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McCoy sworn-in as Lansing alderman



PHOTO BY IAN TAYLOR

Teresa McCoy is sworn in as a Lansing Board of Aldermen member by Mayor Mack Powers Wednesday, June 17.

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LANSING — The Lansing Board of Aldermen is back up to five members after Teresa McCoy was sworn in by Mayor Mack Powers Wednesday, June 17, in Lansing Town Hall.

The was left with four aldermen for the meeting, following the announcement of Jack Brown's

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Same store, new family

Newly renovated, but Todd General Store retains its history

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TODD — Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Todd General Store has captured the hearts of both locals and visitors of Ashe County for more than a century.

On Saturday, June 20, the public was invited to attend a grand opening ceremony at the store, which is located at 3866 Todd Railroad Grade Road.

The ceremony lasted all day and a ribbon cutting by the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce also took place.

Members of the UNCTV production crew were present to film interviews and capture the atmosphere of the newly renovated store.

The newest owners of the historic landmark, the Connell family, have been working diligently on extensive



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The newest owners of the Todd General Store, the Connell family, pose for a photo behind the counter at the Grand Opening ceremony on June 20. Matthew and Andréa, along with their children, Charles and Eleanor, moved to the area from Richmond, VA., before purchasing the historic store in 2019.

renovations to the building and its property.

Matthew and Andréa Connell, along with their two children, Charles and Eleanor, moved to Boone from Richmond, Va., in 2017 after Andréa accepted a job

at Appalachian State University teaching ceramics.

Both Matthew and Andréa previously taught full-time at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.

Andréa said she and Matt often thought about what it

would be like to have their own business and would frequently drive through Todd and see the building. However, they didn't start entertaining the idea until

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State COVID-19 numbers top 54,000, daily average continues to rise

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ASHE COUNTY — North Carolina's COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) numbers are still rising, averaging roughly 1,000 new cases every day.

As of presstime, there are six active cases in Ashe County, with a further 10 people being

monitored.

After the first case confirmed in the county by AppHealthCare April 3, the number of confirmed cases grew to five by April 29. In the month that has followed, the number has increased rapidly, with 34 total now confirmed for Ashe.

The Ashe numbers

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Awards and scholarships handed out at annual Chamber meeting

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ASHE COUNTY — The Ashe County Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting was held Wednesday, June 17, where they elected new board members, awarded scholarships and honors and celebrated the Chamber's year. Instead of the usual, large celebra-

tion, this year's meeting was conducted via Zoom video call, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was sponsored by LifeStore, with president and CEO Bob Washburn thanking the employees of the Chamber for their hard work through difficult times.

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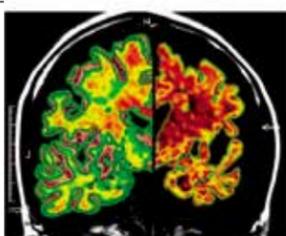
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