

As of March 1, we have only 20 days until spring. Hang in.

"The first day of spring was once the time for taking the young virgins into the fields, there in dalliance to set an example in fertility for nature to follow. Now we just set the clocks an hour ahead and change the oil in the crankcase."

- E.B. White, "Hot Weather," One Man's Meat, 1944



Montford Athlete Looking Toward Olympics

Asheville's Presson Continues Track Career as a Pro

Bob Berghaus, bberghau@citizen-times.com

Isaac Presson is living the dream just 60 miles from home, running for Furman Elite, a professional track program whose coach is a former Olympian, a phrase Presson would like attached to his name some day. continued on page 10...



12th Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival, May 16, 2015

David Baker, Fundraising Committee Chair

It's that time of year, and we are knee deep in planning the 12th Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival, featuring the best musicians the Montford neighborhood has to offer and the finest crafts from around the region. We could never put on the festival without the crucial support of sponsors.

If you own a business or know someone with a business that would like to be a sponsor of the festival, go to **montfordfestival.org** to see how you can help and how the festival can help you. And please, let's give a hearty welcome and lend our support by doing business with the following 2015 festival sponsors. continued on page 11...



CALENDAR

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MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
- Next meeting: **March17**, **2015**, 7pm. Watch the list serve for agenda items. All residents are welcome. Everyone in Montford is a member of the neighborhood association.

SUNDAY ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES

- March 22
- April 19

19 Zillicoa Street, 4-6:30pm; \$6/\$5 (for Old Farmers Ball members). Beginner's session, 3:30pm. Mostly first and third Sunday afternoons.

Check schedule for changes.

Oldfarmersball.com, 230-8449. Caller with live music. Newcomers welcome; dress comfortably with comfortable shoes; fragrance-free

Montford Community Center News

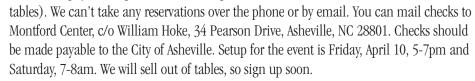
Kim Kennedy, Montford Center Director

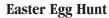
Lucky Leprechauns

Follow the rainbow and turn into a leprechaun. Fun includes shamrocks, making green slime, and a treasure hunt. Program will be held **Monday, March 16, 4-5pm** for youth 4-7 years old. Cost \$5. Pre-register by calling the Montford Center by Wednesday, March 11.

Community Yard Sale

Saturday, April 11 from 8am-1pm. If you are a vendor and would like to sell your gently used wares at the sale, stop by the Montford Center and pay the \$5 per table fee (for up to two





April 4 at 11am. Montford Park, Montford Avenue. Free.

Contact Kim Kennedy at Montford Center, 253-3714 or kkennedy@ashevillenc.gov.



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Historic Asheville Photos Found In 1904 Album "Hot Find" Nearly Recycled

Zoe Rhine of the North Carolina Room, Pack Library, sent us this photo with the caption "A Residential View on Montford Ave." The story of how she came by it is circuitous and remarkable. Very briefly, a woman in Albany, New York was at a sort of junk sale and found a 1904 photo album of Asheville and, after keeping it for awhile, toyed with the idea of throwing it out, but instead mailed it to Pack Library, where the experts in the NC Room knew full well what they'd just received. Rhine said they were some of the best images she's seen and there were lots they didn't have. It included this photo of three houses on Montford Avenue at the turn of the century.

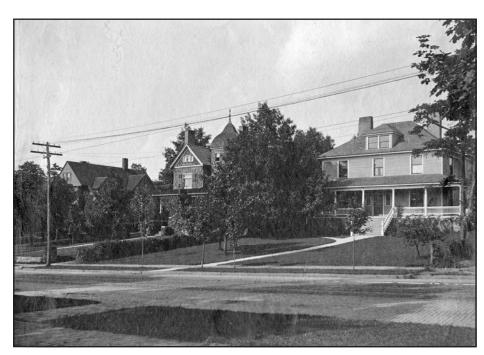
179, 171, and 169 Montford Avenue

From left to right, the houses are 179 Montford Avenue, listed as the Dr. Charles Collins Orr House (c. 1890-1893). One of the older ones on the avenue, it has a front entrance that faces its neighbor to the south, 171 Montford, rather than facing west to the street. The house is still there—and nobody knows why, for sure, the house has that unusual orientation to its lot.

The house that now stands at 171 is architect Michael McDonough's recently built house. The house on the right at 169 is the Locke Craig house. Locke Craig (August 16, 1860 – June 9, 1924) was the 53rd Governor of North Carolina from 1913 to 1917.

The photos, Rhine's research indicated, were shot by James Melton McCanless, an Asheville photographer who kept studios on and near Pack Square from about 1890 to 1920.

To see more photos McCanless and his associates took in Asheville, visit this North Carolina Collection site and search for "McCanless" in the field marked "Creator."





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Concerts On the Quad Returns Monday evenings, 7 – 8:30pm

UNC Asheville's Concerts on the Quad, once a fixture of Asheville's summer calendar, will return this summer. A beautiful Monday evening stroll from Montford. This summer's lineup features five free concerts on UNC Asheville's Quad spanning many musical genres, including shows by two local Asheville bands.

2015 Concerts on the Quad Schedule:

- June 15 Sirius.B (Asheville-based Gypsy funk)
- June 22 Ulali (featuring Pura Fé) (Native American, folk and blues influences)
- June 29 The Malpass Brothers (country)
- July 6 stephaniesîd (Asheville-based "pop-noir" jazz, rock, and more)
- July 13 Chatham County Line (bluegrass)

For more information, contact UNC Asheville Cultural Events & Special Academic Programs at 251.6674.



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

March 11, 2015 at 4pm Tentative Agenda for Montford

Asheville City Building, First Floor North Conference Room, 4pm. Contact Stacy Merten: 259-5836

Visit ashevillenc.gov for the full approved minutes after the following month's meeting.

New Business

170 Montford Avenue	Rear addition and new garage
42 Soco Street Preliminary r	review—new single family residence

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Perform Noel Coward's *Private Lives*

Season Opening

Thursday, March 12, 7:30pm ("Pay what we're worth!") Fridays-Saturdays, 7:30pm, Sundays at 2:30pm Asheville Masonic Temple, 80 Broadway, downtown Asheville

The plot of *Private Lives* involves two couples blissfully on their respective honeymoons until it is discovered that one member of each couple is the ex-spouse of one of the others. When those exes find they really never fell out of love, they run off together, only to find that their mutual hatred informed their relationship as much as their mutual romance. It's a comic dance that examines how much how we fight might be as much a part of our romantic bonds as how we make up.



Ask Away, Montford!

Kelli is a new contributor to the Montford newsletter

Dear Kelli,

Why are stink bugs on every piece of my fabric all of a sudden?
—Signed, Putting Up a Stink About Stink Bugs

Dear Putting Up a Stink,

So you've got stink bugs on your fabric? That's it? Consider yourself lucky. I've got them crawling up walls, across my TV screen ("OMG there's a bug invasion on tonight's episode of the Bachel---no, no that's in my house..."), and trying to keep up with my ceiling fan (what's up with that?). They hide on my TV remote, in my flower vase, at the edge of my cup, and on my pillow.

The stink bug was actually accidentally introduced to the US from Asia in the 1990's, and first reported in North Carolina in 2009. But they're in your house right now because it's freakin' cold outside! They find an "overwinter" site to set up in around September/October and stay until April/May, when they leave to find plants, make baby stink bugs, and do it all again. Fun fact: I've not personally noticed an actual stink, but one time a stink bug flew onto my floor and my cat, stoked about easy prey, ran over to it and put her nose down to inspect. She immediately gagged and puked. So, I fully believe that they do stink, just not enough for me to notice.

Dear Kelli,

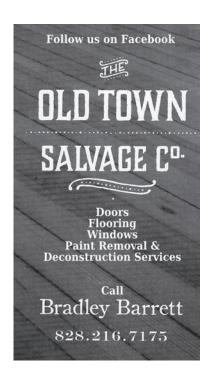
Why are there so many great-looking girls in Montford?
—Signed, Delighted By the Problem

Dear Delighted,

Montford is a pretty pricey area. So, this is probably because the girls are rich and invest a lot of time/money in high fashion and beauty treatments... OR, it's because the girls are financially savvy and know that spending money on healthy/organic food is way better for you in the long run, and that we can save money by walking or using public transportation (hello calves!), and that finding a mindful practice such as yoga or pilates or Purre Barre is great for the necessary mind/body connection.

However, Monfordians (Monfordites? Monty's?) are a pretty artistic people, socially accepting, and I think probably that you think there are so many great *looking* girls in Montford because there are so many great girls in Montford. Doctors? Check. Lawyers? Probably. Hippies? You bet. Artists? Absolutely. Teachers? Lots. Wine connoisseurs? Check check check. Great-looking girls are well-rounded girls, and I think Montford's got that covered.

Got a question that you need answered? Weather got you down? Love life on the rocks? Let me know! Ask Away! by e-mailing TheBandGeek@hotmail.com with "Montford Newsletter Question" in your subject line. Not all questions might be answered and are subject to Answerer's discretion. Thanks for reading!













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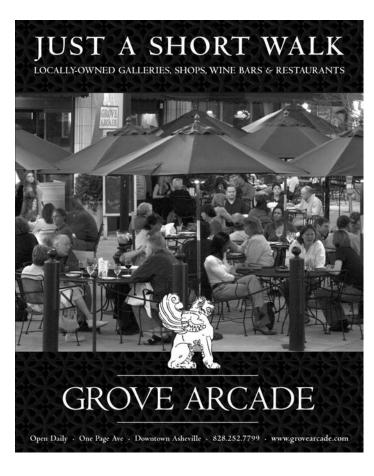
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But if you so much as dare to speak,

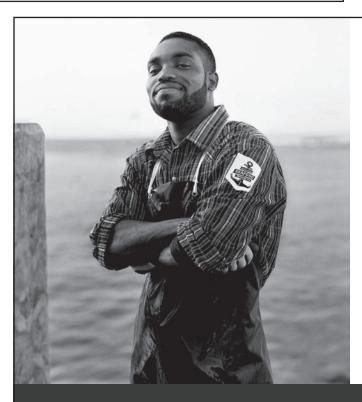
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,

A wind comes off a frozen peak,

And you're two months back in the middle of March.

Robert Frost, *Two Tramps in Mud Time*





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resident, I am very familiar with this community, and what it means to own a home in this incredible neighborhood! Buying or selling, I'll be there every step of the way.



Montford Athlete

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The former Asheville High standout, who graduated from North Carolina last spring, won his first race for his new team Saturday, breaking the tape ahead of the other competitors in the 3,000-meter run at the BU Invite at Boston University.

Presson won with a time of seven minutes, 50.6-seconds, very impressive, considering he beat his personal best by 23 seconds.

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He was recruited to Furman Elite by Robert Gary, who also is the track and cross-country coach for Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Gary represented the United States in the 1996 and 2004 Olympics in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, so he knows a little bit about distance running.

So does Presson, who helped lead Asheville to the NCHSAA 3-A state

title in 2010, when he won the 800- and 1,600-meter runs, placed second in the 3,200 and ran on the Cougars' 3,200-meter relay team, which was second.

In college, he won two Atlantic Coast Conference indoor titles (mile in 2012, 3,000-meter run in 2014) and capped his college career with a 13th-place finish in the 5,000-meter run in the NCAA meet last June.

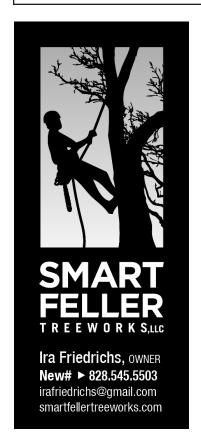
"For me it's just amazing and wonderful that he continues to run so well," said Susan Presson, Isaac's mom. "That was a pretty exciting break into the pros. And of course, as his mom, I'm perhaps most proud that he's not just a good runner, but he's a nice guy with integrity as well."

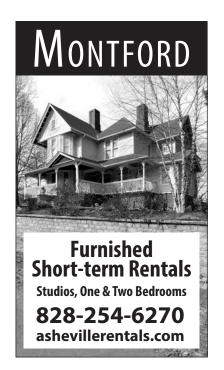
Presson has his eyes on the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials and believes his best chance is at 1,500 meters, although he won't rule out trying to qualify at 5,000 meters after doing so well in the 3,000 last Saturday. The top three finishers in the trials advance to the Olympics.

Note: Isaac has lived on Rosewood Avenue in Montford, with his parents, since he was 3 months old.

Bob Berghaus is a Citizen-Times sportswriter. Follow him on Twitter @Bob_Berghaus

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Montford Festival

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- For Police Dispatch, call 259-5888.
- For Montford's Community Resource Officer, Todd Brigman, call 777-0455 or email tbrigman@ashevillenc.gov





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