

Our Mission: It is the express intent of the FMC Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP) to provide residents of Middleport credible information regarding community issues, environmental concerns, and FMC plant activities.



Viewpoints

SPRING 2009

## Focus on Products and Production

**By Glen Wilson, Furadan Team Leader**

*The CAP invited Glen Wilson to their March 2009 meeting to present the following information.*

The Middleport plant has been busy as we have taken on the formulation of some key products formerly handled at FMC's Jacksonville, Florida plant.

The equipment used in Jacksonville for Hero, Mustang Max and Fury insecticides has been transported and installed in Middleport including the machinery for milling and mixing the technical ingredients, and the equipment for packaging them in the wide variety of



containers that our customers require.

While the majority of the work has been completed, we are still retrofitting some of this equipment with an eye on safety as well as efficiency.

FMC Middleport's plant personnel have done a great job

of taking on this exciting challenge, and they have been able to make certain modifications to the packaging lines as they installed them that allow us to be better able to meet the demand for FMC's crop protection products.



The successful move of the mixing and packaging of these products from Jacksonville to Middleport is due to their skill and dedication.

### THE MIDDLEPORT CAP MEMBERS

Dee Collins  
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Dick Westcott  
Bryan Wollenberg

Ann Howard – Facilitator  
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While we were taking on the formulation of these products, we also prepared our key product lines Command, Furadan and Talstar ready for our customers for use this spring. The demand for FMC's products was strong in 2008, and we forecast that trend to continue in 2009.



We have also welcomed some new employees to Middleport. In December, Roland Rhodes, Second Engineer and Alan Ulicny, Operations Engineer joined us and in January, Barry Downes started as Middleport's new Safety Manager. We are pleased to have their experience and expertise on our team.

Another item I am pleased to report about is our work to conserve energy and reduce costs. One such project of John Burinsky's, FMC Formulations Area Leader, is providing us with a visual comparison of the plant's monthly utility usage over the past year. John has an energy usage comparison chart hanging in a high-traffic area so that plant personnel can gauge how we are using our resources.



We look forward to a productive year as we continue to grow our business and share what we do at the FMC Middleport plant with our neighbors and the

Royalton-Hartland community through the CAP's newsletter.

### About Our New Products

As I noted above, the following products, formerly mixed and packaged in Jacksonville, Florida, are now being formulated in Middleport. Here is an overview of these agricultural crop protection products that farmers use to protect their crops and improve crop yield.



Hero is an insecticide for fast and long-lasting control of insects such as soybean aphids, beet armyworm, fall armyworm, velvetbean caterpillar, thrips, cabbage looper, Japanese beetle (adults), stink bugs and army cutworms and mites. Hero is used to protect soybeans, tomatoes, head lettuce, corn, cotton, root and tuber plants, including potatoes.



Mustang Max is an insecticide used on a variety of tree, fruit and vegetable crops. Among other crops, it is commonly used on cotton, corn, tree nut crops, most vegetables, tomatoes, alfalfa, pome fruit, rice, grapes, wheat, and stone fruit. Mustang Max controls insects such as peach twig borer, navel orangeworm, walnut husk fly, cabbage looper, aphids, leaf hoppers, silver-leaf whiteflies and bollworm, among others.

Fury is an insecticide used on berries, citrus fruit, a wide variety of vegetables, soybeans and legumes. Fury controls beetles, weevils, moths, aphids, borers, peanut worms, cut worms, grasshoppers and many more pests.



If anyone has any questions about these or any of the products mixed and packaged in Middleport, please call me at 735-3761, Ext. 296. I encourage you to learn about the plant and what we do, as we are proud of our employees, our products, and our safety initiatives at FMC in Middleport.

## Comments From the CAP

The members of the Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP) would like to share their comments with the community after hearing Glen Wilson's plant update at their March 2009 meeting. The article on pages 1-2 of this newsletter was written from details of his presentation.

"I am impressed by Glen Wilson's comments about his personal pride that he feels for FMC. This says a lot about FMC leadership."

"The emphasis on safety is very reassuring."

"When an employee (Bryan Wollenberg) speaks so well of the company, that is a very positive reflection of the leadership."

"The emphasis on energy savings is very smart ."

"It is very encouraging that a local business is doing so well in light of the problems of the national economy. Not every company can say they are doing well these days."

"It is impressive that a local business is doing so well. The whole community can be proud of FMC's accomplishments."

## CAP Member Profiles: Paul and Dee Collins

*By Dick Owen, Middleport CAP Member*

Paul and Dee Collins joined the CAP in October 2008. They were married in the not too distant past, found a house they liked, and decided to make Middleport their home in 2007. Paul is from Springfield, Massachusetts and Dee is from Wilson, New York.

Paul served in the Navy for 20 years and then worked for 14 years at Milton Bradley. He also was able to see some

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*Paul and Dee Collins are both Middleport residents. They moved into the Village in 2007 and enjoy walking around and meeting people.*

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## CAP Members Paul and Dee Collins

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of the world while serving our country on the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy. Now days, Paul likes to get a little golfing time in during the summer.

Dee worked at Stedman's Nursery for 10 years and also worked in real estate. She has a passion for doing genealogy and learning the history and roots of her family as well as other people of interest.

FMC is practically in the backyard of Paul and Dee, and they have taken an interest in finding out the facts about the business and industry in the area.

Paul and Dee enjoy walking the sidewalks of the Village and meeting people. They feel Middleport lives up to its motto of being the "Friendly Village."