

# WHAT'S NEWS?



On May 26, 2005 the Lee County Elections Office held the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Election Center. The event was attended by Secretary of State, Glenda Hood, Director of the Division of Elections, Dawn Roberts, Lee County Commissioners Doug St. Cerny, Tammy Hall, Ray Judah, Bob Janes and John E. Albion. Poll Workers and the citizens of Lee County were invited to attend.

This facility is certainly something for this county to be proud of! We have 53,700 square feet of space that houses our third full service Branch Office. This will provide Lee County citizens with their fourth early voting location! The Election Center is the coordinating facility for recruiting and training poll workers. This is the storage and maintenance facility for elections equipment.

The Election Center is not just for the benefit of the Election's Office, but is a multi-dimensional center that serves other county offices, as well as the entire state of Florida. In October we hosted both a statewide Voter Education Workshop and a User's Meeting at our new facility. The User's Meetings are for the 12 counties that use the ES & S iVotronic touchscreen voting system. They met with representatives from ES & S to learn more about the upgrade for the voting system and to share ideas. The Voter Education Workshop was co-hosted with Collier County and attended by representatives from 20 counties who met to share ideas and learn more about promoting voter awareness and voter education within their communities. Florida Gulf Coast University recently held a week long training class at the Election Center.