

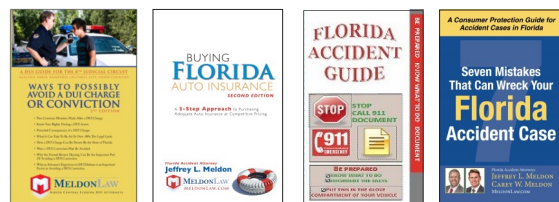
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July 2018 Issue



We take great pride in our *Meldon Law Community Newsletter*, the *Scholar Athlete Program*, the *Law Talk Live Radio Show*, 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 10th consecutive year of producing this newsletter as well as continuing our various other programs! Let us know how we're doing by leaving a review on Google or on any of our social media pages. We appreciate any feedback!

This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. What are the three main types of sugar?
2. What flavor was the Twinkie's original filling?
3. Who is the Greek god of shepherds and flocks?
4. What company owns both the Hot Wheels and Matchbox brands?
5. What is a calorie a unit of?
6. Belgium's name is derived from what Roman Province?
7. In what century did the Dodo bird become extinct?
8. What is the World's largest landlocked country by land area?
9. What element has the atomic number 26?
10. Who is the only New World member of OPEC?



Answers: 1. Glucose, fructose, sucrose 2. Banana 3. Pan 4. Mattel 5. Energy 6. Gallia Belgica 7. 17th 8. Kazakhstan 9. Iron 10. Venezuela

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Quotes of the Month

*"Nothing is permanent in this world, not even our troubles."*

-Charlie Chaplin

*"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."*

-Peter Marshall

*"Where liberty dwells, there is my country."*

-Benjamin Franklin

*"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."*

-John Steinbeck

Jokes of the Month

*What is the most popular dance in 1776? Independ-dance!*

*What did one flag say to the other flag? Nothing. It just waved!*

## WHATS NEW AT MELDON LAW

This has been an incredible year of growth at Meldon Law. Partner Carey Meldon ventured down to Fort Lauderdale to help organize and execute our first major expansion in the past 10 years. Prior to 2018, our offices in Gainesville and Ocala had been in existence for a long time although we also represented people throughout the State of Florida. Carey hired a junior associate, Kenneth Wayne Ferguson, as our full time attorney in South Florida to represent people who were seriously injured in accidents as well as those charged with crimes such as a DUI. Carey has shuttled back and forth between Gainesville and Fort Lauderdale making sure our representation measures up to Meldon Law standards.

2018 marked the 21st year of the MeldonLaw/TV20 Scholar Athlete program. Our scholar athletes of the year Ashley Oelrich and Derek Akey are both brilliant students who are going to Brown University and West Point Academy respectively. This program represents one of the many ways Meldon Law gives back to the community that has supported our law firm since 1971.

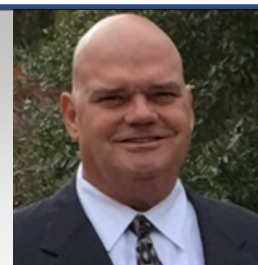
Our Law Talk Live radio show on Sky entered its 16th year and continues to be the longest running live consumer legal affairs program in the south-East United States. With the addition of Chris Qualmann, Meldon Law's chief investigator, we have energized the guest roster and continued to provide thought provoking and valuable information to our listeners in North Central Florida. Tune in every Saturday at 10:30AM on WSKY 97.3 FM!



Josh Howard, Director of Marketing and Communications, on Law Talk Live with Chris Qualmann, Chief Investigator.

We have also been privileged to have Ian Pickens, a former Marion County Prosecutor, join the Meldon Law team where he works out of both our Gainesville and Ocala offices. Everyone at the office is anxiously awaiting the birth of Ian's first child sometime in mid September.

As we plan for the Fall (and Gator Football) we have a long list of goals to continue to improve the service and representation to our many fabulous clients. Our motto at Meldon Law is "You Matter Most" and we are working daily to make sure every one of our clients becomes one of our "raving fans". Have a great summer and remember to use your sun-



Thank You For Your Referral:

*Jimbo Wilmoth* is one of our favorite clients. He 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 his choice.

-The Meldon Law Team

## In The Community...Helping Hands Clinic

**Location: 509 NE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601 Website: [hhclinicgnv.org](http://hhclinicgnv.org)**

Helping Hands is a group of volunteer health professionals who have provided free healthcare to the poor and homeless in Gainesville, Florida since October, 1989. The clinic is staffed by social workers, registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, physicians, and community service volunteers. Over the years, there have been 20,000 plus clinic visits with over 5,000 individuals seeking care. More than half those served are homeless, ranging from months to decades on the streets.

Helping Hands has received recognition for their healthcare services, including a Citation in President's Volunteer Action Award Program in 1993 and the Governor's Points of Light award for making a significant contribution to the community in 2006. The Board of Directors supports their emphasis on volunteerism, and forms a backdrop for their successful mission to assist homeless people.

Recently, Helping Hands received the Alachua County Medical Society's award for Outstanding Community Service Organization. For more information on this wonderful organization, be sure to visit their website at [hhclinicgnv.org](http://hhclinicgnv.org)!



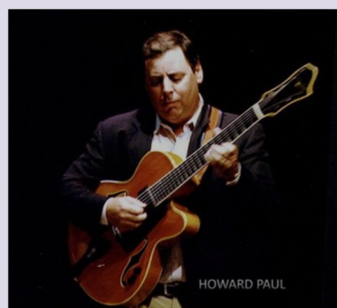
## Community Events

### Inspired Speakers Series: Howard Paul

Sunday, July 29, 2018, 2:00PM-4:00PM

@ Appleton Museum of Art, 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL

This month's talk features Howard Paul. From jazz guitarist to Army officer to corporate executive, he is a man of many talents. A gifted musician and business leader, for years he has maintained dual careers in music and business. In 2006, he was named President/CEO of Benedetto Guitars in Savannah, GA. Tickets on sale now!



### 5th Annual Simmer Craft & Vendor Event

Saturday, July 21, 2018, 10:00AM-4:00PM

@ Renaissance Resort World Golf Village, 500 S Legacy Trl

Saint Augustine, FL 32092

Jacksonville Business Connections is excited to host their 5th Annual Summer Craft & Vendor Event - Free to the Public featuring 139 vendors and crafters at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort July 21st from 10am-4pm. First 50 guests receive FREE swag discount/sample bags! - Kid friendly event.



## Traditional Boiled Cookies

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup of milk
- 1/4 cup of butter
- 3 cups of oats
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1/4 cup of cocoa
- 2 tsp of vanilla

### Directions:

1. Mix sugar, butter, milk and cocoa in saucepan
2. Boil for 1 1/2 minutes. (time as soon as mixture begins to boil.)
3. Remove from heat. Add vanilla and oats. Mix aggressively.
4. Drop by spoonful on wax paper and allow time to cool.



A personal favorite of Thomas Lovett, Marketing Assistant.

## This month's topic of interest: July 2018

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.

## The ABC's of Off-Road and Recreational Vehicle Usage

Did you know in the state of Florida there are different classifications and types of off-highway and recreational vehicles? According to Florida Law, the following display these classifications.

**All-terrain vehicle (ATV)** is defined by Florida Statute §317.0003(1) as any motorized off-highway or all-terrain vehicle 50 inches or less in width, weighing less than 1,200 pounds, designed to travel on three or more tires with a seat designed to be straddled and handlebars for steering control, intended for use by a single operator with no passenger. There are also two-rider ATVs, which are ATVs that are specifically designed by the manufacturer for a single operator and one passenger (Fla. Stat. 317.0003(10)).

**Recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV)** is any motorized recreational off-highway vehicle 60 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires, and, unlike an ATV, having nonstraddle seating and a steering wheel (Fla. Stat. 261.03(9)). Motorized go-karts also fall into this category.

**Off-highway motorcycle (OHM)** is any motorized vehicle used off the road/highway that has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and is designed to travel with not more than two wheels in contact with the ground, and it excludes a tractor or a moped.

**Low-speed vehicle** is any four-wheeled electric vehicle whose top speed is between 20 to 25 miles per hour.

**Golf cart** is a motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.

It is important to understand specific classifications of vehicles and the laws surrounding them to avoid receiving a citation or getting into an accident. At Meldon Law we are here to help. If you have been involved in a serious accident do not hesitate to give us a call at 352-373-8000. We are in your community, have the experience and resources required to work towards obtaining a fair settlement for you – we are here to help you. For more information, go to [meldonlaw.com](http://meldonlaw.com) and use the search bar at the top of the screen to find what you're looking for!



## ASK JEFFREY:

### What is the information on teen drivers?

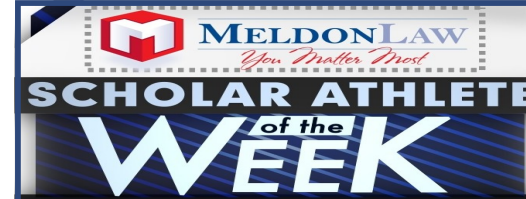
**Q: Can you tell me more about the AAA report determining that teen drivers are more likely to kill than be killed in a traffic accident?**

**A: Great Question.** Yes, the American Automobile Association (AAA) Foundation for Traffic Safety produced a report determining that teen drivers, aged 15 to 17, are twice as likely to kill other people rather than to be killed in a fatal auto accident. » Also contained in the report, AAA is lobbying states to: (1.) limit passengers to one person under age 20 for the first 6 months that a teen is licensed; (2.) prohibit driving between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. until age 18; (3.) and require at least 50 hours of certified driving practice over at least six months before a teen could qualify for a license.

» Here are some tips for the parents of teen aged drivers...

- Restrict night time driving for teens as well as eating while driving
- Prohibit cell phone use while driving
- Limit your teen to only one passenger
- Make sure they know about the dangers of drinking and driving
- Remind your teen about the importance of seatbelts and speed limits
- Trust them but take their keys away if they do not follow your rules
- Make sure your teen knows that their safety is your main concern and that it is ok to call ANYTIME if he or she feels unable to drive or needs a ride home.

Email your question to [jhoward@meldonlaw.com](mailto:jhoward@meldonlaw.com) for a chance to be featured in our monthly newsletter!



Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB TV-20 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 TV-20 to promote the event widely on TV-20.

## Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!

**Olutomi Adesogan** is a member of the Girl's Lacrosse Team at Eastside High School. She has showed a tremendous amount of effort in maintaining her GPA, as it currently stands at 4.9. Olutomi will be attending the University of Florida where she will continue her education.

**Anthony Whelan** is an outstanding outfielder for the P.K. Yonge Baseball team. He has developed his hard work ethic and determination while maintaining an impressive 3.3 GPA. He would like to compete in cross country in college, and is still in the process of deciding.

**Ashlyn Johnson** is an impressive gymnast at Oak Hall High School. She has proven her leadership ability while maintaining a superb 4.3 GPA. She will be attending the United States Air Force Academy where she will continue her passion in gymnastics.

**Forrest Collins** is a Lacrosse star for Gainesville High School's Lacrosse Team. He has been consistent with his sport all while engaging in school. Forrest has an outstanding 4.96 GPA. He is still deciding on college.

**Derek Akey** is a thrower for the Buchholz Track & Field team. He has developed a strong work ethic and has overcome great amounts of hardship throughout his career, but never lost sight of the goals he set. He has maintained an impressive 4.8 GPA and will be continuing his education and athletic career at West Point Academy.

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. Call in or email nominations to [Elgin Rucker](mailto:Elgin Rucker) at (352) 416-0646 or [erucker@wcjb.com](mailto:erucker@wcjb.com).