

## Departments

### Administration

As Director of Human Resources, Susan Merris directs the development, implementation and continuous improvement of Human Resources functions and practices including legal compliance, policies and procedures, employee relations, performance management, recruitment and compensation. Susan completed the monumental task of creating job descriptions and pay structure for every position at the District.



As Assistant to the Executive Director, Deborah Newton handles duties assigned by the Executive Director, records and transcribes all public meetings for the District, manages the overall District calendar, schedules all staff meetings and use of facilities, coordinates cleaning of buildings and assists with reception.



### Technology Development

The LCMCD Technology Development Center supplies research and development support to the ground and aerial operational programs to help solve application and product problems encountered in the field. In addition to evaluating problems associated with existing operational products and technologies, the Center conducts research to develop new formulations, products, and technologies to enhance the field efficacy of currently used biolarvicides, insect growth regulators, surface films, and central nervous system inhibitors applied to control mosquito larvae and pupae. Although the R&D program is mainly oriented to the control of immature mosquitoes (i.e., larvae and pupae ) before they become biting adults capable of being nuisances and/or transmitting diseases, research on the development of new and improved adulticides is also being conducted. Cooperative R&D projects on the biological, chemical, and physicochemical control of mosquitoes and other disease vectors are currently in progress with a number of state, federal, international, and private organizations. Dr. Richard Levy, the Deputy Director of Research, retired in November. Mike Nichols continues to work on projects initiated by Dr. Levy.



**Mike Nichols**

# Administration and Finance

## Administration and Finance

Deputy  
Director of  
Administra-  
tion  
And Chief  
Financial  
Officer

Vivian Jones

Personnel  
Manager  
and General  
Accounting

Linda L.  
Parks

General  
Accounting

Shelley  
Dew

Accounts  
Payable  
Specialist

Doris I.  
Cooke

Manager,  
Information  
and  
Technology

M. Keith  
Lowe

The Administration and Finance department manages all financial aspects of the District. This includes preparation of the budget and financial reports, all required governmental reporting, information technology, payroll and benefits, accounts payable, accounts receivable, risk management and all other aspects of financial administration.



**Linda L. Parks**



**Shelley Dew**



**Vivian Jones**

**Doris I. Cooke**



**M. Keith Lowe**



Lee County Mosquito Control District also operates an in-house state chartered credit union. The Lee County Mosquito Control Credit Union (LCMCCU) received its' certificate of organization on February 25, 1964, and is staffed by employees of the District who volunteer their time to manage the credit union. Membership is limited to employees of the Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts. As of December 31, 2008, LCMCCU had 191 members and assets of \$446,925.



# Administration and Finance

## Administration and Finance

Lynn H. Schiegner

Manager,  
Purchasing  
and Supply

Fred Schudel

Lenore  
Bishop

Louise  
Campion

Ken Soliven

### Purchasing and Supply

The Purchasing and Supply department is responsible for materials procurement, inventory and quality management, cost and usage level analysis, purchasing coordination, bid and contractual negotiations, product research, and management of the stockroom, chemical storage, fuel storage, and two warehouses. Purchasing and Supply stores and tracks over 44,000 line items essential to all departments.



**Fred Schudel, Lenore Bishop, Louise Campion, Manager Lynn Schiegner, and Ken Soliven**



**Lenore Bishop recording fuel delivery**



**Stockroom**



## Information, Safety, Training and Compliance

Deputy  
Director of  
Education  
and  
Communica-  
tion

Shelly  
Redovan

Training  
Coordinator

Patricia  
Ferrara

Compliance  
and Safety  
Officer

Brian  
Cotterill

Receptionist

Jean  
Mavrelis

The District's public information program educates and informs the public about mosquito control and prevention methods. The program strives to raise awareness of mosquitoes and of vector-borne diseases such as St. Louis encephalitis, Eastern Equine encephalitis, West Nile virus, and canine heartworm. This is done through Florida Gulf Coast University environmental classes, Lee County School Board Environmental Education, community events throughout Lee County such as Aviation Day at Page Field, Leadership tours of the District, Thomas Alva Edison Science Fair, and summer programs for camps, and printed and electronic information.

The Department is responsible for distributing all District information. It produces the District updates to the media, a monthly District Newsletter and the annual report. In 2008, the Department revamped the District video. Information is provided to the media and the public through press releases and the District websites [www.lcmcd.org](http://www.lcmcd.org) and [www.mosquitoed.com](http://www.mosquitoed.com).

In addition to providing information to the public, the department provides education for District staff. The training, certification, compliance, and safety programs are designed to fully develop staff and keep the District in compliance with local, state and federal laws.



**Jean Mavrelis, Patricia Ferrara,  
Brian Cotterill,**

### Employee Training



Jan. 15-17	Aerial Class
Jan. 28-Feb. 1	Dodd Short Courses
Feb. 13	Right to Know and Hazardous Communication
Feb. 15	Chemical Spill Response
Feb. 19	Limited Turf and Ornamental
Apr. 4	Clarke Workshop
Apr. 28-May 2	Adult Mosquito ID
May 1	Right to Know and Hazardous Communication
May 20	Right to Know and Hazardous Communication
May 27	Right to Know and Hazardous Communication
Jun.	Forklifts, Man Lifts and Backhoe Training
Sep. 23	Right to Know and Hazardous Communication
Oct. 20	Core Review and Testing
Oct. 21	Public Health Review and Testing
Oct. 29	Overview of Mosquito Control and Techniques



**Media Interviews**

Education and Communication

**Education and Communication**



Jan. 12	NBC-2	50 <sup>th</sup>	Anniversary Open House	Jul. 21	Pine Island Eagle	Mosquitoes on Pine Island
Feb. 21	The Breeze		Open House	Jul. 22	Bonita Banner	Mosquito Guide
Feb. 27	News-Press		Open House	Jul. 23	Independent	Bonita Springs– Mosquitoes
Mar. 18	The Breeze		Open House	Jul. 31	Cape Coral Breeze	Mosquitoes
Mar. 25	ABC-7		Mosquito Season	Aug. 9	Florida Weekly	Mosquitoes
Jun. 20	NBC-2		Investigative Reporter	Aug. 11	Wink	Abandoned Pools
Jun. 23	ABC-7		Mosquito Efforts	Aug. 19	News-Press	Mosquito Activity
Jun. 23	NBC-2		Mosquito Efforts	Aug. 20	NBC-2	Repellents and Mosquito Myths
Jul. 1	NBC-2		Abandoned Pools	Aug. 20	News-Press	Repellent Clothes
Jul. 3	Shell Point Mag.		Mosquitoes	Aug. 21	Wink	Mosquitoes
Jul. 7	News-Press		Mosquitoes	Aug. 25	NBC-2	Mosquitoes
Jul. 8	Wink		Mosquito Activity	Aug. 26	NBC-2	Larvicide Activities
Jul. 9	NBC-2		Mosquito Activity	Aug. 26	ABC-7	Larvicide Activities
Jul. 14	Fox		Standing Water	Aug. 27	Wink	Mosquitoes
Jul. 15	Nbc-2		Rainfall and Mosquitoes	Aug. 27	WGCU Radio	Mosquito Predators
Jul. 15	Bonita Banner		Standing Water	Aug. 28	News-Press	Tropical Storm Fay
Jul. 17	Wink		Mosquitoes	Aug. 28	NBC-2	Surveillance and Scheduling
Jul. 17	Fox		Mosquitoes	Sep. 3	NBC-2	Budget
Jul. 17	WGCU Radio		Mosquitoes			

**Tours & Presentations**



Education and Communication provided over 39 tours and or presentations for the District in addition to the 50th Anniversary Open House and April Open House.

**Edison Day of Discovery**



**Summer Camp Tours, Family of Faith**





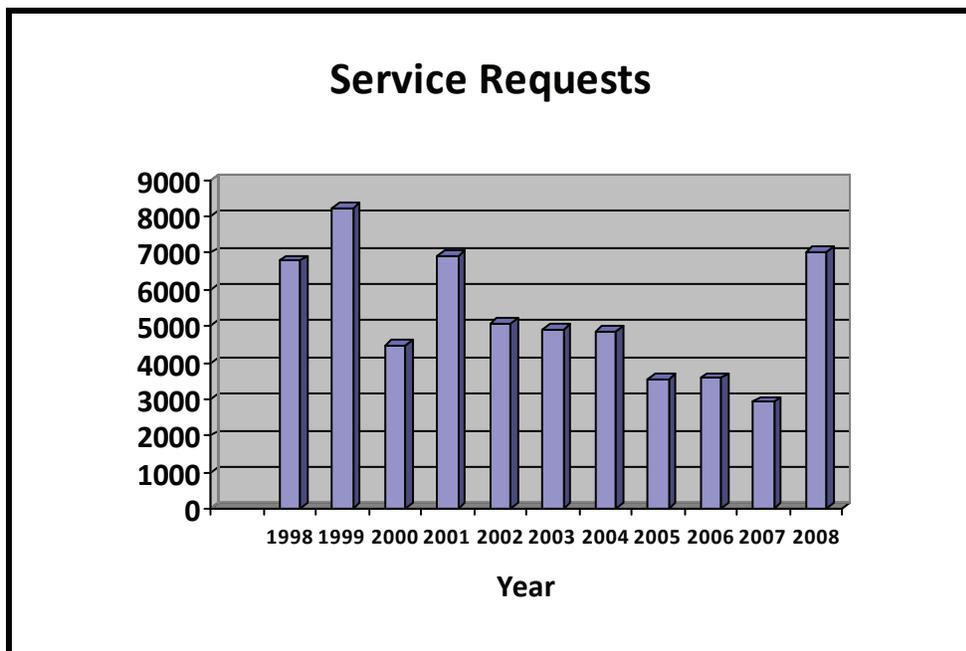
**Receptionist Jean Mavrelis**

## Education and Communication Education and Communication

### **Service Requests**

The central life line for the District is communications. When residents call to let us know they have a mosquito problem, the receptionist logs the caller's name and address. Once the call is logged, the request will be sent to an inspector to evaluate the severity of the problem. Service requests are automatically geo-coded on a map to assist the Mosquito Control Section have a quick visualization of areas experiencing mosquitoes. Should calls become too numerous, inspectors will check general areas for mosquitoes rather than each service request site.

2008 was a busy year for service requests with a total of 6786 calls. The last time the District recorded over 6000 service requests in a year was 2001. The busiest month for 2008 was July with 2174 service requests. August had fewer total calls, but it had some of the busiest days recorded by the District. On August 26, the District logged 515 service requests. 515 calls equates to the receptionist and assistants taking 1.1 service requests every minute of the day.





# Education and Communication

## Education and Communication

### Educational Programs

#### Mission Statement

*To enhance the scientific and environmental literacy of the younger citizens of Lee County to augment their lifetime understanding of the science related to mosquito control.*

The Lee County Mosquito Control District takes great pride in an educational program designed to teach our school age children about mosquitoes and the role that mosquito control plays in the local community. Our classroom programs are conducted in collaboration with classroom teachers. Programs are designed for grades five, seven, and high school chemistry and biology classes and support Florida's Sunshine State Standards in a variety of areas. Films, readings, slide/Powerpoint programs, discussions, art activities and lab experiences are utilized to teach the objectives of each five-day unit. These hands-on learning experiences are being offered county-wide to public and private schools. Students learn to identify different kinds of mosquitoes, their habitats and life cycles, and are familiarized with the techniques currently being used to control mosquitoes. This is a learning experience many will never forget. In addition, instructors are active with local, state and national committees devoted to mosquito control and environmental education.

Environmental Resource Teachers

Brian Murphy

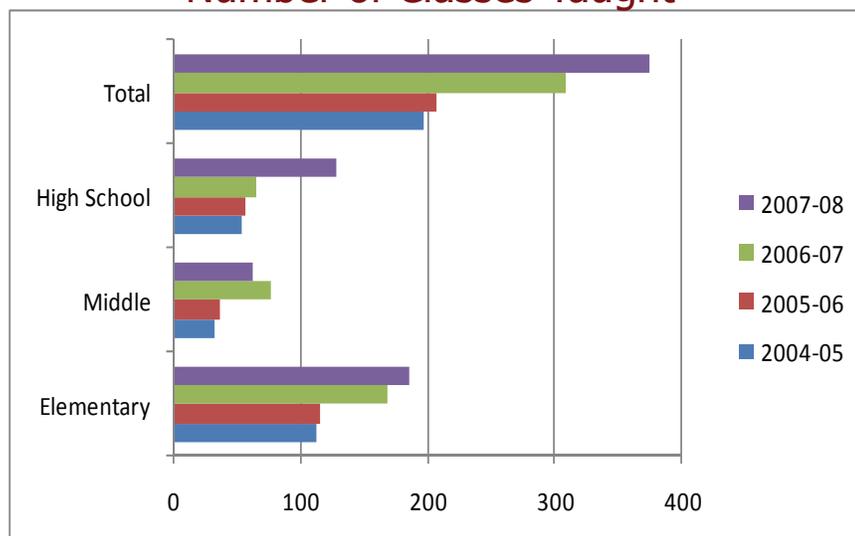
Courtney Dwyer Satkoski

Florida Gulf Coast University Instructor

Neil Wilkinson



#### Number of Classes Taught



Updated Web Site

### Education and Communication



The Aquatic Systems website was completely updated to allow teachers and the public to access resource materials. The site can be accessed by going to [www.lcmcd.org](http://www.lcmcd.org) and clicking on the Aquatic Systems Website link or going directly to [www.mosquitoed.com](http://www.mosquitoed.com)



Nathaniel Brockert, Florida Gulf Coast University Biology Major had to design a Senior research project. Nathaniel chose to design a mosquito trapping program to monitor for a newly introduced mosquito species. He is modeling the work done by George O'Meara and LCMCD on *Aedes albopictus*. Neil Wilkinson served as Nathaniel's advisor for the project.



Ten Interns were selected to work with the Aquatic Systems program. They are Stefanie Dupree, Allison Erlenbusch, Amy Everett, Billy Gareau, Tiffany Logan, Jessica Phillips, Mike Powelson, Megan Rager, Brittany Smith, and Jeff Talbott.

Florida Gulf Coast University Intern Program



FGCU Student Intern Activities

- 5th grade aquatic critter collecting
- 5th grade classroom materials preparation
- 5th grade lab teaching
- High school lab materials prep and school deliveries
- High school lab co-teaching with a regular classroom teacher
- New kindergarten program teaching
- 5th grade program teaching (all 3 days)
- Middle school program teaching (all 3 days)
- Potential major collaboration with the College of Education through the Whitaker Center



# Facilities and Aviation

## Facilities and Aviation



Deputy  
Director of  
Facilities and  
Aviation

Carmen  
McKinney



**Carmen McKinney**

### Facilities and Aviation

The Facilities and Aviation Department consists of the facilities and building maintenance, pilots and airport management, aircraft maintenance, fleet maintenance and ground maintenance groups. Carmen McKinney is the Deputy Director for facilities and aviation and a licensed pilot.



### Facilities and Building Maintenance

The Facilities and Maintenance Department personnel are responsible for the maintenance and repair of over 18 buildings with a total of over 180,000 square feet. This responsibility also includes non-building structures such as the general maintenance of all insecticide tanks, fuel tank farm, roadways and drainage of the District property.

Manager  
Facilities &  
Building  
Maintenance  
Mark  
Mavrelis

Painter  
David Diaz

Electrician  
Jake Sluski

Carpenter  
James Amici



**Manager Mark Mavrelis, David Diaz,  
Jake Sluski, and James Amici**

The Quonset hut donated to the District by Boca Grande Fire District was taken down and reassembled by the Facilities and Building Maintenance crew. The structure helps protect vehicles and large equipment from the weather.



Aviation

Facilities and Aviation

Aviation and Airport Management

The pilots of Lee County Mosquito Control District have vast experience. Combined they have over 200+ years of flying. District pilots have a variety of backgrounds such as airline, corporate, forestry, military, and off-shore commercial. The pilots completed over 100 hours of ground and flight training during 2007. In addition to flying, pilots have participated in school programs, tours of the District, Aviation days, and other community outreach projects.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Lee County Mosquito Control District pilots, new rules were adopted by the Lee County Commissioners during 2007 that require all new towers in the county to use reflective tape. This is the first municipality to require this type of safety enhancement.

The pilots were brainstorming ways to make low level, night-time flying safer. First, they added night vision goggles to increase visibility. Second, they added lights under the belly of the aircraft to enhance the night vision goggles for even better visibility. Now they have experimented and field tested reflective tape to mark towers and guide wires.

The tape used for this is 3M DOT reflective tape, the type that is used on traffic signs. The reflective tape has advantages over tower lighting when used in conjunction with aircraft lights. With the reflective tape and aircraft lights combination, the tower lights up to the pilot even if the tower is not lit and helps make the tower and guide wires stand out from other light sources. This could prove a life saver after storms or other power failures.

The next step is passing an ordinance to mark older towers that were built prior to August 2007. The District has gained support from the Lee County Commissioners and expects the ordinance to pass in the future.

Chief Pilot  
Eugene  
Sutton

Airport  
Manager &  
Pilot

Jim  
McKeever

Pilots

Scott Bates

Thurburn  
Botterill

Dave  
Johnston

Lee Reed



Dave Johnston, Jim McKeever, Chief Pilot Gene Sutton, Lee Reed, Scott Bates, and Thurburn Botterill



Aviation Days at Page



# Facilities and Aviation

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### Aircraft Maintenance

The aircraft maintenance department is composed of aircraft mechanics—also called FAA A & P mechanics; which inspect, repair, and service all Lee County Mosquito Control District aircraft. Although the crews are divided between Helicopters and Fixed wing, they each are capable of working on any of the District's aircraft. Every District aircraft mechanic has his FAA A&P certification with the exception of the Radio repairman Mr. Woodside. Several mechanics also hold FAA Inspection Authorization ratings.



**Rick Fitzgerald, John Mullin, David Statler, Manager Al Bennett, Gary Bonnough, Robert A. Harper, Robert L. Harper, and Robert Richardson**

Manager  
Aircraft  
Maintenance

Al Bennett

Aircraft  
Mechanic II

Robert A.  
Harper

Robert L.  
Harper

Gary Skelton

Aircraft  
Mechanic I

Gary  
Bonnough

Rick  
Fitzgerald

John Mullin

Robert  
Richardson

David Statler

Marco  
Workman

Radio Repair

Paul  
Woodside



**Marco Workman**



**Gary Skelton**



**Paul Woodside**



# Facilities and Aviation

## Facilities and Aviation

Manager  
Fleet  
Maintenance  
George  
Baker

Lead Fleet  
Mechanic  
Brian  
Campbell

Fleet  
Mechanics

Curtis Doub

Scott  
Johnson

Jeff Wagner

Machinist &  
Fabricator  
Cesar  
Bacares

Welder  
Tom Peters

Grounds  
Supervisor  
Jeff Zentz

Lawn  
Maintenance  
Technician  
William  
Vasquez

Maintenance  
Technician  
Darrell  
Petrey



### Fleet Maintenance

The Fleet Maintenance department of Lee County Mosquito Control District performs maintenance for all non-aviation equipment. This includes component repair and rebuilds, diagnostics, electronics, welding and fabrication, machining, painting, and bodywork. This department is also called upon to perform many tasks outside their normal routine, such as the removal and placement of chemical and fuel storage tanks, meter calibrations, and Logistics.



**Cesar Bacares, Scott Johnson, Curtis Doub, Brian Campbell, Manager George Baker, and Jeff Wagner**



**Tom Peters, who splits his time as a welder and ground larvicide inspector.**



### Grounds

The Grounds Department is responsible for maintaining the grounds of the District headquarters. This includes maintaining the lawn, vegetation, runways, and ponds. An additional duty is washing equipment and vehicles.



**William Vasquez**

### Supervisor, Jeff Zentz



**Darrell Petrey**



Anniversaries

Five Years  
of Service



Cesar Bacares

Robert L. Harper



Lisa Hunt



Paul Morgan



Lee Reed



Ten Years  
of Service



Donald Claytor, Jr.

Commissioner Thomas B. Hart



Anniversaries

Fifteen Years of Service



Sandy Gross



John Jeter, III



Jean Mavrelis



Twenty Five Years of Service



Dr. Jonathan Hornby



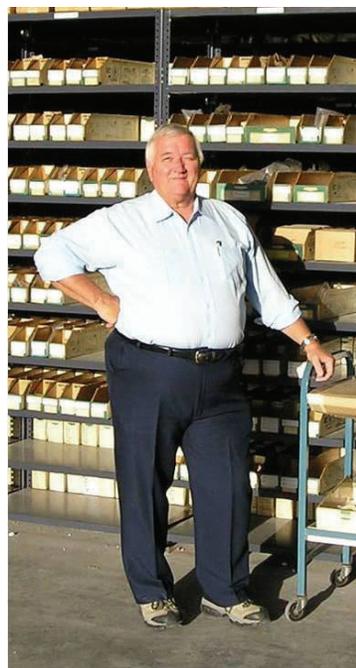
Mark Mavrelis



New & Retired Employees



New Employee: Rodney Wolford



Retired Employee:

Ron Bowman started work for the District September 4, 1978 and retired January 11, 2008. Ron was the master of inventory.



# 50th Anniversary Celebration

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*The Commissioners of the  
Lee County Mosquito Control District  
Cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the  
50th Anniversary  
of the Lee County Mosquito Control District  
January 17, 2008  
from 1:00 P.M. To 4:00 P.M.  
at District Headquarters  
15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida*



**Mike Ellis, Terry Stewart and Paul Sanborn**



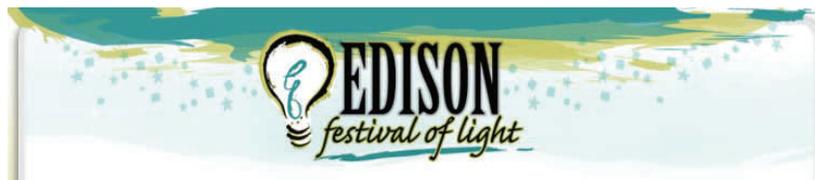
**William Opp, T. Wayne Miller, Jr., Representative Nick Thompson, T. Wayne Gale, Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp, Commissioner Thomas Hart, , Commissioner Mike Ellis, And Commissioner Richard Pritchett , III**



A Big  
Thanks to  
Lee County  
EMS  
And  
Tice Fire  
Protection  
and  
Rescue  
District  
For  
Supporting  
the  
Celebration



Newsworthy Events



Edison Festival Of Light

The District participated in the Edison Festival of Light activities in two major events. First, the District provided an educational display at the Edison Day of Discovery Interactive Family Area, which is held with the Edison Regional Science Fair. The booth and helicopter static display was at Centennial Park from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The second event was entering a float in the Grand Parade. The float won a First place trophy for the best float made by a company or agency.



Aerial Short Course

The Florida Mosquito Control Association in cooperation with Lee County Mosquito Control District host the Annual Aerial Short Courses. Classes were held January 15 through the 18. The classes have become the best our industry has to offer with students coming from Greece, Italy, the Grand Cayman Islands and over 16 states. There were 165 students and the highlight of the course was the spray demonstrations from the United States Air Force.



USAF C-130 Spraying Demonstration



## Newsworthy Events

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LCMCD has chosen to purchase helicopters to replace an aging fleet. The six larger helicopters, also known as a Huey, are around 40 years old. The Bell 206, also known as a Jet Ranger, have been used primarily for inspection work in close areas and for smaller treatment missions are aging as well. The 407 is small enough to get into tight landing zones like the 206, but it has a greater lift capacity. The extra lift capacity makes the 407 superior to the 206 in flexibility. The District purchased a used 2003 Bell 407 for \$2,625,000.

### Bell 407



### Donation



The District donated a retired helicopter to Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology on February 28, 2008. This program is to prepare students for employment or advanced training in the commercial and general aviation industry. While the helicopter was not suitable for operating, it provides a valuable learning tool for students.



Newsworthy Events

Open House

50th Anniversary Open House  
April 12, 2008

Events at the open house included tours of Lee County Mosquito Control District headquarters, a static display of aircraft and equipment, display of mosquito control classroom programs, viewing of the District video, and Tice Fire Prevention and Rescue District brush truck and fire engine.



Come See What All The  
**BUZZ**  
Is About!



**1958 - 2008**  
**LEE**  
*Mosquito Control*  
**DISTRICT**  
**COUNTY**  
**50th ANNIVERSARY**

**Open House**  
April 12th • 9 am - 4 pm

**Events will include:**

- Tours of Lee County Mosquito Control District headquarters
- A static display of aircraft & equipment
- Display of mosquito control classroom programs
- Viewing of District video
- Tice Fire Prevention & Rescue District will display a brush fire truck & fire engine.

*Walking is required to reach many of the open house events.*

**11171 Newstead Rd., Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971**  
A map to the District is available at <http://www.lcmcd.org>.  
For more information or to get more District info call (239) 694-2774.

FGCU Visit

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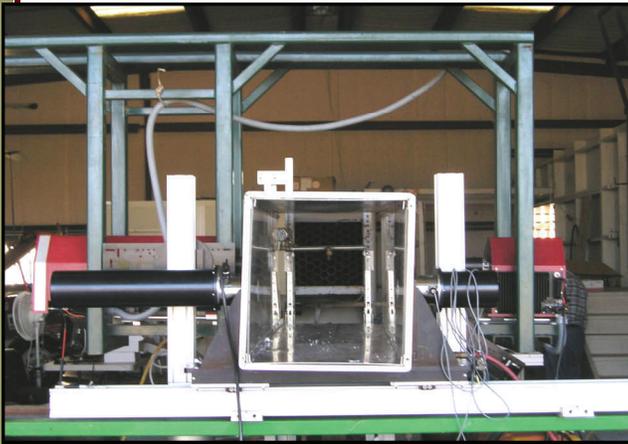
Dr. Wilson G. Bradshaw, President of Florida Gulf University, and Joe Shepard, VP Administration Services and Finance -FGCU, visited the District April 23rd. Dr. Bradshaw is the newly appointed President of the University. Commissioner Pat Mann greeted him on behalf of our District Board of Commissioners. Executive Director Gale, Neil Wilkinson and Dr. Jon Hornby accompanied them on a tour of the Mosquito Labs, after viewing our new District video. Dr. Bradshaw was impressed with the laboratories and was surprised at the depth of the knowledge and experience of the District's personnel. He was thoroughly pleased with the cooperative ventures between the District educators and their interns from FGCU. Dr. Bradshaw even felt this program might be expanded.



Newsworthy Events

Laser Comparison

Dr. Jon Hornby, of the LCMCD Field Validation Division, performed a project with Clint Hoffman of the USDA at College Station, Texas. The project was to compare the Malvern Laser Particle Analyzer from LCMCD Wind Tunnel with the Sympatec Laser Particle Analyzer used by the USDA in Texas. This side by side comparison demonstrated that both brands provide the same results. Flat fan, high pressure and rotary nozzle spray systems were included in the comparisons. LCMCD provided the high-pressure spray system as well as our laser.



As a bonus to the project, Todd Walker, Navy Entomology Center of Excellence, Jacksonville, FL, included their Phase Doppler Particle Analyzer (PDPA) as an additional comparison. The PDPA measures the speed and size of drops passing within a cubic inch area of the spray cloud, while the others analyze the whole cloud for droplet size.



District Video

The last District video was over ten years old. The District contracted with the public television station WGCU to film and produce a new eighteen minute video providing an overview of District activities. Michael Gulnac was the videographer and editor. Sheri Coleman was production Director and Rod Clarke was the producer and edited the script. The video is shown to visitors at the District. It can also be seen on the government access channel 98 Bonita TV.



Fiber Replaces Copper

Under the Direction of Keith Lowe, City-Tel Communications replaced copper conduit between buildings with fiber to improve our computer systems. Conduit had to be replaced between multiple buildings as electrical pulses passing through the copper was degrading and lightning strikes could disable the entire system. This update greatly improves the District computer network and it will also serve as a foundational upgrade for several future projects.





**C-47's and Huey Helicopters are moved from the flight line to minimize wind damage.**

### TROPICAL STORM FAY

The rains lasted for more than a week. By the time "Fay" went northward most of Lee County was literally under water and grossly flooded. At times, Fay's winds gusted up to 65 mph. Many tree limbs and branches were strewn on the roads. The storm was expected to hit the coast line but then made a turn into the regions of Lehigh, Alva, North Ft. Myers, Labelle and then up to Moore Haven. Residents from several mobile home parks in Bonita Springs were flooded out. Many of those residents fled to shelters with their mere belongings of bedding and some clothes before the sheet flow from Charlotte County hit their area and further damaged their property. "Fay" added to an already active mosquito season.



**Gary Skelton finishes securing the Bell 206 and 407 helicopters in the Lee County Sheriff's Gun Range.**



## Newsworthy Events

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#### Mosquito Identification Class



Katie Heggemeier taught an *Introduction to Common Adult Mosquitoes Found in Lee County, FL*. Katie had 30 students and she held classes in our Bailey Building. This information is also a very good refresher course before our big mosquito season starts. Her attendees received three (3) Continuing Education Credits towards the FL State's requirements for renewal of their Public Health Licenses.



#### Mosquito Class at FGCU

Neil Wilkinson received permission from Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) to offer a class titled *Mosquitos — Biology, Disease and Control*. This class was offered to upper level environmental studies majors for the Spring 2008 semester. FGCU required seven (7) students to enroll for the class in order to support it. Over 20 students signed up almost immediately. The texts for the class are [The American Plague](#) by Molly Caldwell Crosby and [The Mosquito Wars](#) by Gordon Patterson. John Beidler, retired Director of Indian River County Mosquito Control and honorary Dean of Florida Mosquito Control, was guest lecturer on March 25th providing a class on impoundments. Neil's goals include educating Environmental Science majors that will be working with mosquito control programs in the future through regulatory and advisory positions.



#### New Phone System



The new phone system arrived on Sept. 25th. Our phone vendor, Mock Engineering Inc., installed and programed the system. Some of the benefits of the new phone system includes, new phones, voicemail for everyone, remote access to voicemail, caller ID, and access to the phone directory from the phone's display. The change over in phone systems was very smooth thanks to Keith Lowe and Mock Engineering.



## Newsworthy Events

### AVIATION DAYS—PAGE FIELD

November 15, 2008

The local newspaper reported that approximately 6,000 people attended Aviation Days. The District was very visible with a DC-3, a Bell 407, a Bell UH-1H (Huey), a Bell 206 Jet Ranger, a nurse truck, a trap truck and a spray truck; along with District banners and educational information. Carmen McKinney, Jim McKeever, Scott Bates, Thurbie Botteril, Robert Hedrick, Sonny Williams and Pat Ferrara explained the functions of the equipment, mosquito control efforts and handed out over 300 goody bags of LCMCD information material when they ran out. Visitors arrived at 9 am (officially the gates opened at 10 am) and people were still on site after 4 pm.



The mix/load building was completed in December. Pesticide mix-load facilities are designed to eliminate environmental contamination while sprayers are being filled with water and product and also designed for containment and recovery of spilled pesticides and herbicides.

Increased worker safety was a major stimulus for building a mix-load facility. Worker Protection Standard necessities incorporated into the mix-load building includes: 1) an emergency shower for personal decontamination, 2) an eye wash station, 3) storage areas for personal protection equipment (ppe), and 4) a area/receptacle for disposable ppe and pesticide containers.



Aviation Days

Mix/Load Building



Newsworthy Events

Advanced Public Health Certification

Advanced Certification

Lenore Bishop, Don Claytor, Jr., Ken Soliven and Michael Thomas attained the Advanced Public Health Certification from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. There are very few public health applicators throughout the State of Florida with the advanced certification and the District is proud to have four.



**Lenore Bishop**



**Donald Claytor, Jr.**



**Ken Soliven**



**Michael Thomas**

