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CCE Madison County Celebrates Contributions of Friends and Farms

Residents of Madison County gathered for Cornell Cooperative Extension's Annual Meeting on December xxx celebrating the contributions of farmers, business owners, CCE board members and CCE staff to the betterment of Madison county.

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CCE MC Board President Corey Moser chaired the annual meeting as his final contribution to his three-year term as board Chair. Cooperative Extension bid a reluctant farewell to board President Corey Moser who will be missed, and is looking forward to working with the incoming new Board President Monica Cody, in 2020. CCE Madison would like to extend a warm welcome to several new elected board members as well: Victor Ramirez of Wampsville, Michelle McGinnis of Cazenovia and David Burch Jr. of Cazenovia. The helpful and dynamic Board of Directors at CCE Madison is a very large part of the Cooperative Extension's effectiveness.

Every year, CCE Madison gives four awards to county residents who go above and beyond in their contributions to agriculture. This year the Centennial Farm Award was given to the Wedge Farm whose family farm was founded in Lebanon in 1919 and is still an active dairy farm today. The Heritage Farm Award was given to the Cody Farm in Fenner which began in 1868 with a diverse agricultural presence that then settled firmly into dairy. The Friend of Extension Award was given to Jim Buddenhagen of American National Insurance for ????. Finally, the 4-H Youth in Action Award was given to Kav Young ?? (say more here?? Craig?)

Many thanks to all those who braved the cold to hear about all that Cooperative Extension of Madison County has to offer. We are looking forward to a year of growth and opportunity in 2020.

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