

Board Member Bios

Corey Mosher – Corey is a partner at Mosher Farms in Bouckville, a fifth generation fruit, vegetable, grain and hop farm. The farm employs approximately 30 full/part time employees on roughly 1500 acres. Corey came to the farm fifteen years ago, after attending Indiana University. He was a member of the Empire State Food and Agricultural Leadership Institute's LEAD program, graduating in April 2015. He is also currently a board member on the New York Vegetable Growers Association. Corey, his wife, and four children live in Hamilton.

Laura Shoemaker – Laura grew up on a dairy farm in Madison County and has been involved with the dairy and equine industries her whole life. She attended Morrisville State College where she earned an Associate's Degree in Agriculture Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Business. Laura is currently an appraiser with Farm Credit East in the Cooperstown office.

Tara Truett – Tara has been a resident of Madison County for 49 years. She is a retired educator and currently works part-time as the Director of Madison County Reads Ahead, a program that provides tutoring for people seeking their high school equivalency diploma, basic education needs or those seeking English As a Second Language assistance. She has a Master's Degree in Special Education, as well as a degree in Administration and Supervision from St. John's University in Queens. Tara has been connected with CCE since the early 80's when she worked with the Head Start program, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program, as well as being a past 4-H leader and long time 4-H supporter.

Sue Bookhout – Having lived in Colorado for 15 years, Sue has several years of experience as a Forest Health biotech with the US Forest Service. She honed her business and non-profit management skills at the Aspen Global Change Institute, and later as a public-relations professional for the outdoor industry. Sue received her B.S. in Natural Resources from Cornell University, and while a student, worked in the campus CCE office. She is a past board member of Montana based Conservation Hawks and an active member of the NYS Outdoor Writers Association. Sue lives in Fenner with her two German shorthaired pointers and owns SB Media Group, LLC, which specializes in web design and digital marketing.

Monica Cody – Monica moved to Madison County in 2006 and has taken increasing roles in her husband's 4th generation dairy farm, first while working as an Engineer and Continuous Improvement Project Lead at Bristol-Myers Squibb, and now full time while raising their four children. She studied Bioengineering and Engineering Management at Cornell University. She

currently serves on the Town of Fenner Planning Board and has previously served on the YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County's board and as Greater Syracuse Society of Women Engineers' president for four terms. Monica is presently pursuing "ag-vocacy" initiatives to provide agriculturally-accurate books to libraries and schools.

Alexandra Erath - Alexandra Erath is a Sherburne, NY native. She moved back to CNY in 2012, after completing her undergraduate degree and starting her career in Ontario, Canada. She has been partnered with her father, Bruce, in the financial services industry since that time. The two of them formed their own company, Hearth Financial Partners in 2017, which has offices in both Hamilton and Norwich. Alex has been proud to call the village of Hamilton home since moving back to NY. She is an active member of both the Chenango County and Hamilton communities. Alex currently serves on the Board of Directors for Hospice & Palliative Care of Chenango County, and will be joining the board of the Earlville Opera House as of January 2019.

David Hatch – David is currently employed by Farm Credit East in Homer as a Tax Specialist. He graduated from Cornell in 1978 with a BS in Ag Economics and Agronomy. He has been with Farm Credit for over 30 years, serving farms in Onondaga, Cortland and Madison counties. David provides accounting and tax preparations services to farmers. He has been active in several community organizations in Chittenango. David and his wife Elaine live in Chittenango and have three grown children.

Kyle Hirt - Kyle Hirt is a 5th generation dairy farmer from New Woodstock, NY. He attended SUNY Morrisville and studied Animal Science. Kyle then worked as a herdsman on a 4,000 cow dairy and then as a herd manager on a 200 cow dairy before returning home to work in partnership with his family on MITHVA Farms

Mike St. Leger - Mike St. Leger was born in Syracuse, New York to parents who had immigrated to the United States from Ireland. Both of his parents were raised on a farm and Mike has been fortunate enough to visit both family farms during his lifetime. Mike is a graduate of SUNY Oswego with a BA in History and a Political Science minor (1983). He then attended Syracuse University College of Law (1988) and was admitted to the practice of law in 1989. He has been a resident of the Town of Sullivan, County of Madison, since 1970. He currently resides on the Martin Farm on Ridge Road in Cazenovia with his wife, Trish and three children Brigid, Clare and Seamus. He is a partner with Dunn, Bruno & St. Leger, LLP in the General Practice of Law, maintaining offices in both Hamilton and Oneida New York. He is the former Madison County Republican Chair and the current Town of Sullivan Justice.

Mathew Webber – Mat is a life-long Cazenovia resident where he grew up on a dairy farm. Mat, now retired, was the Project Watershed program director for the Izaak Walton League of America. This stream monitoring and water resource education program went to many schools and engaged over 3000 students every year. Data collected is used by state and local government agencies. Mat also brought the Project Watershed program to Cornell Cooperative Extension in Onondaga County where it brings a hands-on outdoor experience to city kids. Mat is a member of the Cazenovia Advisory Conservation Committee, informing the various Town Boards on projects that may impact the environment in that town. Mat has a large garden, and gives presentations throughout the region on growing garlic.

Lorna Wilson – Lorna is Principal Broker and Owner of Hamilton Village Real Estate. She grew up on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania, has a BS in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology from The Pennsylvania State University. She was a 4-H member and club leader. While looking for a science project for her 4-H club, she applied and received a National Science Foundation grant to teach teenage girls about STEM subjects, relating them to driving and maintenance of cars. She lives on a small horse farm with her husband and business partner, Reg. They have two daughters and sons in law and three grandchildren.