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Jimmy Buffett at The Great Southern Music Hall in Gainesville on November 14, 1974.



Jeffrey with Floyd Mayweather Jr. at a benefit supporting Israel.



HERE COMES 2024!

Happy New Year from the Meldon Law family! We were so pleased to have helped more clients in 2023 than ever before and our success has been driven by the referrals from of all of the folks in the North Central Florida community. We look forward to increasing our community involvement to even higher levels in the New Year. We have really enjoyed activating our partnership with the Florida Gators and sharing ticket giveaways with friends and family as well as the many community events our awesome team members have organized and participated in. In 2023, we lost Jimmy Buffet, one of our favorite artists who performed at Gainesville's Great Southern Music

Hall in 1974, which was co-founded by Jeffrey Meldon. We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Grand Opening of The Great Southern Music Hall on April 26, 2024 at the Matheson History Museum. The museum is currently featuring an amazing interactive exhibit with photos of greats including Ray Charles, Steve Martin, Bo Diddley, Waylon Jennings, Eric Burdon, Blood Sweat and Tears, Muddy Waters, Minnie Riperton, Jerry Lee Lewis and many more. The Museum is located at 513 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601 and is open Wednesday through Saturday 11-4. It's free and you will love it!





25th Anniversary

Nominate a Scholar Athlete 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.

Former Scholar Athletes: If you are a former scholar athlete or know one, please get in contact with Meldon Law at (352) 373-8000

FRED GASKIN, Vanguard's safety, is no stranger to stars. He's a four-star safety on the field and shines brightly in the classroom. His dedication to the game separates him from the rest. Gaskin has over 2000 total yards and has a total of 24 touchdowns in his senior year and is committed to play at USF. Academically, in his studies he has a 3.4 GPA, in the National Honors Society, and plans to pursue Business Management in college.

MACKENZIE KLEIN, Oak Hall's cross country runner, understands what it takes to be the best. Her fierce mentality and perseverance have set her up for success in both the long run of cross country and in life. She individually won districts, secured 4th place at regionals, and placed 10th in the state championship. She has a 4.8 GPA, and is the president of the student government and the fellowship of Christian athletes.

Criteria: He or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor of their sport, & is a high school senior. Send nominations to taylor.burr@wcjb.com or jake. rongholt@wcjb.com

CASE RESULT

Marion County Sheriff's Office received a call from a disgruntled lady indicating that her ex-boyfriend and his new girlfriend had entered her home and attacked her, and her new boyfriend, with a gun. They were informed that the individual had beaten the new boyfriend with the gun, threatened the ex-girlfriend with the same gun, and had struck the ex-girlfriend with an open hand. She also alleged that the ex-boyfriend and his new girlfriend fled the scene upon learning that the police were being called. There was a shell casing found in the home from a .380 caliber handgun and an alleged bullet hole exiting the front door and screened in porch. The new boyfriend indicated that he was involved in a physical altercation with the ex-boyfriend where the shot was fired. The ex-boyfriend hired Meldon Law. Initially a 'Stand Your Ground' hearing was filed and denied by the court, so the attorneys

at Meldon Law set the case for a jury trial where he was acquitted of aggravated battery, aggravated assault, and domestic battery. The State Attorney's Office then decided to dismiss the charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

DISCLAIMER: The results are specific to the facts and legal circumstances of each of the clients' cases and should not be used to form an expectation that the same results could be obtained for other clients in similar matters without reference to the specific factual and legal circumstances of each client's case.

(Date of Incident: June 30, 2020)



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - ALLYSON'S SPINACH ARTICHOKE PULL-APART BREAD BOWL

INGREDIENTS:

- Loaf of sourdough boule
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 3/4 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
 - 1 can artichoke hearts, 14 oz
 - 8 oz cream cheese, softened
 - 3/4 cup sour cream
 - 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
 - 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
 - salt. to taste
 - pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a saucepan set over medium heat, add 1 tablespoon of olive oil, arrise and red pepper flakes, stirring until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

2. Stir in the spinach and artichokes.

3. Mix in the cream cheese, sour cream, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the mozzarella and parmesan. Stir until combined and cheese has melted.

- 4. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat and set aside.
- 5. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).

6. Remove the top of the sourdough boule. Cut around the inside of the bread, being careful not to cut through the sides, and scoop out the center of the boule.

Cut the scooped out bread into cubes, and place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
Vertically slice into the edges of the bread bowl, cutting all the way through the bottom, leaving 1

inch (2 cm) of space between each. Place onto a baking sheet next to the cubed bread. 9. Spoon the spinach artichoke mixture into the sliced and hollowed bread bowl. Sprinkle the

remaining mozzarella along the edges of the top of the filled bread bowl.

10. Drizzle the cubed bread pieces with the remaining tablespoon of of olive oil. Place the sliced top back onto the bowl.

11. Bake for 15-20 minutes.

12. Enjoy!

In the Community



Dir. of Internal Operations, Nikki, & her husband, Larry, in front of their new home!



Jeffrey with his daughter Jessica, her husband Alan, and their kids, Noah, Naomi, & Shoshana at Disney World!



Attorney Maria Youngblood with her daughter, Olivia, cheering on the Gators!



Jeffrey and grandson Noah at the Gators Football game

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month, team leads will nominate staff members who have exemplified Meldon Law's core values, and a firm vote will be held to select the winner.



Amy Willison

Master Intake Specialist

Amy's unwavering dedication to all who seek our services and her sense of **excellence** in all she does makes her a valuable asset to Team Meldon Law!

Meldon Law Core Values:

Compassion Accountability Reliability Excellence Sense of Urgency



REFER A FRIEND



At Meldon Law, we love helping people and continue to work hard to provide our clients with the best experience through challenging times.

If you happen to know of anyone who may need the services we provide, please have them reach out to us at 352-373-8000.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

What do you tell someone you didn't see on New Year's Eve?

I haven't seen you for a year!

Why do you need a jeweler on New Year's Eve?

To ring in the new year.

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What is a New Year's resolution?

Something that goes in one year and out the other.

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What did the little champagne bottle call his father?

Pop! HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

66 Celebrate endings—for they precede new beginnings.

- Jonathan Lockwood Huie

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THIS MONTH'S **TRIVIAL PURSUIT**

OUESTIONS

- 1. When did the New Year's Eve Ball first drop in Times Square?
- 2. How large is the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball in diameter?
- 3. What materials made up the first-ever Times Square New Year's Eve Ball?
- 4. How much did the first Times Square New Year's Eve Ball weigh?
- 5. How many triangles are there on the Times Square ball?
- 6. How many colors can the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball display?
- 7. What metal replaced iron in the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball?

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