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LIFE BY ADONIS

Former WWF, AWA
wrestler, Waukesha gym
owner, mentor passes away

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WAUKESHA — To some, Trevor Dorbritz was known as Trevor Adonis, a wrestling name which he made popular on independent wrestling circuits, to others he was known as Jim Evans, the name he used while he wrestled in the Worldwide Wrestling Federation.

But to his wife Janine Loveland-Dorbritz, he was known as the love of her life.

Trevor, a Waukesha native, passed away after suffering a heart attack on Jan. 1. He was 53.

He is survived by his wife Janine, his brother Tyler Dorbritz and sister-in-law Deanna, his sister Heidi Poetzel and his father Helmut Dorbritz.

He owned Body by Adonis, a fitness center in downtown Waukesha, from 1992 to 2002 where he would train individuals to get in shape and made sure they got unique fitness programs to fit them.

Fighting off cancer, launching a wrestling career

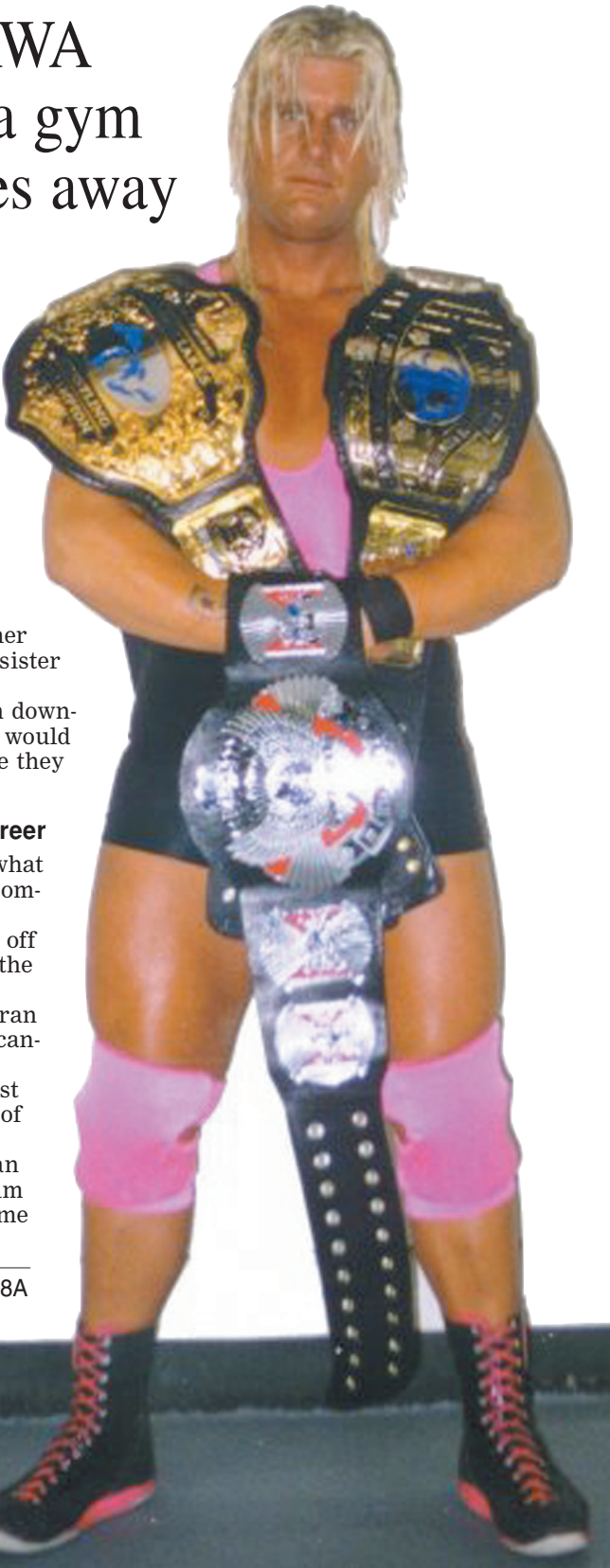
When Trevor was 15, he was diagnosed with what was then known as Hodgkin's disease, more commonly known now as Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Being a natural born fighter, Trevor fought off that bout of cancer and the next one at 16 when the Hodgkin's returned.

"After the cancer went into remission, he ran wrestling camps and donated the proceeds to cancer foundations," Janine said.

Shortly thereafter, Trevor fought in his first match with the Independent Association of Wrestling in 1983 at the age of 17.

He went on to wrestle in the American Wrestling Association from 1983 to 1988 as Jim Evans and then in the WWF under the same name from 1988 until 1998.



Submitted photos

Trevor Dorbritz with his three championship titles from Great Lakes Championship Wrestling, International Association of Wrestling and Wisconsin Championship Wrestling.



Trevor Dorbritz and his wife, Janine Loveland-Dorbritz.



From left to right, Trevor Dorbritz, Janine Loveland-Dorbritz, Deanna Dorbritz and Tyler Dorbritz on their way to a gambling road trip.



Trevor "Adonis" Dorbritz with "Tough Tom" Benninghaus and "Mean Mike" Moran. Trevor's wife Janine said the threesome had a bond that could be felt both inside and outside the ring.

WAUKESHA WATER PROJECT

Council approves \$223K purchase of booster station land

Also rejects condo developer's
settlement offer, asks city
attorney to continue talks

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WAUKESHA — A swath of agricultural land at the southeastern edge of Minooka Park in New Berlin will someday be home to a key piece of infrastructure needed to bring Great Lakes water to taps across Waukesha.

The Common Council voted 12-0 on Tuesday to purchase an 8.57-acre parcel from Waukesha County for \$223,000 to use as the future site of a booster pumping station and water storage reservoirs.

According to Waukesha Water Utility General Manager Dan Duchniak, the booster station and reservoirs will be a benefit to the city because they will give the utility greater control over the quality and amount of water that enters Waukesha's system.

The booster station and storage tanks themselves are expected to cost between \$40 and \$50 million to construct, Duchniak said.

"When we went through everything, it was determined that it would be best for any (Great Lakes Water supplier) to just put the water into storage tanks before it comes into the city," Duchniak said in December. "That way if there is any (extra treatment) that needs to take place, we can do it in one spot, and then we have control of the pumping of the water into our system. It makes the operations very clean."

Speaking to aldermen on Tuesday, Duchniak said the reservoirs will each hold nine million gallons, giving the city a two-and-a-half days' supply of water, in addition to any water already existing in the system.

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Orchard Valley Acres in West Bend is one of the wedding barn venues that would be impacted by a state law requiring such venues to obtain a liquor license.

Lawsuit seeks to protect Wisconsin wedding barns

Local venue owners weigh in
on pros and cons of liquor license

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November.
Ten days after he lost re-election, Schimel said private events held in public spaces require liquor licenses. While state law prohibits owners of public places from allowing liquor without a license, it's unclear whether wedding barn venues are considered a "public place."

WAUKESHA — Two Wisconsin wedding barn owners filed a lawsuit against Gov. Tony Evers' administration Tuesday in a preemptive measure to ensure private parties held at such venues don't need to obtain liquor licenses.

The lawsuit brought forth in Dunn County Circuit Court Tuesday comes after the future of wedding barns was thrown into question by former Republican Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel, who issued an informal legal opinion in

Attorneys for the conservative Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty said Tuesday the lawsuit they filed on behalf of the barn owners seeks a ruling that privately-owned properties holding events where alcohol is not sold do not need liquor licenses.

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Front row, from left: Emma Hindle, Ryan Beckley, Cormac Malloy and Alex Star; middle row, from left: Yige Gu, Grace Schwartz, Karina Rodriguez, Reena Singhal, Amanda Roessler, and Serena Richardson; and back row, from left: Fatima Warraich, Julia Jensen, Emily Elfelt, Bridgette Youso, Olivia Potter, Logan O'Malley, Hayden Erlinder and Peter Rauh. Not pictured: Alexandria Rushing.

Brookfield Academy students win Scholastic Art Awards

BROOKFIELD — A total of 19 Brookfield Academy Upper School students have been recognized for their artistic abilities by the Scholastic Art Awards of Wisconsin.

The Scholastic Awards have been around since 1923 and were created to recognize the “vision, ingenuity and talent of our nation’s youth.”

The following Upper School students earned 32 awards in several categories:

- Ryan Beckley, Elm Grove, Honorable Mention (Design)
- Emily Elfelt, Brookfield, Honorable Mention (Printmaking), Gold Key (Mixed Media), Silver Key (Sculpture)
- Hayden Erlinder, Menomonee Falls, Honorable Mention (Sculpture), Silver Key (Art Portfolio)
- Yige Gu, Wauwatosa, Silver Key (Printmaking)
- Emma Hindle, Delafield, Honorable Mention (Mixed Media)
- Julia Jensen, Brookfield, Silver Key (Drawing and Illustration), Gold Key (Mixed Media)
- Cormac Malloy, Lisbon, Gold Key (Mixed Media)
- Logan O'Malley, Delafield, three Honorable Mentions (Sculpture-2, Art Portfolio)
- Olivia Potter, Oconomowoc, Silver Key (Photography), two Honorable Mentions (Photography)
- Peter Rauh, Hartland, two Honorable Mentions (Painting, Drawing and Illustration)
- Serena Richardson, Wauwatosa, Honorable Mention (Drawing and Illustration)
- Karina Rodriguez, Milwaukee, Gold Key (Printmaking)
- Amanda Roessler, Brookfield, Gold Key and Silver Key (Fashion Design)
- Alexandria Rushing, Pewaukee, Silver Key (Fashion Design), Honorable Mention (Fashion Design)
- Grace Schwartz, Brookfield, Honorable Mention (Sculpture)
- Reena Singhal, Menomonee Falls, Gold Key (Drawing and Illustration), Silver Key (Fashion Design)
- Alex Star, Brookfield, Honorable Mention (Digital Art)
- Fatima Warraich, Brookfield, two Honorable Mentions (Drawing and Illustration)
- Bridgette Youso, Elm Grove, Honorable Mention (Printmaking)

Six Brookfield Academy students who earned a Gold Key will compete for Silver and Gold Medals at the national level. The annual awards ceremony will be held at the Milwaukee Art Museum on Feb. 9.

Swallow School District to take part in community book study

HARTLAND — Swallow Elementary School, in the Swallow School District, has received a grant to support multi-generational book clubs. This type of club invites parents, community members, students and school staff to read a book germane to all ages and come together for discussion.

The first book participants will read is New York Times bestseller “Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance,” by Angela Duckworth. It will focus on learning how passion and perseverance can positively influence all of us.

“Grit” is a word used frequently in sports, education, and business. It is a key factor in the development and growth of perseverance. Research indicates that individuals who have grit tend to be more successful and resilient than those who do not.

The book club will kick off on Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Swallow Elementary, W299-N5614 County Highway E. It will feature a short introductory gathering and snacks will be provided. The book club will conclude with a full book discussion beginning at 6:30 p.m. on March 12.

The first 20 participants will receive a free copy of the book, which will be distributed at the introductory meeting on Jan. 31.

Any member of the Swallow community is invited to participate and there will be another book club opportunity in spring 2019. If you have questions, please contact Annie DiPietro at dipietroa@swallowschool.org or 262-367-2000.

To sign up for the book club, visit www.swallowschool.org.

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Otherwise, they would like the court to declare the law an unconstitutional violation of due process rights and therefore invalid.

“We think the law is pretty clear that wedding barns don’t need liquor licenses,” said WILL attorney Anthony LoCoco. “A private venue on private property hosting private events is not a ‘public place’ under Wisconsin law. It is unfortunate that special interest groups have muddied the waters to such an extent that our clients have a real risk of being harmed by the confusion over state law.”

Felicia Rottinghaus of West Bend converted a barn on her family dairy farm into a wedding venue called Orchard Valley Acres. With the pending lawsuit and controversy swirling around liquor licenses and wedding barns, she’s concerned she may have to close her business, she said.

Some communities offer two types of liquor license, one of which is significantly more expensive than the other. A reserve liquor license costs as much as \$10,000 while the Class B liquor license, often more limited in availability, cost \$500 to \$600.

In the case of Orchard Valley Acres, West Bend does not have an available Class B liquor license, leaving the more expensive license Rottinghaus’ only option.

“Many of the communities, myself included, there’s not a liquor license available,” Rottinghaus said. “If I had to invest in a liquor license, my business would cease to exist.”

Rottinghaus also highlighted what could be an unintended consequence of a state law requiring wedding barn venues to obtain a liquor license.

“Our businesses bring a lot of additional money to these communities, many of which are rural just like mine,” Rottinghaus said. “We shut down before bar close, so these different groups of people frequent the local taverns.”

Liquor license a benefit, owners say

Some wedding barn venues in Waukesha and Washington counties said their liquor licenses have come to benefit their business model, including Rustic Manor 1848 in Delafield, Barn at Trinity Peak in the Town of Oconomowoc and Peck & Bushel in Colgate.

Barn at Trinity Peak owner Carolin Hewitt said she purchased a \$600 liquor license, which was required by the county and the Town of Oconomowoc when she opened the business in 2015. Since then, she and her clients have enjoyed the perks of having the license, Hewitt said.

“If you bring your own alcohol in, you can’t have a cash bar,” Hewitt said. “It gives the couple the flexibility not to have to pay for everything and also saves the hassle of having to schlep it in.”

A liquor license also gives the venue control over the consumption of alcohol, another benefit that Hewitt as well as Peck & Buschel owner Joe Fahey say makes a difference.

“We’re just able to control liquor in our venue,” Fahey said. “We think maybe it’s a bit of a safety concern. There’s always somebody on sight who is able to manage and be responsible for that license.”

Still, both Fahey and Hewitt said they can understand the quandary from the perspective of wedding barn owners who do not have a license.

“It’s one of those things where you can see both sides

of it, it’s not black and white,” Fahey said.

Tracking the debate

The state Department of Revenue has long said entities like wedding barns that rent out the space for private events do not need to obtain a liquor license and did not change its enforcement policy after the Schimel opinion was released. Department spokeswoman Patty Mayers declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Evers’ spokeswoman, Melissa Baldauff, said incoming Revenue Secretary Peter Barca and the governor were “still learning more about this issue.” Gillian Drummond, a spokeswoman for Democratic Attorney General Josh Kaul, who defeated Schimel, said the Department of Justice was reviewing the lawsuit but declined further comment.

Last session, Republicans in the state Legislature proposed a bill that would have required liquor licenses in those situations. The measure won support from the powerful Tavern League of Wisconsin and wineries, but it died in the Senate after WILL said it was so broad it could end tailgating before sporting events.

Republican state Rep. Rob Swearingen asked Schimel in November for his interpretation of the law. Swearingen is chairman of a special joint legislative com-

mittee studying alcohol enforcement, a former Tavern League president and runs the Al-Gen Dinner Club in Rhinelanders.

The lawsuit was filed by WILL on behalf of Farmview Event Barn in Berlin and The Weddin’ Barn in Menomonie. It argues that uncertainty over the law casts a “dark shadow” over the businesses, putting them at risk of facing criminal penalties for operating without a license.

They would also have to significantly alter their businesses if forced to purchase a \$10,000 liquor license and take on other related expenses, the lawsuit said. Some wedding barns would have to go out of business if they are unable to obtain the required license, WILL attorneys said.

Police: Man posted photo of stolen gun online

Allegedly hid firearm in little sister’s backpack

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WAUKESHA — A 21-year-old Waukesha man could face up to three years in prison after he reportedly stole a gun from an unlocked truck, posted a photo of the gun on social media, and then stashed the firearm in his little sister’s backpack.

Marco A. Valerio, of the 300 block of Newhall Avenue, was charged Tuesday in Waukesha County Circuit Court with felony theft and two misdemeanors related to the alleged crime.

According to the criminal complaint, police were called to a home in the 400 block of Maple Avenue after a man said someone had stolen a Springfield Armory .40 caliber handgun, a magazine containing ammunition and an iPhone from his unlocked truck. After posting security camera footage of the theft on Facebook, several people reportedly commented that the thief looked like Valerio. The man also spoke with his daughter, who knows the suspect and said she saw

Valerio post a photo of himself with a gun on Snapchat earlier that day.

Officers went to Valerio’s last known address, which is his mother’s home, and found him lying in bed using his cellphone, the complaint states.

After a quick search of the defendant, they reportedly found a silver magazine for a Springfield Armory .40 caliber handgun.

The defendant’s mother then permitted officers to search the room where Valerio had been sleeping, stating it was primarily used by her two younger daughters, the complaint states. During the search, officers reportedly found the firearm itself in the pocket of a girl’s pink backpack. They also found a digital scale and marijuana grinder, the complaint states. It was not clear from the complaint whether the stolen iPhone was recovered.

Probable cause was found Tuesday in Waukesha County Circuit Court to pursue the charges against Valerio.

He remained in the Waukesha County Jail on Tuesday evening on \$4,000 bond.

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“So in the event that anything happens on the line, we will have an ample supply,” he said.

Frustrations?

There was little discussion on the proposal, although aldermen Eric Payne and Joe Pieper did offer a pair of cryptic statements that seemed to be directed mainly towards the county.

“I am going to support it, but I am not supporting it because I think Waukesha County is giving us a good deal on the purchase of this property,” Payne said. “I am going to support this, because of the need to have this. We need it to service customers, and to supply safe drinking water to the city. That’s the only reason I am supporting it.”

Pieper said that “while he shared some of Payne’s sentiments,” he thought the land agreement was a good example of what can happen “when the city and county work together for a common goal and keep everything above board.”

“I just want to commend the work of Dan and the water utility in working with the county in a very constructive manner to put this agreement together,” he said.

Located near the corner of Swartz Road and Racine Avenue, the land where the booster station will be located had originally been eyed as a site for a golf course, but the county no longer plans to increase the number of golf courses it owns. County staff also feel the parcel is too small for other types of develop-

ment.

The County Board approved the sale of the land late last year.


No deal on Mill Reserve

In other items, the council opted to reject an offer from Mill Reserve, LLC., to settle a long-running legal dispute with the condo developer over its alleged failure to construct an apartment development at its existing condo site at St. Paul and Wisconsin avenues.

The city filed a motion this spring asking for the 2015 lawsuit against the developer to be reopened, alleging it failed to honor the terms of a 2016 settlement agreement. In May a local judge granted that motion.

On Tuesday, aldermen emerged from a brief closed session discussion about a possible settlement agreement, directing City Attorney Brian Running “to continue as directed by the Common Council.”

Running said after the meeting that he had essentially been directed to continue negotiations with the developer.



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