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## JUST KEEP SWIMMING

### This 89-year-old doesn't let Alzheimer's stop a daily routine across Sunset Lake

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TOWN OF NEW HOPE – The sun was bright, the air was calm and the midafternoon heat was building as George and Helen Klimowicz slowly walked the switchbacks down the bank of Sunset Lake. • George, 89, was shirtless and tanned, his surfer-style swim trunks reaching his knees. Helen, 86, followed close behind, in a gray T-shirt, capri pants and a baseball-style hat. It's a steep bank, but the two took it slowly and steadily from their tall A-frame home on the northern shore of the Portage County lake, located about 15 miles east of Stevens Point.

When they got down to their dock, George put on goggles, stepped into the water and then, with barely a ripple, started to swim using a slow, smooth crawl stroke. Helen quickly got into a kayak and paddled alongside George, giving him enough space to maneuver

but she was close enough to help should he run into trouble.

He never has, and he swims across the lake and back, roughly three-quarters of a mile, every day that the weather

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ABOVE: George Klimowicz, 89, dances during an interview in July at Sunset Lake in the Portage County town of New Hope. Before he had Alzheimer's, he never liked to dance.

TOP: Klimowicz swims at Sunset Lake near Rosholt as his wife, Helen, kayaks nearby. Klimowicz swims across the lake and back every day the weather allows in the summer.

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## News media join request that court reconsider open records

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News media and government transparency advocates have asked the Wisconsin Supreme Court to reconsider its recent decision that dramatically weakened the state's open records law.

The July ruling adopted a new definition of what it means to prevail in a lawsuit to obtain public records from a government office or agency, and therefore be entitled to having legal fees reimbursed by the reluctant agency.

It can be expensive to sue for public records, and without the chance to recover attorney fees, few people can afford to seek the records. Advocates say it also provides an incentive for government to withhold records right up until a judge might order them disclosed, then turn them over without any worry of paying the requester's expenses. Such scenarios would likely deter many requesters.

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## UW's tuition freeze has been in place for a decade

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Will Wisconsin's tuition freeze enter its second decade?

The undergraduate tuition freeze for in-state students attending University of Wisconsin System campuses will continue through the end of this coming school year, marking a full decade that the freeze has been in effect.

The freeze has saved students thousands of dollars. But UW leaders say it threatens the financial stability and educational quality of campuses.

The UW Board of Regents last year received the power to raise rates but twice already has declined to do so. The board is scheduled to vote this coming week on its next two-year state budget proposal, which will offer major clues about how much students should expect to pay in 2023-24 and 2024-25.

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