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2024 Primary Election Results

By Lynn Alexander

218,478 Eligible Voters
64,465 Ballots Cast
24.9% Voter Turnout

Florida House of Representatives
District 81
Yvette Benavidez (Rep) – 64.3%
Craig Polley (Rep) – 37.7%
Winner will face Democratic Chloë Work in November 5th General Election

U.S. Congress District 26
Shane O'Rourke (Dem) – 72.3%
Johnny Fuama (Rep) – 16.3%
Richard Evans (Rep) – 11.3%
Winner will face Democratic Amy Adkins in November 5th General Election

Collier County Property Appraiser
Vickie Downs (Rep) – 43.7%
Jim McIntire (Rep) – 42.7%
Julian Stokes, Jr. (Rep) – 6.4%
B.C. "Buck" Lundy (Rep) – 4.2%
Winner will face write-in candidate Di-ana Austin in November

Collier County Supervisor of Elections
Melissa Blasier (Rep) – 48.5%
Dore Schmitt (Rep) – 46.8%
Tim Gurnea (Rep) – 16.8%
Winner will face write-in candidate Ed-ward Joseph Cahala in November 5th General Election

Collier County Commission District 3
Bart Saunders (Rep - Incumbent) – 47.8%
Frank A. Roberts (Rep) – 29.2%
Pete "Big" Harrell (Rep) – 18.1%
John C. Johnson (Rep) – 5.4%

Winner will face write-in candidate Nicholas Cover in November 5th General Election

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Petition Seeks to Ban Land-Based Shark Fishing on Marco

By Kelly J. Farrell

Hooked in the mouth and dragged toward Marco Island's beaches, sharks have a growing number of advocates who walk and live along the beach.

Beachfront condominium owners signed a petition to end shark fishing from the beaches of Marco Island because they say it endangers the quality of the beach and threatens safety for people, sharks and sea turtles.

"There are so many points of view," said Marco Island City Manager Mike McInnes.

"There are people who say the beach used to be a place for lounging and now it's for shark fishing."

"There are also people who say that there were people here shark fishing long before the condominiums," said McInnes.



Shahman Bruce McCombes removes the vehicle hook from the mouth of a hammerhead hooked on April 27, 2024, at South Beach. A petition posted on Change.org is gathering support from nearly 4,000 signers, as of August 16, seeking to ban shark fishing from Marco beaches.

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