

Open House draws big crowd



The FMC Middleport plant hosted an Open House Saturday on May 17. More than 340 people visited the plant to tour the upgraded on-site water treatment plant and the mixing and packaging operations, and to take a walking tour of the Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) areas.

Guests at the Open House enjoyed hot dogs, chips and pop

and a wide variety of activities and giveaways.

The Middleport Fire Department and the Middleport Police Department also participated and provided valuable information to visitors about fire and gun safety.

Upgrades to FMC's on-site water treatment facility were the main focus of the Open House and Environmental Manager Bob Wojcik led tours highlighting the recent

work done to enhance the plant's capabilities. Congratulations to Open House prize winners Kaylin Anderson, the iPod Nano; Abby Murphy, the Coleman camp grill; Theresa Marie and Carolyn Millen, the auto safety kits; Kelly Ames, the \$50 Basket Factory gift certificate.

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Work on Phase 2 FMC North Railroad property scheduled for this summer

Work on the Phase 2 North Railroad Interim Corrective Measure is scheduled to take place this summer. The project, which FMC is conducting in cooperation with the federal and state regulatory Agencies, calls for installation of an engineered cover over a section of the FMC-owned property adjacent to the railroad line on the northwest boundary of the plant site. This area is inside the plant fence.

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Earlier this spring, utility poles were replaced by National Grid in preparation for the work. The work plan for the project has been reviewed and approved by the government regulatory Agencies and is available in the

document repository at the Middleport Free Library on Vernon Street.

Weather permitting, the project is expected to begin in July and take approximately 4-5 weeks to complete.

CAMU application submitted to regulatory Agencies

FMC submitted a draft application for a proposed Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) to the regulatory Agencies on March 27, 2008. A CAMU is an engineered land disposal unit authorized under RCRA for the management of remediated waste generated during environmental cleanups. The Agencies will review the draft application and provide FMC with comments. The application will then be revised based on these comments and will be available for further comment at a public meeting about the CAMU.

FMC has held various meetings about the proposal with the community at the FMC Neighborhood house, has posted podcasts and fact sheets on the Middleport Web site and has discussed the CAMU proposal with local elected of-

ficials and the Middleport Community Input Group.

We will continue to inform the community of the status of FMC's CAMU application and provide information about upcoming public meetings.



A Coffee House was held at the FMC Neighborhood House May 29. Dr. Kelly McIntosh presented an update on the CAMU application followed by walking tours on the plant site.

Pilot phytoremediation study begins

In early June, FMC began planting various plants on approximately 8 acres of land to the north of the plant site to test the plants' ability to take in or absorb arsenic from the soil. This is part of a phytoremediation study that is being conducted by FMC to determine its feasibility for use.

Phytoremediation uses plants to transfer contaminants from the soil into the plant. There will be multiple plantings of different types of plants throughout the summer as part of this new study.

Plants can clean up contaminants in soil as deep as their roots can go. Once inside the plant, the contaminants can be stored in the roots, stems or leaves. Afterward, they are harvested and destroyed at approved disposal facilities.

A Coffee House to explain details of the study featuring Paul Deustch of Geomatrix Consultants will be held July 19 at 11 a.m. at the FMC Neighborhood House. All residents are encouraged to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to Debra Overkamp at 735-7939 by July 16.



What's new at the FMC Middleport plant

By Dana Thompson, FMC Plant Manager



"Safety Day" gets high grades

While this spring we were very busy with higher than expected production volumes, the launch of a new insecticide, Brigadier, for use on cotton, in late April and the Open House on May 17, there is another news item that has gotten a lot of attention.

On April 29, all of the Middleport plant's personnel began a new program that we are all very excited about - Safety Day.

Safety has always been a high priority at FMC and it continues to be so as we begin this new program to promote and make job safety the center of one whole day each month.

On Safety Day, which takes place the third week of each month, there is no production at the plant. Regular plant operations shut down and only safety-related activities are conducted from beginning to end. This means that plant employees change roles - the operators are now in charge of teams of crew that includes supervisors, and lead them in activities like housekeeping in areas to keep them clean and organized or taking part in a session about ladder safety.

At lunch time, the employees share their meal together and are

able to talk about the activities their team worked on in their different areas.

At the end of the day, a wrap up session is held and the team leaders report on their team's progress and identify what other areas could be addressed at the next Safety Day.

The plant has been very busy, but never too busy to take the safety of our employees, visitors and neighbors very seriously, which is why this day devoted to a safe environment is so important. It began with a suggestion from the Union management's Safety Committee.

To me, this day shows everyone that we care about safety, no matter what role you have. The great participation by all of the employees is an indication that we all value safety at the Middleport FMC plant.



Even visitors take part in Safety Day. Joan Van Parys, FMC Human Resources Partner from Philadelphia, helped me to straighten and sweep a production area when she visited the plant in May. Joan came to see what Safety Day was all about and to meet our plant employees.

Dana R. Thompson

Introducing Bonnie Difino and Bill Pasko



We welcome Bonnie Difino, the plant's new Inventory Clerk. Bonnie, who is a Lockport resident and has experience in operations, says she is "Very pleased with her new opportunity in Middleport and appreciates being able to work a day shift."



Dana Thompson, Middleport Plant Manager, showed Bill Pasko, the new FMC North American Operations Manager around the Middleport plant on his visit this spring. Bill came to the plant on Safety Day in May and helped his team organize the Command 3ME area production area.

FMC Employee wins President's Award

Harold Scribner is the proud recipient of the Lyndonville Fire Company's 2007-2008 President's Award. The award is presented to a volunteer firefighter in recognition of their outstanding achievement.

Scribner has a 42-year history of service in the Department that includes time as Chief, First Assistant Chief, Second Assistant Chief, Fire Captain, and First Aid Captain. He has also served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President. Harold is presently the Fire Police Captain and Safety and Accountability Officer.

Harold is a 34-year employee at the FMC Corporation in Middleport where he works as a Surface Water Operator, and is also a member of FMC Middleport's onsite Emergency Response Team. He often puts his Red Cross First Aid Certification to use teaching refresher courses to the other employees at the plant.



For more information go to Middleport's Community Web site:

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PPP Spring Tour of Homes



FMC's Property Price Protection program hosted a spring Tour of Homes Saturday, April 12. Twenty homes for sale in the program were open to interested

buyers with most homes having 50 to 70 visitors. Winners of the prizes were Iris Parlier, who won \$600 worth of appliances, Pat Pane won the \$250 gift card and Gloria Fierch, the Grand Prize winner, won the flat panel television.



The FMC Neighborhood Office at 17 Vernon St. is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call us at 735-7939.

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FMC Middleport May 2008 Open House - Sharing Information



Members of the Middleport Fire and Police Departments explained some of their emergency response capabilities and handed out fire prevention and safety information to visitors.



Environmental Manager Bob Wojcik talked about FMC's onsite water treatment plant before guests took that highlighted the recent upgrades to the facility.



FMC helps Village celebrate Arbor Day

Debra Overkamp, FMC Community Liaison (center), Mayor Julie Maedl, her grandson Evan (left) and Village Coordinator Dan Dodge (right) helped the Royalton-Hartland Elementary School students plant a tree in Margaret Droman Park on the canal bank to celebrate Arbor Day 2008. The FMC Middleport plant donated the oak tree, which was planted in memory of Robert Maedl, the Mayor's late husband.

This year's theme was "Trees Make a World of Difference" and the students also competed in a poster contest to illustrate the theme. The annual tree planting ceremony fulfills one of the requirements for the Village of Middleport to be a member of Tree City, USA.

