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Chatham County Line is a community newspaper serving all of Chatham County as well as the southern part of Orange. Our mission is to inform our community by providing a forum "where all voices are heard." We seek all views and ideas about our community, and we report on important matters — including our cultural life — comprehensively and in-depth. Our commitment is to create the best-written, best-edited and most stylish community newspaper anywhere. Chatham County Line is published ten times a year.

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### Chatham Trades Seeks New Board Members

**CHATHAM  
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Chatham County residents who want to make an important difference in the lives of developmentally disabled adults have an outstanding opportunity to do just that by serving on the board of directors of Chatham Trades.

Chatham Trades is a nonprofit that provides training in vocational, residential and life skills for intellectually and developmentally disabled county residents. The goal is to help persons with such disabilities to reach their highest degree of self-sufficiency and quality of life.

Chatham Trades seeks applicants for vacancies on its Board of Directors. The initial appointment is a two-year term. Meetings are held a minimum of four times a year on the third Tuesday of month at 5:30 pm. The meeting location rotates between Pittsboro and Siler City.

Applicants should have an interest in programs that serve individuals with disabilities, be able to attend meetings, and actively participate in the operations and planning for Chatham Trades.

Submit a county application form no later than 5 p.m. Friday, July 14. An online form can be found at: <https://chathamnc.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommitteeForm>. If you need a printed or email copy, contact Lindsay Ray, 919.542.8200, or [lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org](mailto:lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org).

For more information about Chatham

Trades, please contact Shawn Poe, 919-663-3481, email [spoe@chathamtrades.org](mailto:spoe@chathamtrades.org)

### Chatham Partnership for Children moving

Both the Main Office and Deegan Drive office of the Chatham Partnership for children have relocated to a new combined facility. The location is 220 Chatham Business Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The mailing address is PO Box 637, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

To visit our new office, turn by the Pittsboro Post Office onto Chatham Business Drive, pass the Laurels of Chatham, and our office is at the end of the road.

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 **State Farm**

## Farming — A Labor of Love

by Mackenzie Withington

Farming is a job, a hard, dirty, laborious, stinky job that I love. I wake up every morning to the roosters crowing and drink my coffee as I watch the farm come alive. Cows love the cool summer mornings as they peacefully graze on the grasses in the fields. Chickens scratch and peck looking for the

next delicious grub to grab and the broody ducks, chickens and geese wonder off their nests to fill their bellies with food from the earth. It is a wonderful way to begin a day that is sure to be full of challenges and delights.

Daily chores begin early in the morning to beat the summer heat.

Animals of all sorts need to be fed and cared for, eggs need to be collected and packed and cows need to be milked. The garden needs to be tended to, tomato plants need to be suckered and hung, weeds need to be pulled and the fruits of our labor need to be harvested.

Barns need to be cleaned, barrels need to be washed, milk tank needs to be sanitized, coolers need to be rinsed and organized, laying boxes need fresh shavings, parlor needs to be swept, trailer needs to be hosed down and watering tanks need to

be scrubbed. Cleaning, organizing and preparing for the week to come is a necessity in daily farm life.

Trips to the processors, loading animals, unloading animals, moving animals to new pasture, picking up feed and hay, fertilizing the fields with the manure collected

daily, seeding for new grasses, helping cows calf, moving pigs about to give birth, building and fixing fences, trouble shooting on why the tractor isn't working and the list goes on and on are additional chores that consume the time of a farmer.

Farming is a labor

of love, a dying trade, a passion and an obsession. And although farming is not always pretty and has its sad days, hard days, days where you wonder why you are doing what you are doing, it is the most rewarding and fulfilling career. Being able to grow and raise the food that feeds my family and our community is priceless, an accomplishment I am proud of!

Mackenzie Withington, and her husband, Tucker, own and operate the Lilly Den Farm in Chatham County near Goldston.



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