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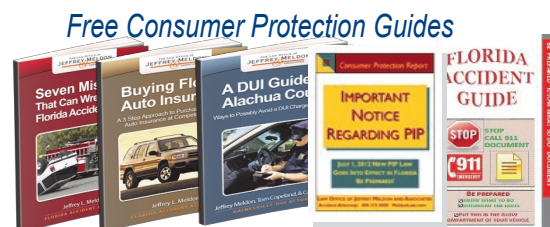
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## Bikes for Kids: June Winner

Cooper Nemcovic, 10, from *Mayo* is the June winner of Bikes for Kids! Cooper was nominated by his uncle for his hard work and dedication to helping out his family. He may be young, but he always puts his family first while also sporting a very mature stature. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Schwinn Bike and Helmet were provided by: *Schwinn Shop, Inc.*  
Located in Gainesville, FL (919 West University Ave.)

## This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

### Questions:

1. At one time August was known as Sextilis. What does this word mean?
2. For whom is August named?
3. August was made longer by adding a day from another month. From which month was it taken?
4. What are the flowers of August?
5. What are the gemstones for the month?
6. In England at one time the first of August was known as Lammas Day. A church service was held during which something was consecrated. What was this item?
7. According to U.S. agricultural statistics what three fresh fruits outsell all others during the course of the summer?
8. Which American holiday unofficially signifies the end of the US summer session?
9. True or False: "The Teahouse of the August Moon" won both a Tony and a Pulitzer Prize?
10. "I'm as corny as \_\_\_\_\_ in August" is a line from a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. What's the missing word?



Answers: 1. Sixth 2. Augustus Caesar 3. February 4. Poppy and Gladiolus 5. Sardonyx and Peridot 6. Leaves of bread 7. Peaches, Watermelon and Tomato 8. Labor Day 9. True 10. Kansas

## MELDON LAW TALK

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Wrongful Death

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## Lawyer Jokes

### Guilty of Annoyance

A defendant isn't happy with how things are going in court, so he gives the judge a hard time.

**Judge:** "Where do you work?"

**Defendant:** "Here and there."

**Judge:** "What do you do for a living?"

**Defendant:** "This and that."

**Judge:** "Take him away."

**Defendant:** "Wait, when will I get out?"

**Judge:** "Sooner or later."

## Boating Safety

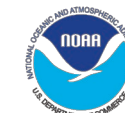
Boating is a great Florida tradition. From the beautiful dugout canoes of the Seminole tribes to the screaming outboard engines of today's modern fishing boat, people have traveled the waters of this great state for many centuries. Unfortunately, boaters can find themselves in terrible situations when they are stranded and exposed to nature's elements.

Recently, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has made concerted effort to inform boaters of beacons that can help save lives by transmitting emergency signals via Satellite to Rescue Personnel.

The two major beacons boaters should possess are the Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) and the Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). The EPIRB is a beacon that is physically attached to the boat and can be automatically or manually activated. The EPIRB can allow rescue personnel to identify the location of your boat in as little as two minutes.

The PLB is registered and can be attached to an individual. These PLBs are waterproof but must be manually activated when held out of water. Many of the PLBs can be attached to life vests in case the boat is submerged and the boater must abandon the vessel.

You can register your EPIRB or PLB at [beaconregistration.noaa.gov](http://beaconregistration.noaa.gov)



# NOAA

Additionally, as of July 1st, 2016, any boat equipped with an EPIRB or boat owner with a PLB will be eligible for reduced recreational vessel registration fees. So make sure you protect yourself and your fellow mates and obtain either a EPIRB or PLB.

*Have you been involved in a boating accident?*  
Meldon Law may be able to help!



Carey Meldon

## Thank You For Your Endorsement: Steven Gayheart



If you are in need of legal assistance due to a personal injury, then look no further. Jeffrey Meldon and his entire office are courteous, ethical, professional, and compassionate. I was involved in a pretty bad car accident and was left with severe back injuries as a result. Jeffrey and his team took my case and they kept me in the loop the entire time. I felt comfortable calling him whenever I had questions, and he always took the time to explain things out and answer my questions. They went above and beyond my expectations and were able to resolve my case in a timely manner. I have nothing but good things to say regarding Jeffrey's law firm and all of the people that work beside him. If you want someone who will fight for you and truly care about your case, then look no further.

**Zone Health & Fitness - Start-up Business of The Year 2015**

Located at 524 S Pine Ave, Ocala, FL 34471 Phone: 352-509-3133

Zone Health & Fitness is putting a new spin on the traditional health club model. They understand that most people are wary of gyms because they either hate to work out or are intimidated by the gym atmosphere. Ben Marciano, owner of Zone, and his dedicated team created specific “zones” that each client can try in order to find the area that best fits his or her fitness needs. Zone is currently the workout destination of more than 4,000 Ocalans, which is a huge increase from the 1,000 members it previously welcomed two years ago! Zone also offers childcare to their clients while they are at the gym. It is clear that Marciano and his team are dedicated to changing the way people view gyms. Zone offers motivating music, smiling staff members and a light and bright atmosphere from the moment you walk through the door!

For more information on Zone Health & Fitness, visit their website at [www.zonehealthandfitness.com](http://www.zonehealthandfitness.com)



**Community Events...**

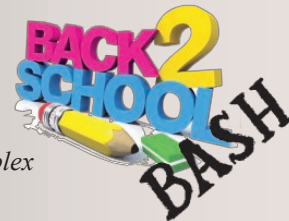
- August 13, 2016 10:00am—2:00pm

Ocala Back To School Bash

Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Complex  
1510 NW 4th Street, Ocala, FL 34475

FREE annual event to provide FREE school supplies and guidance for students going back to school!

For more info visit: [www.ocalafl.org](http://www.ocalafl.org) or call them at 352-368-5517



- August 19, 2016 10:00pm—12:00am

Live Jazz with Swing Theory

Market Street Pub & Cabaret  
112 SW 1st Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609

NON-STOP JUMPIN', JIVIN', & WALIN'!  
Enjoy a night of Live Jazz with Swing Theory featuring vocalist Becky Sinn. No Cover! The music starts at 10pm, immediately following The Market Street Revue, Classy & Sassy Burlesque in the Round. Swing dancers WELCOME!

For more info visit: [www.swingtheoryjazz.com](http://www.swingtheoryjazz.com)



**Transportation Safety Checklist**

Whether children walk, ride his/her bike or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school.

**Walking to school**

- ⇒ Review your family's walking safety rules.
  - Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
  - Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
  - Never dart out in front of a parked car.
  - Practice walking to school with your child. Cross streets at crosswalks when available.

**Riding a bicycle to school**

- ⇒ Make sure your child always wears his/her helmet when leaving the house.
- ⇒ Make sure their helmet is fitted and secured properly.
- ⇒ Teach your children the rules of the road.
  - Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.
  - Come to a complete stop before crossing the street. Walk bike across street.

**Riding the bus to school**

- ⇒ Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- ⇒ Make sure your children stand six feet away (or three giant steps) from the curb.
- ⇒ If your child and you need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are ten feet ahead of the bus. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.

For more information on Back To School Safety visit [www.NSC.org](http://www.NSC.org) or contact them at 800-621-7619

This month's topic of interest: **August 2016**

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. We use our clients' comments to come up with ideas for the topics of interest. Here's a topic worth discussing.

**INSURANCE COMPANIES FIGHT MAKE UNFAIR SETTLEMENTS**

We recently concluded a case where two young people that were injured in a crash that was clearly caused by a non-attentive driver who had a reasonable amount of bodily injury liability coverage. This is the kind of insurance that pays the other party for their past and future medical expenses, past and future loss of income, scarring, pain and suffering and the loss of enjoyment of life.

Our clients were completely reasonable when we sent our demand package to the insurance company to try and settle the case. What happened next is unfortunately typical. The insurance company made two lowball offers to settle the case claiming that:

1. Their insured was not at fault.
2. Even if she was at fault the injuries were not caused by the crash.
3. Even if their insured was at fault and caused the injuries the medical bills were too high, etc etc etc.

They started out offering **\$628.84** on one case and **\$1,755.86** on the other case. We had to file a lawsuit and spend a great deal of time and money needlessly, and only then on the eve of trial did the insurance company pony up settlements of \$31,250 and \$43,750! These are not huge settlements for Meldon Law, but only after our determined effort to make the insurance company do the right thing would they make reasonable offers to settle. Unfortunately, this happens all too frequently.

The insurance industry pays 3.7 times more to settle a case if you are represented by an attorney. They pay even more if you are represented by an attorney who will not fold up the tent and settle for some minimal offer. We know that the insurance companies keep track of which law firms fight for their clients and which ones do not. So when choosing a law firm to represent you, don't always pick the law firm that advertises the most; choose the law firm that you **TRUST!** That's it in a nutshell. Go to battle with someone who is willing to fight for you when the time is right!



Jeffrey Meldon