
9. Which U.S. President established Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday?
10. Who was MLK married to?

Coretta Scott
1. Washington, D.C. 2. 29 times 3. Memphis, TN
4. Michael 5. 15 years old 6. About 900 7. Nobel Peace
Prize 8. Mahatma Gandhi 9. President Ronald Reagan 10.