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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Everyone at MeldonLaw hopes that all of our readers are having a wonderful time this holiday season. We have all been through a lot this past 21 months, and it is our sincere hope that everyone stays safe and healthy in 2022. The MeldonLaw Cares program is in full force, and we are doing our best to support worthy causes in our community. 2021 saw the opening of both our new Ocala and Lake City Offices as well our partnership as the Only Official Law Firm Partner of the Florida Gators. We continued

our Scholar-Athlete Program(24 years), LawTalk Live on the Sky(19 years), Veterans Making a Difference, our new Podcast MeldonLaw and Friends and updated our consumer guides for personal injury and criminal defense. We are excited to keep serving our clients and friends as we expand into 2022. Please let us know if there is ever anything we can do to help you along the way. And we hope you enjoy the holidays with family and friends and let's make 2022 the best vear ever!!



SPREADING THE HOLIDAY CHEER!



This holiday season, we are giving away gift cards to Spurrier's Gridiron Grille! The first 200 people to respond to this newsletter by emailing abenton@meldonlaw.com will receive a \$25 gift card that can be used on any purchase at Spurrier's or Visor's Rooftop Bar. Email now before it's too late!





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 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. Unfortunately, we did not have a banquet last year due to COVID, but stay tuned for this year. At every 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. Starting in 2003, the Meldon Law Firm teamed up with WCJB TV-20 to promote the event.

TY FOLSOM is a senior golfer at Columbia High School. In the first match of the season he shot four-under through nine and has aided in leading his team to back-to-back state tournaments. His drive is just as present in the classroom where he carries a 3.41 GPA. Folsom's collegiate future remains open although he is looking to continue golf and begin studies within the nursing field.

KARA HAMMERSMARK is captain of the Gainesville High School diving team. She became the first diver from GHS to reach the state championship in over 4 years. In the classroom, she maintains a stellar 4.8 GPA, and is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Upon graduating, Hammersmark is hoping to attend UF and study biological research.

AVERY SABILE is a senior at St. Francis High School, who competes on the men's golf team. She is averaging a stunning three-over-par so far this season, while posting a 3.8 GPA in the classroom. Sabile looks to continue her mastery on the golf course, in the classroom, and as the leader of her community organization throughout her studies at Savannah College of Art and Design.

To nominate someone for Scholar Athlete of the Week, make sure he or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributer in his or her sport, and a high school senior.



REVIEW OF THE MONTH



Due to unfortunate circumstances I found the need to have an attorney. Meldon Law's Ian Pickens was who I decided to go with and glad I did. He was very responsive and when he said that he was gonna do something it got done.

- Derek Wallman



\$100,000.00 UNINSURED MOTORIST (UM) POLICY LIMITS SETTLEMENT – SEATBELT ISSUE.

Client was injured in a rollover crash when a vehicle ran him off the road. The at-fault driver never stopped, and our client filed a claim against his Uninsured Motorist (UM) policy. When law enforcement arrived at the scene, the client was found unconscious outside his vehicle, and the UM adjuster tried to reduce the client's

recovery by arguing he failed to fasten his seat belt. However, an excellent report from our crash reconstruction engineer, who inspected our client's vehicle, established that the client had, in fact, fastened his seat belt. The insurance company paid the entire \$100,000.00 UM policy limits.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - STRAWBERRY SANTAS

INGREDIENTS:

- Fresh Strawberries
- Vanilla Frosting
- Black Icing Gel

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Rinse the strawberries and cut off the leaves
- 2. Cut the pointed end off each strawberry, and place the newly cut edge down on a clean paper towel. Dab the other cut end (the body) to absorb any juice (prevents the icing from sliding)
- 3. Swirl vanilla frosting from a piping bag on the top of the body (the larger part of the strawberry)
- 4. Place the cut pointed end on top of the frosting to make the Santa Hat
- 5. Add a dab of frosting to the top of the hat
- 6. Add two eyes with the black icing gel

Submit your favorite recipe to HELP@ MELDONLAW.COM for a chance to be featured in our newsletter and recieve a free local restaurant gift card!





Submitted by: Nikki Haddaway





EVENT OF THE MONTH

THE NUTCRACKER

WHEN:

DECEMBER 18 & 19 - 2:00PM AND 7:30PM

WHERE:

PHILLIPS CENTER FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS 3201 HULL RD,
GAINESVILLE, FL 32611



The all-time family favorite with beautiful dancing, sets and costumes is here again!
Everyone needs a hero, and in this case she's a girl! Clara saves the Nutcracker prince, and to thank her, he brings her on a magical journey to the Kingdom of the Sweets, where the exquisite Sugar Plum Fairy puts on a regal show for her. Tradition, beauty, grace, and a terrific story – what more can you ask for. Sheer Magic! Family friendly.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

What did the gingerbread man put under his blankets?

A cookie sheet.

What is an elf's favorite kind of music?

Wrap Music

How can you tell if a Christmas Tree is a girl?

It will be wearing a skirt.

What's the difference between the alphabet and the Christmas alphabet?

The Christmas one has Noel

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong."

- Joseph Chilton Pearce



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: ANGELA TORRES

Angela has been involved in the care and treatment of cases revolving around personal injury since 2014 medically and since 2019 legally. She has a big understanding and compassion for people when they are going through unfortunate and painful situations in their lives. "Being a part of this amazing firm gives me great confidence in knowing that I'm connecting clients with a great team to help and serve them during these trying and challenging times in their lives." Away from the office, Angela enjoys the outdoors in her garden and spending time with family.



THIS MONTH'S TRIVIAL PURSUIT QUESTIONS

- What department store is Miracle on 34th Street based on?
- 2. What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?
- 3. In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on vacation?
- 4. Which actor played SIX different roles in The Polar Express?
- 5. In which country does Eggnog originate?
- 6. How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song?
- 7. What was the first company to use Santa Claus in their advertising?
- 8. True or False: the dates of Hannukah change every year.
- 9. Which country was first to incorporate Christmas trees?
- 10. For how many days is Hanukkah celebrated?

1. Macy's 2. Kris Kringle & Saint Nick 3. Paris 4. Tom Hanks 5. England 6. 364 7. Coca-Cola 8. True 9. Germany 10. Eight