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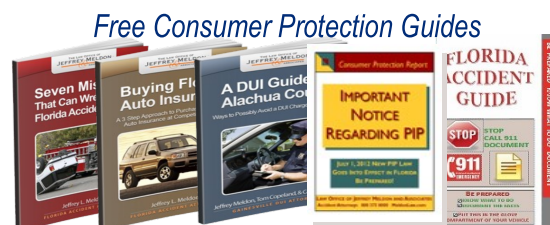
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We take great pride in our *Meldon Law Community Newsletter* (8 years), the *Scholar Athlete Program* (20 years), the *Law Talk Live Radio Show* (15 years), and all of our free consumer protection guides, including our *Accident Kit!* We wanted to take the time to show our appreciation to our loyal subscribers and ask for your feedback as we head into our 9th consecutive year of producing this newsletter. Your reviews are important to us, and they will help others learn more about Meldon Law. Please let us know how we are doing by going to either <https://review.bz/feedback/MeldonLawGainesville> or <https://review.bz/feedback/MeldonLawOcala> to leave us your feedback!



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

### Questions:

1. Who invented M&Ms?
2. What gender mosquito actually bites, male or female?
3. What rainforest produces 1/5 of the world's oxygen?
4. Which single continent is the only one without a desert?
5. What metal is liquid at room temperature?
6. How tall is the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France?
7. What is the longest running play in history?
8. Where is the biggest volcano in the universe located?
9. What is the world's tallest grass?
10. Gatorade was named after which state university?



Answers: 1. Forrest Mars and Bruce Murrie 2. Female 3. Amazon 4. Europe 5. Mercury 6. 984 ft. 7. "The Mouse Trap," by Agatha Christie 8. Mars 9. Bamboo 10. University of Florida

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### Inspirational and Funny Quotes of the Month

*"If at first you don't succeed, then sky-diving definitely isn't for you."*

-Steven Wright

*"If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else."*

-Yogi Berra

*"I didn't fail the test. I just found 100 ways to do it wrong."*

-Benjamin Franklin

*"The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning, and does not stop until you get into the office."*

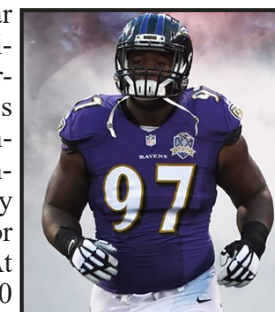
-Robert Frost

*"Age is of no importance unless you're cheese."*

-Billie Burke

## Scholar Athletes Then, and Now

Meldon Law has been sponsoring the Scholar-Athlete program throughout North Central Florida for 20 years. Each week on Wednesday during prime time news, WCJB TV20 announces our high school senior Scholar Athlete of the Week. TV20 does a great job of sending out one of their reporters, currently Brandon McCalla, to interview our scholar athlete and their coach at their high school. It creates excitement and recognition for the scholar athlete and their family, as well as the high school they attend. My son Carey, now a partner in the Meldon Law Firm, was a Scholar Athlete back in 1996 when he led the Gainesville Purple Hurricanes to a State Title in Tennis. Back then there was no scholarship awarded or trophy given in recognition of the winner's achievements. That is the genesis of how Meldon Law got involved in giving back to the community by formally establishing the program. Every year we have a big banquet, currently about 200 people at the Hilton Hotel in Gainesville, and honor each weekly winner and present their trophy and scholarship. At the end of the banquet we announce the Meldon Law/TV20 male and female Scholar Athlete of the Year and present an additional \$1,000 scholarship and a beautiful glass trophy. The event is covered extensively by TV20 with interviews of the winners presented on the evening and morning news.



Meldon Law wants to update our readers on what some of our recent Scholar Athletes of the Year are doing. *Timmy Jernigan* (pictured above) graduated from Columbia High School in Lake City in 2011 and had a stellar career at Florida State as a defensive tackle and was named a freshman All American. He won a National Championship with Florida State in 2014. He was selected by the Baltimore Ravens in the 2014 NFL draft and earned a starting role as defensive tackle/end by the 2015 season. Timmy has a dream to make the Pro Bowl. *Cartaasha Macklin* (pictured left) Graduated Lafayette High School in 2011 and was the Meldon Law TV20 scholar athlete of the year. Cartaasha attended Southern Illinois University on a full scholarship and competed in the Missouri Valley League. She graduated in 2016 and ended her career as the all-time leading scorer in school history. She was also the team captain all 4 years in college. She set all-time school records for free throws made, games played and minutes played. Cartaasha made over 90% of her free throws finishing second in the nation in free throw percentage. She currently works for GMP Management Inc. as a Gatorade Team Leader.



### Thank You For Your Referral:

*Gloria Davis* of Gainesville, FL is one of our favorite clients. She recently referred a case to the Meldon Law team, knowing that it would be handled with the utmost professionalism. As a thank you for thinking of us when making this referral, we will be making a donation to a charity of her choice.

-The Meldon Law Team

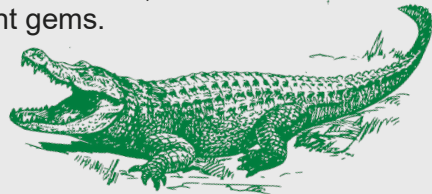




## In The Community... Tall Paul's Brew House and Alligator Brewing Company

Locations: 10 SE 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601 Website: [www.alligatorbrewing.com](http://www.alligatorbrewing.com) Phone: (352)-505-0990

Tall Paul's Brew House, home to Alligator Brewing Company, is located in historic downtown Gainesville, FL in a building that has been around since the late 1800s. This tasteful modern brewpub invites you to come and try a variety of local brews made from local ingredients, while enjoying the fun and lively atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday from 4 pm—2am, be sure to go check out "Tall Paul's" as well as their website [www.alligatorbrewing.com](http://www.alligatorbrewing.com), and sign up for their newsletter for more information on one of Gainesville, Florida's local independent gems.



## Community Events

### Walk Alachua County

Saturday, March 11th 8:30am—10:30am

Santa Fe College (Track)

3000 NW 83rd St, Gainesville, FL 32606

The UF Diabetes Institute is hosting the *Walk Alachua County* event. This family-friendly walk will take place rain or shine and will be kicked off by a Zumba warm up and end with a yoga cool down led by Alter Ego Fitness. Food and drinks will be provided.

For more information visit:

<http://diabetes.ufl.edu/news-events/community-events/walkalachuaco/>



### 4th Annual Ocala Bike Fest

Friday—Sunday, March 31st—April 2nd

ARC of Marion

2800 SE Maricamp Rd, Ocala, FL 34471

This event provides amazing live music featuring The Bearded Brothers and Big Engine, host Radical Randy, a poker run, Harley fashion show, custom car & bike show, a chance drawing for a 2017 Harley-Davidson Street Glide, Dog Dayz animal rescue and adoption, tail gate party, car/jeep/truck clubs, retail & food vendors, bike games and all the fun you can stand! Don't forget this is a fundraiser for ARC!

For more information visit:

<http://www.mcarc.com/ocala-bike-fest-2017/>



## Recipe of the Month: Julie's Homemade Chicken Pot Pie

### Ingredients:

- 1 can diced peeled potatoes
- 1-3/4 cups sliced carrots
- 1 cup butter (cubed)
- 2/3 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1-3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 4 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 packages (14.1 oz. each) refrigerated pie pastry



### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place potatoes and carrots in large saucepan; add water to cover. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cook, covered, 8-10 minutes or until crisp-tender, drain.
2. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender. Stir in flour and seasonings until blended. Gradually stir in broth and milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in chicken, peas, corn and potato mixture; remove from heat.
3. Unroll a pastry sheet into each of two 9 inch pie plates; trim even with rims. Add chicken mixture. Unroll remaining pastry; place over filling. Trim, seal, and flute edges. Cut three lines on the top.
4. Bake 35-40 minutes or until crust is lightly browned. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting.

## This month's topic of interest: March 2017

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.

### Driver's License Suspension

Did you know one of the most common offenses for Floridians is driving without knowing that their license is suspended or revoked? If your license is suspended or revoked, you lose your ability to drive until your license is reinstated or you obtain a hardship license. The State of Florida offers a free online service (<https://services.flhsmv.gov/dlcheck/>) that allows you to check and see if your license has been suspended or revoked. I recommend checking this website monthly in case your license has been suspended, either purposefully or as a result of a DHSMV error. It is also prudent to complete the free Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle ("FLHSMV") suspension prevention quiz ([www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/suspend.html](http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/suspend.html)). Below are some of the ways your driver's license may be suspended or revoked in the State of Florida and the penalties that a driver can be facing when committing said offenses.

#### Most Common Offenses

- Too many points on your license:** For this offense, the duration of the suspension is determined by the time period and the amount of points. For 12 points in 12 months, the suspension is 30 days. For 18 points in 18 months, the suspension is 3 months. For 24 points in 36 months, the suspension is 12 months.
- Failing to pay a traffic fine:** For this offense and for failing to comply with a traffic summons, your license is suspended until you satisfy the summons or pay the fine and clear the suspension with the clerk's office (what's commonly referred to as a D-6 suspension reinstatement fee).
- Failure to meet minimum vision standards:** Your license is suspended until you report proof of an eye exam.
- Driving under the influence:** The duration of the suspension of your license can vary based on the severity of the offense and whether or not you have prior DUI arrests.
- Refusing to submit to a breath test:** Your license will also be suspended for 1 year if you refuse to submit to a breath test during a DUI investigation
- Inability to operate a motor vehicle safely:** License is suspended for 1 year before you can request another opportunity to gain a license.
- Violation resulting in death or serious injury that is not a DUI:** License is suspended for 3 months to 1 year.

#### Less Common Offenses

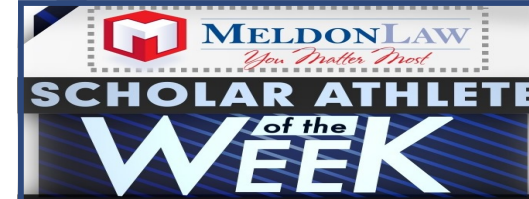
- Failure to pay child support**
- Driving on a suspended license**
- Being deemed a Habitual Traffic Offender (HTO)**
- Racing on the highway**
- Stealing gasoline**
- Failure to render aid at the scene of an accident**
- 3 Reckless driving charges within 12 months**
- Use of vehicle in prostitution**
- Fleeing from law enforcement**
- Other offenses such as theft give the judge the option to suspend a license**
- Possession of marijuana**

Furthermore, driving without a valid license can result in a lengthy suspension of your license. If you or a loved one has concerns regarding a suspended license or an offense that may lead to a license suspension, be sure that you get the help you deserve by contacting an experienced attorney like the ones at Meldon Law. The attorneys at Meldon Law have been serving the Gainesville and Ocala area for decades to give their clients the help they need.

Contact us today at **800-373-8000** or **MeldonLaw.com**



Carey Meldon



Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB 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 are chosen as **The Scholar Athletes 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!

**January 26th, 2017: Kierra Patrick** is a small forward for **Gainesville High School's** Varsity Girls Basketball Team. Kierra plays with heart, intensity, and is a strong rebounder. She has maintained a 3.0 GPA throughout her final year in high school and is also blessed with a hidden talent, singing!

**February 2nd, 2017: Clay Hutto** is a member of **Bell High School's** Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Clay has been known to have a strong work ethic on and off the court, maintaining a 3.8 GPA throughout his senior year. He would like to continue playing at the next level and would also like to major in Business Administration.

**February 22nd, 2017: Isaiah Wilson** is a member of **Gainesville High School's** Varsity Boys Basketball Team. His true passion is football and he would like to continue playing at the next level. Isaiah has maintained a 3.2 GPA and would like to major in either business or engineering.

To nominate someone 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 a high school senior. Please send your nominations to **Brandan McCalla** via email at **BMcCalla@divcom.com**, or you can call Brandan at (352) 416-0646.