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Lehigh Fireworks Return July 4th

By Katrina Salokar | EastLeeNews.com

Victory Town Center will host the Lehigh Acres Fireworks and 6th Annual Freedom Fest on Saturday, July 4, 2026, bringing thousands of families, residents, businesses, churches, nonprofits, vendors, and community organizations together for one of Lehigh Acres' largest Independence Day celebrations.

The free community event will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. at Victory Town Center, 1201 Taylor Lane Ext. in Lehigh Acres, behind Burger King. The professional fireworks show is scheduled for 9 p.m.

Now in its sixth year, Freedom Fest has grown into a major hometown tradition for Lehigh Acres, drawing broad community participation and giving families a place to celebrate the Fourth of July with music, food, local vendors, kids' activities, and a fireworks show close to home.

This year's event will feature live music, food trucks, grill tents, inflatables, carnival games, family activities, community booths, nonprofits, local businesses, and vendors. Organizers expect strong attendance again this year, with more than 2,500 people anticipated on-site and many more watching the fireworks from surrounding areas.

"Freedom Fest is one of those events that shows the heart of Lehigh Acres," said Katrina Salokar of the Southwest Florida Business Alliance. "This community is made up of hardworking families, small businesses, churches, nonprofits, and neighbors who care deeply about where they live. The Southwest Florida Business Alliance is proud to support this event again because it brings people together, gives local businesses a meaningful way to participate, and celebrates the spirit of Lehigh."

Pastor Larry Gregory, founding pastor of Victory Church in Lehigh Acres, said the event is an important opportunity to serve the community and bring people together for a positive, family-centered celebration.

"We are grateful to be able to host this community event at Victory Town Center," Gregory said. "Freedom Fest is about families, faith, freedom, and giving Lehigh Acres a place to come together on Independence Day. It takes sponsors and community partners to make something like this happen, and this is a great opportunity for local businesses and organizations to stand with Lehigh, be seen, and help create something special for thousands of people."

Businesses, churches, nonprofits, vendors, and community organizations are invited to participate as sponsors or vendors. Partnership opportunities range from \$150 to \$2,500.

Admission and parking are free, and all are welcome.

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About Victory Town Center Freedom Fest

Victory Town Center Freedom Fest is an annual Independence Day celebration in Lehigh Acres featuring fireworks, food, music, family activities, vendors, sponsors, and community connection. Now in its sixth year, the event is free and open to the public.

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5 Insurance Mistakes to Avoid Before a Hurricane

By Tyler Smith | Brightway Insurance, the Smith & Mitchell Agency



Tyler Smith

Every year, Southwest Florida homeowners begin preparing for hurricane season long before the first storm is on the radar. They fill gas cans, check flashlights, extra batteries and make sure patio furniture, grills and loose outdoor items will not become flying projectiles in the next windstorm.

But some of the most expensive mistakes homeowners make before a hurricane do not involve shutters, plywood or generators. They often begin months before a storm forms in the Gulf, with assumptions about insurance coverage, documentation and timing.

Here are five common mistakes homeowners can avoid before the weather forecast becomes concerning.

1. Assuming the policy covers everything

Many homeowners believe they are fully protected simply because

they have a homeowners insurance policy. But policies can include important limitations and exclusions. Water damage, flood damage, sewer backup and wind-driven rain can all be treated differently depending on the policy.

The worst time to discover a coverage gap is after a claim has occurred. Reviewing your policy each year can help provide peace of mind before hurricane season becomes active.

2. Thinking flood insurance is only for waterfront homes

Many homeowners believe flood insurance is only needed near the beach, a river or a canal. But flooding can affect neighborhoods far from the water. Heavy rainfall, overwhelmed drainage systems and localized flooding can impact areas that have never flooded before.

Many homeowners do not realize they may need flood insurance until a storm is approaching. By then, it may be too late, because most flood policies have a waiting period before coverage takes effect.

3. Forgetting to document home improvements

A new roof, impact windows, hurricane shutters or a reinforced garage door can help protect a home. Those upgrades also may qualify a homeowner for insurance discounts.

Insurance companies often require documentation to verify improvements. Homeowners should keep copies of permits, receipts, contracts, inspection reports and wind mitigation documents. That paperwork can help make sure discounts are applied and may be useful if a claim is ever filed.

4. Waiting until a storm is in the forecast

When a named storm enters the region, insurance companies frequently implement binding restrictions. That means certain policy changes may no longer be available until the storm threat has passed.

New policies, coverage increases and some flood insurance purchases can become difficult or impossible, to obtain once a storm is nearby. The best time to review insurance cover-

age is when the skies are blue and the weather is calm.

5. Not having a home inventory

After a major loss, remembering every item in a home can be difficult. One of the easiest steps homeowners can take is to create a video inventory with a smartphone.

Walk through each room, open closets and cabinets, and record valuable belongings. Store the video in the cloud or another safe location. The process can take less than 15 minutes and may make a major difference if a claim is ever filed.

A little preparation can go a long way. No one can control the weather, but homeowners can control how prepared they are before a storm arrives.

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Tax Relief Is Coming - But So Are the Loopholes

By Matt Caldwell



Matt Caldwell

After nearly two years of waiting, Floridians finally get the chance to vote on the official property tax proposal from Gov. Ron DeSantis. It is certainly ambitious, with two enormous positives. Inflation has reduced the value of the current homestead exemption, and raising it to \$150,000 in 2027 fully offsets that dollar value loss. Also, commercial property owners would benefit, too, with their cap on assessment increases dropping from 10% to 5%. These are major changes and are central to the consideration of the proposal.

Unfortunately, there are still several places where the amendment falls short, particularly of the promise to "repeal property taxes". Neither the expanded homestead nor the 5% cap applies to school taxes. Homesteaders are likely to be shocked to see that they still have a school tax bill for thousands of dollars in 2027, while commercial properties, which already pay more than

60% of their tax bills toward school taxes alone, will find their share only grows as the homestead exemption expands.

There was also an effort to limit how local governments spend property tax money to essential items only. While the list was expanded to include important legal obligations, such as constitutional offices, administration, and permitting, the problem of undefined terms lurks underneath, meaning courts could end up deciding what they mean instead of lawmakers.

The biggest attention-getter is the plan to expand the homestead exemption to \$250,000 in 2028. First, if the goal is to restore the impact of the original 1934 exemption, it would need to exceed \$400,000. But the real lingering question is speed. Jumping from \$50,000 to \$250,000 in just two years is a huge leap. Without a clear plan to replace lost revenue in cities and counties with mostly residential property, the proposal could fall short of the 60% voter approval needed. Remember, voters did not even approve of a \$100,000 exemption in 2018.

The proposal also requires new homesteaders to wait five years before receiving the expanded benefit. Unfortunately, this type of provision has repeatedly been found unconstitutional under Equal Protection claims. While it should be severable, including it guarantees the amendment will be taken to court and could risk throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

However, the most glaring problem is what the proposal does not address, and it could spark a taxpayer revolt in 2027. Non-ad valorem assessments are flat-fee property taxes that are not based on property value. There are no limits on them. So, if local governments lose 20% to 30% of their millage property tax base, they will likely use these flat fees to make up the difference. Ironically, many homeowners could end up paying more in taxes in 2027 because of it. Even worse, these assessments do not include the usual exemptions for churches, schools, the blind, widows or disabled veterans. Voters will have to trust that lawmakers will close this loophole in a future Session.

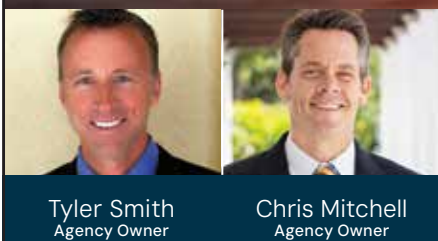
This amendment is truly a mixed bag, with potential savings for some taxpayers, while others will likely feel the pinch of a tax shift. For my part, I am certain that no matter how voters choose in November, the items left undone will demand that Tallahassee dig deeper on this issue in the coming years.

Matt Caldwell is a seventh-generation Florida native with a background in real estate appraisal and consulting. He served on local government and oversight committees focused on financial accountability, Everglades restoration, land use, transportation, audits, and charter review.

From 2010 to 2018, Caldwell represented the area in the Florida House, working on tax policy, agriculture, natural resources, transportation, public safety, and government operations. In 2020, he was elected Lee County Property Appraiser. He also serves on the Florida State Parks Foundation Board and is President for 2025-2027.

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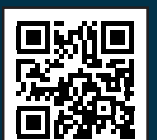
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Business Broker Denise Houghtaling Named Top 50 Dealmaker

Submitted to East Lee News



Denise S. Houghtaling

ST. JAMES CITY, Fla., May 29, 2026 Denise S. Houghtaling, founder of Southern Country Business Advisors, a business brokerage and M&A advisory firm serving Fort Myers and all of Southwest Florida, was recognized May 7 with multiple honors from Business Brokers of Florida (BBF), including recognition among Florida's Top 50 business brokers for sales volume and the Southwest Florida District's #1 Top Co-Broker Award.

Presented during BBF's annual conference and awards ceremony, the honors included the BBF Deal Maker Award, which recognizes the Top 50 brokers statewide based on sales volume among more than 900 BBF members throughout Florida, the BBF Million Dollar Plus Award, and the #1 Top Co-Broker Award, recognizing the broker who successfully co-brokered the highest number of transactions within BBF's Southwest Florida District.

The recognition places Houghtaling among BBF's Top 50 brokers statewide for sales volume and reflects her growing presence in Florida's business brokerage community as a female broker with extensive operational experience in industries traditionally dominated by men, including construction, trucking, equipment, and waste services.

A Lee County resident for more than five decades, Houghtaling built her career as a business owner before entering the brokerage profession. Alongside her husband, she owned and operated businesses in construction, hauling, recycling, waste services, equipment, trucking, and service industries, experience that now shapes Southern Country Business Advisors' owner-focused approach to business sales, valuations, succession planning, and business transitions.

Houghtaling has been involved in business ownership since 1997 and sold her first business in 2013. After personally buying and selling six businesses of her own, she transitioned into business brokerage full-time in 2024 with the goal of helping other owners

successfully navigate the sale and transition process.

At one point, businesses she owned and operated employed 44 people and generated more than \$13 million in annual revenue, an experience that now helps her advise owners facing growth, succession, valuation, and exit planning decisions.

Houghtaling joined Business Brokers of Florida in 2024 and earned her first BBF Million Dollar Plus Award the following year. Since then, Southern Country Business Advisors has continued expanding its presence in Fort Myers, throughout Southwest Florida, and across the state, helping owners of construction, trucking, waste, agricultural, equipment, marine, service, and operationally intensive businesses prepare for growth, transition, acquisition, and successful exits.

As a business owner herself, Houghtaling says many of her clients are approaching major transition decisions after spending years, and often decades, building their companies. She believes preparation and planning are among the most important factors in creating successful outcomes for owners considering a future sale, succession plan, or ownership transition.

Unlike many advisors who come from finance or corporate sales backgrounds, Houghtaling built her career from the operational side of business ownership. She has owned, operated, scaled, and sold multiple companies and believes business owners benefit from working with advisors who understand the realities of operations, staffing, growth, equipment management, customer relationships, and transition planning.

"Business owners want to work with somebody who understands what it actually feels like to carry payroll, manage crews, keep equipment moving, survive storms, grow operations, and eventually think about stepping away," Houghtaling said. "A lot of these companies are someone's life's work. There's emotion attached to it, not just numbers."

Today, Houghtaling holds multiple professional designations, including Certified Business Intermediary (CBI), Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA),

Certified M&A Professional (CMAP), Accredited Business Intermediary (ABI), and Senior Valuation Analyst (SVA).

Earlier this year, Houghtaling was elected Director at Large for BBF's Southwest Florida District, a leadership position supporting broker education, collaboration, networking, and professional development throughout the region.

Industry colleagues say Houghtaling's reputation has been built as much on collaboration and operational knowledge as transaction volume. The BBF Top Co-Broker Award specifically recognizes successful cooperation between brokers during transactions, an area where relationships and trust within the brokerage community are critical.

Southern Country Business Advisors has also expanded its outreach into Florida's agricultural and horticultural sectors through involvement with the Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association (FNGLA), reflecting Houghtaling's longstanding ties to Florida's agricultural community.

"The fundamentals still carry the deal," Houghtaling said. "Strong financials matter, but buyers are really looking for organized operations, scalable systems, and businesses that can succeed beyond the owner."

About Southern Country Business Advisors

Southern Country Business Advisors is a Southwest Florida-based business brokerage and M&A advisory firm serving Fort Myers, all of Southwest Florida, and business owners throughout Florida. The firm specializes in business sales, business valuations, succession planning, exit planning, and transition advisory services for privately held companies. Drawing on firsthand ownership and operational experience, Southern Country Business Advisors helps entrepreneurs build value, prepare for transition, and successfully navigate the sale or transfer of their businesses.

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Eric Gall (left), President of BBF Southwest Florida and Vice President of BBF Florida, awards Denise Houghtaling

LaBelle Summer Brings Art, History, and Fireworks

By Katrina Salokar | EastLeeNews.com

LaBelle has been busy this summer with art, history, community activities, and patriotic events, bringing residents together downtown and along the Caloosahatchee River.

The LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation is helping highlight several local happenings, including the Caloosahatchee Creativity Camp, summer activities through Arts of the Inland, and an upcoming patriotic evening at Barron Park in celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Downtown LaBelle became a classroom for young artists this summer during the Caloosahatchee Creativity Camp, a hands-on arts program held at the LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation office on Park Avenue.

The camp, designed for children ages 7 to 12, gave students a chance to learn through art while exploring the people, places, wildlife, and stories that make the LaBelle area unique. Weekly themes included Florida birds, swamp cabbage, Seminole history, and pirates, with each week connecting creative projects to local culture.

During Swamp Cabbage Week, campers began historic architectural journals, learned about early Florida cattle drivers, and built miniature Cracker homes. They also walked through downtown LaBelle to sketch historic buildings along Bridge Street. The Hendry County Sheriff's Office helped provide a safety buffer while students worked outdoors.

Campers shared journals, drawings, and favorite projects, including sketches of local buildings, fire trucks, animals, and historic landmarks. The experience encouraged students to see their own town as a place worth studying, preserving, and celebrating.

Arts of the Inland is also keeping creativity alive this summer with expanded gallery hours, classes, and upcoming events. The "Artisan Alley" gallery, located at 471 N. Lee St. in LaBelle, is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Summer classes include digital photography, creative writing, crushed glass art, charcoal drawing, pastel drawing, colored pencil drawing, and acrylic painting. Upcoming Arts of the Inland events include a member meeting and

potluck Aug. 19, LaBasel on Sept. 5 and Sept. 6, the Falling for the Arts Gala on Oct. 10, and a Dessert Auction on Nov. 24.

The summer season will also include a patriotic evening on the river as LaBelle comes together to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. The community is invited to gather at Barron Park, 1559 De Soto Ave. in LaBelle, beginning at 5 p.m.

Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, enjoy food from local food trucks, listen to live music, and settle in for a fireworks show over the Caloosahatchee.

The evening is planned as a celebration of freedom, community, and 250 years of American history in the heart of LaBelle.

For more information about the LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation, visit downtownlabelle.com.

For more information about Arts of the Inland classes and events, visit artsinland.com. For more information about future Caloosahatchee Creativity Camp programs, email caloosacreativitycamp@gmail.com.



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Jill Cabai Highlights Service in County Judge Race

Special to East Lee News



Jill Cabai

HENDRY COUNTY, Fla. — Jill E. Cabai, candidate for Hendry County Court Judge, Group 1, is continuing her campaign with a message centered on experience, fairness, judicial temperament, and a lifetime commitment to serving the people of Hendry County.

For nearly two decades, Cabai has worked in and around Hendry County courtrooms — first as an Assistant State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit representing the people of Hendry County, and later as a private attorney and small business owner serving local families through the Cabai Law Office, P.A.

Cabai said that broad courtroom experience has shaped the kind of judge she believes Hendry County deserves: fair, prepared, impartial, respectful to every person who enters the courtroom, and deeply invested in the community the court serves.

“I am running for Hendry County Court Judge because I have spent nearly twenty years building my life, career, and future in this community,” Cabai said. “A county judge should understand the people, values, and challenges of the community he or she serves. I believe the strongest courts are led by judges who are deeply rooted in their communities and committed to serving them for the long term.”

“For me, this is not about holding a title. It is about serving the community that has trusted me as a prosecutor, attorney, business owner, volunteer, and neighbor. The decisions made in a county courtroom affect local families, local businesses, and the future of our community. Those decisions should be made by someone who understands Hendry County and is committed to its future.”

Cabai’s campaign emphasizes the qualities voters expect in a county judge: sound judgment,

calm temperament, respect for the law, respect for public safety, and the ability to make difficult decisions with care and discipline.

Her experience began in public service. After earning her Juris Doctor from the Florida State University College of Law and being admitted to The Florida Bar in 2007, Cabai returned to Southwest Florida and served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, representing the people of Hendry County specifically. In the LaBelle office, she represented the people of Hendry County for more than eight years. For five of those years, she served as the Special Victims Prosecutor, handling some of the most serious and sensitive cases in the criminal justice system.

“That work requires compassion, preparation, attention to detail, and the courage to make difficult decisions,” Cabai said. “It also teaches you that the courtroom affects real people, real families, and real futures. That understanding has stayed with me throughout my entire career.”

In 2016, Cabai opened the Cabai Law Office, P.A., in Hendry County, becoming a local small business owner in the same community she had served as a prosecutor. Through her private practice in criminal defense and family law, she has continued working directly with local residents during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Cabai said practicing as both a prosecutor and defense attorney has given her a fuller understanding of the justice system and the people who depend on it.

“Having served on both sides of the courtroom, I understand the importance of fairness, preparation, and listening carefully before making decisions,” Cabai said. “The law must be applied consistently and impartially, but it must also be applied with the seriousness and humanity the role demands.”

Beyond her legal career, Cabai has built a long record of service

in Hendry County civic life. She serves as a Director on the Board of the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce and has held this position since 2019. She is the Vice President of the Hendry/Glades County Bar Association. In addition, she recently became a member of the LaBelle Rotary Club. She previously served for many years on the board of the Caloosa Humane Society, where she helped open the Caloosa Humane Society Veterinary Clinic to provide needed low-cost veterinary services in the area. She has also volunteered with the Firehouse Community Theatre and the LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation, supporting local arts, culture, small businesses, and community life. The Cabai Law Office, P.A., is also a longtime supporter of Hendry County youth sports.

Cabai said her commitment to Hendry County is personal.

“I show up for this community because this is where I have chosen to build my life,” Cabai said. “I am a homeowner here, a small business owner here, and I have spent my legal career serving the people of Hendry County. My commitment to this community did not begin with this campaign, and it will not end after this election. Hendry County is my home, and I am seeking this office because I want to continue serving the community I plan to be a part of for many years to come.”

Cabai was raised in Southwest Florida as the youngest of four siblings. She attended preschool at the Children’s Center on Sanibel Island, then St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, and later graduated from Bishop Verot Catholic High School. Her parents were small business owners in Fort Myers in real estate appraisal, and she credits them with teaching her the value of hard work, accountability, and investing in the community around you.

She graduated cum laude from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Environmental Studies. She later earned her law degree from Florida State

University College of Law, where she also completed certificates in Land Use and Environmental Law.

Cabai lives and works in Hendry County with her husband, Alex DeStefano, a local realtor, and their rescue pets. The couple met through Cabai’s volunteer work with the Caloosa Humane Society, a connection she says reflects one of the things she loves most about Hendry County: the way service, family, friendship, and community often overlap.

Her campaign will continue meeting voters across Hendry County in the weeks ahead, focusing on experience, impartiality, professionalism, community involvement, and respect for the people the court serves.

“If elected, I will bring experience, fairness, and a deep commitment to the law to the bench,” Cabai said. “A strong judiciary depends on trust. It depends on judges who are prepared, impartial, and grounded in the community they serve. That is the kind of judge I will strive to be every day.”

The election for Hendry County Court Judge will be held on August 18, 2026. Voters are encouraged to make a plan to vote by mail, during early voting, or on Election Day.

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Celebrating 250 Years of America

By Jenna Parsons-Mulicka



Parsons-Mulicka

The electoral process is foundational to our constitutional republic. For nearly two and a half centuries, Americans have upheld this process by exercising their right to vote, participating in civic life, and holding their representatives accountable through the ballot box.

As we celebrate 250 years of America this Fourth of July, let us all get excited about exercising this constitutional right, knowing that every vote helps define the future of our communities.

I am proud to serve as a steward of this process, and, as your Supervisor of Elections, I am committed to ensuring every eligible voter has the resources needed to participate in the upcoming elections.

The 2026 election cycle begins with the primary election on August 18, followed by the general election on November 3.

In both elections this year, you will have the opportunity to vote for your representatives at every level of government.

While the general election gets the most attention, voters should know that participating in the primary is just as important. In Lee County, several races will be decided in the primary, including two school board seats and the Lee County Commission District 5 seat.

That is why I encourage you to take part in the process and make a plan to vote.

As you prepare to participate, remember that you have three convenient ways to cast a ballot: by mail, early in person, or on Election Day.

Please also keep in mind that Florida is a closed primary state. If you wish to vote in a party's primary election, you must be a registered member of that party. Florida law allows you to make changes to your party affiliation, as long as the change is completed at least 29 days before the primary election.

An exception to the closed primary rule is a universal primary contest. This occurs when all candidates in a race are from the same political party and face no opposition in the general election.

All voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote in a universal primary contest. This August, the County Commission District 5 race will be on the ballot as a universal primary.

All voters can also vote on local ballot measures and in non-partisan races, such as judicial and school board races.

You can view the offices up for election and the list of candidates for every race on our website, www.lee.vote.

As we gather with friends, family, and neighbors to mark America's historic milestone, let us remember that our electoral

process depends on active participation.

I look forward to us coming together to honor America through the power of our votes.

As your Supervisor of Elections, I encourage you to stay engaged and to be an informed voter. Please review the dates and deadlines for each election this year.

If you need assistance with registering to vote, updating your voter registration, or any other election-related services, my team and I are here to help.

Call us at 239-533-8683 or visit any of our offices. You can also email me personally at Supervisor@lee.vote.

2026 Important Election Dates, Deadlines and Voter Information

ELECTION DATES

- Primary Election: Aug. 18
- General Election: Nov. 3
- Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- On Election Day, you must vote in your designated precinct.
- Find out where you vote on Election Day: www.lee.vote/291/Check-My-Voter-Registration-Status

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION

- Primary Election: July 20
- General Election: Oct. 5
- Register to vote or update your voter registration

record: www.lee.vote/284/Update-My-Voter-Registration-Information

DEADLINE TO REQUEST A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT




- Primary Election: Aug. 6, at 5 p.m.
- General Election: Oct. 22, at 5 p.m.
- All vote-by-mail requests made before December 2024 have expired. If you want to vote by mail, you must submit a new request every election cycle.
- Request vote-by-mail ballot: www.lee.vote/277/Request-a-Vote-by-Mail-Ballot
- Track your vote-by-mail ballot: www.lee.vote/291/Check-My-Voter-Registration-Status

EARLY VOTING DATES

- Primary Election: Aug. 8-15
- General Election: Oct. 19-31
- Early Voting sites will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- During Early Voting, you can vote at any of the 12 Early Voting sites available across Lee County.
- View the list of Early Voting locations: www.lee.vote/229/Early-Voting-Dates-and-Locations

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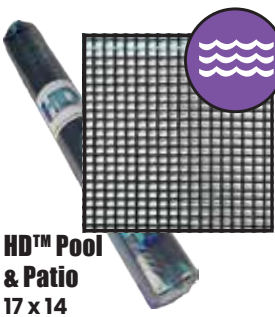
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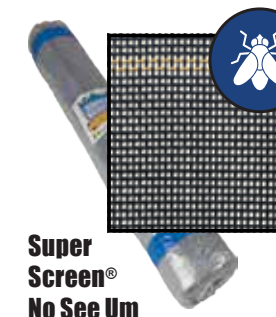
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Brendan Fisk Paints a Side of Florida Few Ever See

By James Kennedy



James Kennedy

We continue our walk through the gallery of Cracker Cowboy art started several months ago. The series has included Eldon Lux and Hobby Campbell, whose work documents Florida's cattle culture for new audiences. Now we turn to Brendan Fisk, another artist whose path into that culture was entirely his own.

Fisk grew up in New York, served in military intelligence during the Vietnam War, and spent a career with the FBI. Along the way, he developed a lifelong interest in painting. Through horses, Florida ranch country, and a well worn copy of *A Land Remembered*, he found himself drawn into Florida's cattle culture, making it one of the central subjects of his work.

I sat down with Brendan over lunch at Gladys' Restaurant, the oldest restaurant in Okeechobee, for a conversation about old Florida and the art that helps preserve it.

"I have always painted," he wrote. "Color, shape and light are how I see the world."

Today, Fisk is one of a small group of artists documenting a side of Florida many residents never encounter: working cowboys, cattlemen, ranch families, rodeos, and the vast landscapes that still define much of the state's interior.

Even during his years in the military and the FBI, painting never left him. He recalled painting the aftermath of a rocket attack in Vietnam using three buckets of paint and a piece of plywood found on base.

In New York City, Fisk developed a lasting appreciation for the Impressionists, particularly Monet, and found inspiration in Edgar Payne and Jim Wodark.

Fisk credits Patrick Smith's *A Land Remembered* with opening a door. The novel's portrayal of Florida's frontier cattle culture sparked an interest that quickly became something deeper.

Fisk first rode the Cracker Trail and later joined the Great Florida Cattle Drive, seeing firsthand the landscapes and people that had captured his imagination. He eventually bought a small property in Okeechobee, acquired horses, and began raising cattle sold through the Okeechobee cattle market.

"Five horses later, I was totally immersed in the culture."

He discovered a way of life that felt familiar despite being far removed from his New York upbringing. Again and again, he encountered honesty, responsibility, commitment, faith, and hard work.

Fisk described a culture where one's word is a bond, reflected in daily work and community life. Rodeos often begin with prayer, and many of the cowboys and ranch families he met openly expressed their Christian faith.

"I felt right at home in this culture."

That sense of belonging reshaped his artistic focus. Before cowboys and cattle entered his paintings, Fisk was drawn to Florida's landscapes, particularly the open prairie and immense cloud formations of the interior.

"These are our mountains here in Florida. The clouds."

Western painters find grandeur in mountain ranges and canyons. Fisk finds it in endless horizons, towering thunderstorms, and cattle moving across open range. The landscape is rarely just a backdrop. The rider, the horse, the cattle, the light, and the land work together to create the moment he is trying to capture.

Fisk describes his style as both representational and impressionistic. His goal is not photographic accuracy.

"My objective is to show movement and draw in the viewer."

Horses surge through rodeo arenas. Cowboys cross creeks. Cattle stream across pastures. Working dogs weave through herds. The scenes are alive with motion, but Fisk avoids excess detail.

"I want the viewer to fill in the blanks."

He focuses on atmosphere, color, light, and the emotional truth of a scene. A camera may record what happened. Fisk wants his paintings to convey what it felt like to be there.

At a recent Okeechobee Main Street Gallery event, painter Samantha White studied several of Fisk's works, drawn by his use of color and his ability to convey motion and tension.

One striking work, *Hang On*, captures a bronc rider mid violent ride. Fisk described motion as one of the hardest things to achieve on canvas. The painting succeeds because it conveys movement and tension without unnecessary detail.

Other works explore different aspects of the culture. In *Cooling Off*, a rider moves through water beneath vibrant color and reflected light. In *Summer Pasture*, cattle move across an open landscape in a scene Fisk called mesmerizing. Branding scenes, creek crossings, working dogs, and day working cowboys appear throughout his portfolio.



Brendan Fisk and Frankie his "paintin dog". His wife, Diane Fisk took the pic with an iPhone 15

Two of Fisk's paintings are currently on display at the Alva Museum as part of the Cracker Cowboy Frontier exhibit, telling the story of Florida's cattle and cow hunter traditions.

What connects these paintings is authenticity.

"When I'm painting these moments in a cowboy's life, I'm there, present in the moment, or have done the same thing on horseback."

Although Fisk did not grow up in Florida's cattle culture, years riding horses, raising cattle, and building relationships within the ranching community gave him a personal connection to the people and places he paints.

Florida's cattle culture remains invisible to much of the state. Beaches, theme parks, and coastal skylines dominate public perception, while the ranches, prairies, and working cowboys of the interior often go unnoticed.

"The Florida cowboy is relatively unknown on a national level compared to the western cowboy," Fisk said.

That reality is one reason he keeps painting the subject. He wants the people he paints to recognize themselves in the work. Whether depicting a herd crossing water, a cowboy working alongside cattle dogs, or a rider framed against one of Florida's immense skies, Fisk's work is rooted in moments from a life many Floridians never see.

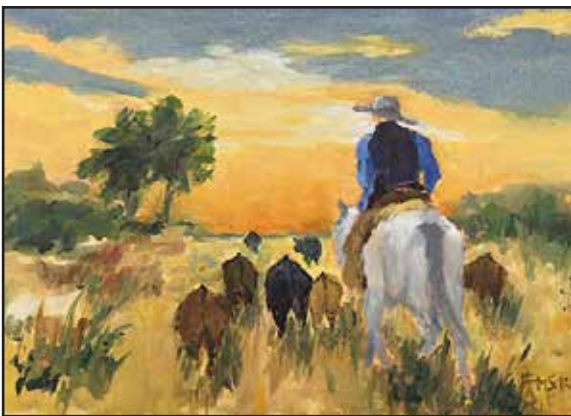
For Brendan Fisk, success is not measured by awards, gallery sales, or recognition. It is measured by whether the people he paints can stand in front of a painting and recognize something true.

In a state often defined by beaches, tourism, and rapid growth, Fisk points his easel toward another Florida, one of horses, cattle, prairie horizons, towering clouds, and people still making a living on the land.

It is a Florida many residents never see. Through his paintings, he hopes they will.

Postscript: More of Brendan Fisk's work can be found at fiskfineart.com. Brendan can be reached at fiskfineart@gmail.com or (203) 521-1369.

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Lee GOP Chair Urges Voters to Join August Primary

By Mercedes Price-Harry | Lee GOP Chair



Mercedes Price-Harry

As Chair of the Lee County Republican Party, I am reaching out to everyone, especially conservative minority voters, independents, and women who may not always participate in elections or who have not traditionally supported Republican candidates.

With important elections just months away, including local races that directly shape our daily lives here in Lee County, I invite you to take part in the August 18 primary election. Republican voters will select from a field of candidates who share our commitment to faith, freedom, family, and constitutional principles, and who will go on to represent our party in the November 3 general election. While political parties may differ on many issues, our shared American values provide common ground that transcends partisan labels.

Local elections matter because they determine what happens closest to home. School board members influence the

quality and direction of our children's education. County commissioners make decisions about taxes, roads, public safety, growth, and infrastructure. These choices affect your family's quality of life, your property values, and the future of our community far more directly than many debates taking place in Washington, D.C. When strong leaders serve at the local level, our communities prosper.

Our own congressional representative's story demonstrates how local involvement can lead to broader public service. Beginning as a grassroots activist during the rise of the Tea Party movement, his passion for education led him to serve in the Florida Legislature before representing our region in Congress and now becoming a candidate for the highest office in the state. His journey reflects a Republican Party that welcomes individuals from all backgrounds who are committed to serving their communities and advancing conservative principles.

Many Americans, regardless of race or ethnicity, share a deep commitment to faith, family, and the opportunity to build a better future for their children. These values unite people across communities

and backgrounds. Republicans believe these institutions deserve respect, protection, and support because they form the foundation of strong families and strong communities.

Freedom remains one of America's most cherished ideals. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted significant differences in governing philosophies across the country. Many Republicans point to states such as Florida as examples of leadership that prioritized individual liberty, economic activity, and parental choice while navigating unprecedented challenges. It was not the Democrat Party that helped preserve jobs, keep small businesses operating, and protect personal freedoms.

Republicans also emphasize policies they believe strengthen public safety and protect families. This includes securing the nation's borders, including law enforcement, and promoting safe communities. Advocates of these positions argue that effective government should create an environment where families can thrive and pursue opportunity.

If you value freedom, faith, family, safety, and opportunity, I encourage you

to register to vote as a Republican before July 20 so your voice can be heard in the August 18 primary election. You do not need to agree with Republicans on every issue to participate in the process. What matters most is being informed, engaged, and involved in the decisions that affect your community.

Lee County and Florida are stronger when more citizens participate in our democracy, especially those who may have felt overlooked or underrepresented. Together, we can continue working to build a community that offers opportunity and prosperity for every family.

Help keep Lee County red by registering as a Republican before July 20. Learn more about Republican candidates by visiting www.LeeGOP.org, and be sure to vote on August 18. In heavily Republican Lee County, many local races are effectively decided during the primary election, making participation especially important. 🐾

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How to Prepare for a Hurricane: FPL Safety Tips

Submitted by Florida Power & Light Company

Safety is the cornerstone of FPL's commitment to our customers and employees. It is not a matter of if, but when the next hurricane will hit our state, which is why it's important to be proactive in planning for the six-month-long hurricane season.

Whether you're a longtime Floridian or new to the state, having a plan in place is the best way to stay safe this storm season. Below is a list of what you can do before, during and after a storm.

What is a Hurricane Emergency Plan?

Determine whether your home or business is located in a flood or evacuation zone and review local evacuation routes.

Consider whether you will shelter in place at your home or evacuate, as well as where you would go and whether you need a separate plan for pets.

The Division of Emergency Management recommends that drivers keep their gas tanks at least half full throughout hurricane season. Electric vehicle (EV) owners should aim to maintain a charge between 50% and 80% at all times.

Reach out to your local emergency management office if you or anyone you know has special medical needs, in case of evacuations. Apply for our Medically Essential Service designation if someone in your home relies on electric-powered equipment.

What Should a Hurricane Emergency Kit Contain?

Build an emergency kit with non-perishable food, bottled water, flashlights, batteries, medications, and a first-aid kit.

Determine your backup power source. Don't forget phone chargers, power banks, and a waterproof container for important documents.

Don't forget information such as insurance policies, health cards, birth certificates, Social Security cards, a list of emergency contacts, and a recent copy of your FPL bill.

How to Prepare Your Home for a Hurricane?

Move patio furniture and outdoor items indoors, fasten doors and windows, and cover valuables and furniture with plastic and move away from windows.

Turn off and unplug unnecessary electronics, including pool equipment, and set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings to keep food fresh longer during an outage.

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Look up and note the location of power lines before you begin working on a ladder. Be sure that any ladders or scaffolds are far enough away so that you – and the ends of the tools you're using – don't come within 10 feet of power lines.

What are the Important Safety Steps After a Hurricane?

If you're planning to use a portable generator, read and follow all the manufacturer's instructions. Be sure to set it up outside – not in your home or garage – and connect appliances directly to it. Do not wire your generator directly to your home's breaker or fuse box, as the power you generate may flow back into power lines and cause injuries.

Stay far away from and do not touch any downed power lines or flooded and debris-laden areas that may be hiding downed power lines. If you see damaged electrical equipment, please call 911.

How Can Floridians Stay Informed After a Storm?

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FPL (Florida Power & Light Company) works year-round to be ready for severe weather and urges customers to prepare by making safety a priority this storm season.

For more tips, visit FPL.com/storm.

THE REPORT CARD! Grading the Decisions that Impact our Schools

By Carline Santilus | Candidate for Lee County School Board, District 5



Carline Saintilus

Separating Facts - From Fiction

The data is clear: District 5 students are falling behind, and the gap between them and their peers continues to widen each year. It is time to close the achievement gap and create the opportunities every child deserves, regardless of zip code or background. Our kids cannot afford to wait any longer.

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Additional Concern

Several schools in the Lehigh Acres area are 14-18 percentage points below the state average and remain among the lowest-performing schools in Lee County.

The Challenge

District 5 faces significant barriers that directly impact student success:

- Chronic absenteeism: 30-38%
- State average: 15-18%
- Students qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch: 63-67%
- State average: 50-55%

These statistics highlight the need for targeted support, stronger community engagement, and strategic investments in student achievement.

My Plan to Close the Gap Data-Driven Decisions

Identify student needs early and implement evidence-based solutions that improve outcomes.

High-Dosage Tutoring

Provide targeted tutoring support in:

- Reading (Grades 3-5)
- Math (Grades 6-8)

Third Grade Reading Initiative

Implement early literacy interventions to ensure students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

Attendance Improvement Campaign

Address chronic absenteeism through family engagement, early intervention, and community partnerships.

Teacher Support & Retention

Strengthen educator recruitment and retention through:

- Competitive compensation
- Mentorship opportunities
- Professional development

School-by-School Accountability

- Clear goals (Increase the number of District 5 students reading at grade level by third grade.)
- Measurable benchmarks (Increase Grade 3-5 ELA proficiency in District 5 from 43% to 55% within

four years.)

- Public reporting of progress (If families can't understand the report, it isn't real transparency.)

Why This Matters??

The achievement gaps reflected in this report are not isolated to a single classroom, school, teacher, or student. They point to broader systemic challenges that have persisted over time and are affecting student outcomes across multiple schools and grade levels.

When large numbers of students in the same communities consistently perform below district and state averages, it signals the need for a closer examination of how resources are allocated, how support services are delivered, how attendance barriers are addressed, and how academic interventions are implemented.

Every child deserves access to the same opportunities for success regardless of where they live. Closing these gaps will require more than identifying problems—it will require a coordinated commitment to accountability, early intervention, family engagement, teacher support, and data-driven decision-making.

The goal is not simply to improve test scores. The goal is to ensure that every student graduates prepared for college, career, military service, entrepreneurship, or whatever path they

choose. Strong schools create stronger families, stronger communities, and a stronger future for Lee County.

District 5 students are capable of achieving at the highest levels. The question is whether we are willing to address the systemic barriers that have prevented too many of them from reaching their full potential.

About the Author

Carline Saintilus is a candidate for Lee County School Board, District 5. As a former educator, entrepreneur, business owner, wife, mother, and grandmother, she believes every student deserves access to a high-quality education regardless of their ZIP code.

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District 5 vs. Top Performing District (District 3)

Percentage of Students Scoring Level 3 or Above (PM3, 2024-25)

Subject Area	District 3 (Top Performing)	District 5	Gap (Points)
Elementary ELA (Grades 3-5)	60%	43%	-17
Middle School ELA (Grades 6-8)	57%	40%	-17
Elementary Math (Grades 3-5)	67%	47%	-20
Middle School Math (Grades 6-8)	60%	43%	-17

Key Finding

District 5 students are 17-20 percentage points behind the top-performing district in key academic subjects.

Lehigh Acres Schools: A Closer Look (2024-25)

ELA and Math Performance

School	ELA (Level 3+)	Math (Level 3+)	Algebra & EOC
Sunshine Elementary	Grade 4: 33%	Grade 4: 34%	—
Amanecer Elementary	Grade 5: 26%	Grade 5: 26%	—
Lemuel Teal Middle	Grade 8: 18%	Grade 7: 18%	—
Lehigh Senior High	—	—	18%
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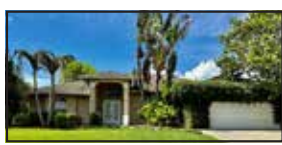


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