Mr. Concertina June 16 at Music in the Park

George Dums "Mr. Concertina" will play from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 16, at Music in the Park, in Memorial Park, in Ladysmith.

Dums comes from the Rib Lake area, where he performs. He also plays in the Wausau area.

Last year, Dums was inducted into the Concertina Hall of Fame."

There will be a dance contest, so if you want to trip the light fantastic, grab a partner and get to Music in the Park.

Other Music in the Park dates are June 23 and 30; July 7, 21 and 28; and Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25. The free concerts run 6-8 p.m. on Thursday evenings at Memorial Park.

Next Memory Café dates set

The Ladysmith Memory Café meets the third Tuesday of each month at Toad House from 9:30-11 a.m. Upcoming dates are:

June 21: Let's get physical — Join Morgan Eber, PT, DPT from Rusk County Memorial Hospital who will talk about the benefits of Physical Therapy and answer your questions.

July 19: Blue Pill, Orange Pill, 1 Pill, 2 Pill — Pharmacist Brittany Gerber from Rusk County Pharmacy will explain if medications and over-the-counter pills are helping or hurting brain health.

For more information, call Trisha Bailkey at the Aging & Disability Resource Center, 715-532-2176.

Burglary: Man found guilty

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demeanor convictions, to be served at the same time. The joint recommendation also was for 30 days in jail and $14,199 restitution to be shared by Voldberg and Davis.

The joint recommendation included alternative disposition in the civil forfeiture case. Voldberg was to be given 120 days in which to sell the trailer at fair market value, but not less than $3,000, with all proceeds to go toward restitution.

Anderson expressed concern that both Voldberg and Davis were still in high school when the crime spree happened, and he needed an understanding of what caused Voldberg to act that way. Voldberg had no prior criminal history, and Anderson said he wanted to be sure the sentence would address Voldberg's needs so he would not do this again.

Anderson withheld sentence and scheduled sentencing at a later date. He said he appreciated how hard people worked on settling this case, but he would not accept the recommendation without a presentence investigation.

According to the criminal complaint, Voldberg and Davis were interviewed when a search warrant was executed for a residence on Homestead Road, Hawkins in March and April, 2015. Davis and Voldberg admitted to being involved in multiple thefts and burglaries in Rusk County.

One criminal complaint alleges the pair used Voldberg's 30-foot gooseneck trailer to steal a Massey Ferguson tractor valued at $40,000. The owner said the tractor was parked not visible from the road March 17. Two Edming Oil employees said they saw a pickup truck with an empty gooseneck trailer enter the Waukun Feed Ranch yard in Glen Flora March 17. The truck parked, shut off its lights, and the driver never got out. When the oil company employees drove into the yard, the pickup truck left.

On March 18 the tractor was gone. According to the complaint, Voldberg admitted to stealing the tractor, and said he and Davis drove the tractor onto the gooseneck trailer and chained it down before leaving. The tractor was found at the Homestead Road residence during the search.

In a separate case, the criminal complaint alleges the pair used a smaller trailer to steal a Farmall Super H tractor and a 1983 Honda three wheeler. Also taken at the time were a Wen 3500 generator, a 16 gauge shotgun and several hundred rounds of ammunition. The items were taken sometime between Nov. 14, 2014, and April 13, 2015.

Another complaint alleges the pair stole a Ford F350 Rusk County Farm Supply truck and attached Western snowplow valued at $10,500. The doors to the truck, detailed with the RCFS emblem, were found on Cutoff Road just west of Wis. 73., Glen Flora, stripped of panels and windows, leaving nothing but the shells.

Anderson ordered a presentence investigation completed two weeks before sentencing and set Voldberg's sentencing for Sept. 20 at 1 p.m.

Calendar of events

June 16

RUSK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Thursday, June 16, 4 p.m. The society will meet in the museum at the fairgrounds in Ladysmith.

MUSIC IN THE PARK — Thursday, June 16, 6-8 p.m., at Memorial Park, Ladysmith. Featuring George Dums-Mr. Concertina. Rain site is the VMA, 605 Summit Ave. (north on Wis. 27 to Summit).

June 18

SIDEWALK CHALKFEST — Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Fine Arts Center & Gallery, 105 W. Miner Ave., Ladysmith. Transforming sidewalk into art with chalk. Open to children and young teens. Suggested donation $1.

June 19

BRUCE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Annual meeting Sunday, June 19, 7 p.m. in the Bruce Museum on River Street. Volunteers are needed to staff the Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. Call John at 715 635-5244 for information.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — Sunday, June 19, 9 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ladysmith. "Sharing the Love of Jesus: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," is the anniversary theme.

CONRATH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING — Sunday, June 19, 2 p.m. in the Main Creek Villa community room.

June 20

AMERICANS FOR BETTER HEARING — Monday, June 20, 6 p.m. at the VMA, Summit Ave., Ladysmith. Representatives will have free phones with volume amplifications, hearing aid and speaker capability, ringer volume choices and more. Call 715-532-3729 for information.

INGRAM COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING — Monday, June 20, 7 p.m. at the Ingram Park Pavilion.

June 22-26

ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL WORK EVENT — Wednesday -Saturday, June 22-25, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 26, 8 a.m.-noon. Meet at Murphy Flowage day use area on County F (base camp). Details and registration at www.iceagetrail.org/event/mobile-skills-crew-trailbuilding-event-barron-rusk-counties/.

June 23

MUSIC IN THE PARK — Thursday, June 23, 6-8 p.m., at Memorial Park, Ladysmith. Featuring Nostalgia. Rain site is the VMA, 605 Summit Ave. (north on Wis. 27 to Summit).

June 25

FIFTH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK — Saturday, June 25, at former Flambeau school in Tony. Registration 7:45 a.m.; Race 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration through June 18, $10; Same-day registration, $15. Proceeds benefit Flambeau Booster Club.

June 27

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Monday, June 27, 5 p.m., Nathaniel Lutheran Church, Bruce. Monday Fellowship Meal will serve food for all who enjoy food and friendship.

June 30

MUSIC IN THE PARK — Thursday, June 30, 6-8 p.m., at Memorial Park, Ladysmith. Featuring John Terrill. Rain site is the VMA, 605 Summit Ave. (north on Wis. 27 to Summit).

July 1

RUSK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR — July 1 is the deadline for junior and open class entry forms. Call 715-532-2225 for information.

July 29-30

FINE ARTS CENTER AND GALLERY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — Friday, July 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 105 W. Miner Ave., Ladysmith.

Ongoing

BRUCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM – The Bruce Area Historical Society Museum is open Wednesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Also open by appointment with John at 715-635-5244. Located in the former Bruce Newsletter office on East River Street, Bruce. Digital copies of the Apollonia Weekly Budget and Bruce Newsletter 1895-1969, some Rusk County, State and Federal Census, many local family histories and some artifacts are on display.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY — Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. at Village Parlor, 121 Lake Ave., Ladysmith. Call 715 415-5879 for information.

CRUISE NIGHTS — Second Tuesday of the month May 10 through Sept. 13. Wednesday is rain date. Anything on wheels is welcome. 6 p.m. until dark, Main Street, Bruce. Call 715-868-CARS for information.

COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CLUB -Each Friday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Rusk County Community Library lower level. For more information, text 715-314-0700.

TOPS CLUB — Take off Pounds Sensibly weight loss club meets at 6 p.m., every Thursday, at the Church of Christ Educational Building, Ladysmith. For more information, call 715-532-5732.

WRITERS' EXCHANGE — The Writers' Exchange will meet from 2-4 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at Pioneer Bank. Bring stories, poetry, or whatever to share and learn. Contact Bill Fucik at 715-532-6606.

BRUCE FOOD PANTRY — Bruce Food Pantry will be serving Bruce, Exeland and Weyerhaeuser communities from 5-6 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month, and from 10-11 a.m., on the fourth Thursday of each month. The pantry is located next to the water tower.

Zoning: Lake chain residents hear proposed land use changes

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minimum of 100-foot wide lots is predicated on the size of the lake. Madson said he is concerned about the density of development and its effect on water quality.

Smaller lot sizes equate to more development, which puts more phosphorous in the water and stimulates algae growth. Phosphorous occurs naturally in soil, and may be increased with the use of fertilizers containing phosphorous. The sale and use of such fertilizer is restricted in Wisconsin.

Tesky said lot size under the state standards is not relative to the size of the lake.

"In the political arena right now, it is more about what is best for the property owner and less about what is best for the public. That is just what we are going through," said Tesky.

Shoreland buffer areas are important for the depth of plant roots, which stabilize the banks, and for absorption of run-off.

In Rusk County, the buffer has always been 35 feet; the state shoreland buffer is also 35 feet. The area that may be clearcut to the water was 30 feet per 100 feet of frontage; now it is 35 feet per 100.

A primary reason for setbacks is to keep homes and accessory buildings on stable ground and to keep the buffer intact. 75 feet is the uniform setback requirement, which Rusk County always applied.

Setback averaging, which was removed from Rusk County ordinances in the 1990s, returns under state standards. If a house within 250 feet to the left is 30 feet from the water, and a house within 250 feet to the right is 50 from the water, the house in the middle may be built 40 feet from the water.

SHORELAND ZONING – Rusk County Land Conservation and Development Department Director CeCe Tesky spoke to the Island Chain of Lakes Property Owners Association Saturday, June 11, about changes to the county's shoreland zoning ordinances in the works. Most of the proposed changes are required to bring county ordinances in sync with state standards passed by the legislature in 2012, 2013 and 2015. Tesky said a public hearing will be held in July. The deadline for updating county ordinances is October 1.
— News photo by Katherine Schulz

"That is good for people who may want to build closer to the water; it is not so good for the water," said Tesky.

State impervious surface standards are more restrictive than those Rusk County has been applying. Water from impervious surfaces is heated in the summer and causes lakes and rivers to heat up, but cooler water is better for game fish. Impervious surfaces also increase sediment runoff and phosphorous.

Rusk County set the limit for impervious surfaces at 25 percent in 2000. The state limit is now 15 percent, but with mitigation, the upper limit is 30 percent.

Non-conforming structures are those which were legal when built but do not meet the new standards. By state standards, a non-conforming structure can be replaced and rebuilt to a height of 35 feet.

"This is great for people with non-conforming structures. But it might not be so great for the neighbor who had to build 75 feet from the water a couple of years ago and now will have a non-conforming structure next door blocking the view," said Tesky.

Tesky also cautioned the burden is on the property owner to show the structure was legal when built, usually by showing there was a permit. Rusk County has permit records from 1968.

"If there was a permit in 1975 to build 75 feet from the water, but the house is now 40 feet from the water, it is an illegal structure, not a non-conforming structure," said Tesky.

"Why can't they be required to tear it down?" asked one participant.

"Because the legislature said we can't," said Tesky, referring to Wis. Stats. sec. 59.692 (1t).

Section (1t) has been in existence at least since the 1990s and prohibits enforcement against an illegal structure after 10 years.

Boathouses, stairs, walkways, piers, gazebos and screenhouses are exempt from the setback, but patios are not. Tesky said new aerial photos of the chain of lakes showed a number of patios have gone up without permits in the last few years, and letters would be going out to those property owners.

Tom Creviston said at one time you could build a deck or walkway from one door to another, and asked if that was still permissible. Tesky said probably in the late 1990s there was a six-foot walkway clause in the county ordinance, but that is gone. She said those walkways and decks less than 75 feet from the water built without permits will have to come out unless they meet current standards.

Mitigation has been in county ordinances since before the current statutory changes, and administration at the county level has not changed. The 15 percent restriction on impervious surfaces will give rise to more mitigation, but it will not change substantively.

Tesky also emphasized that zoning permits are different from building permits. Building permits are issued by the town or the Uniform Dwelling Code inspector. Zoning permits, or land use permits, are issued by the county zoning office.

"So," said one participant, "it is not safe to assume if you have a building permit, zoning is OK?"

Tesky said that is correct and added, "Always call us, please."

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