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## NETFLIX DOCUMENTARY

### What 'Making a Murderer' missed

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The Netflix docu-series "Making a Murderer" has audiences calling for convicted killer Steven Avery's release. But some involved with the case say the filmmakers conveniently left out key pieces of evidence. Arguments about the 10-part series were not allowed to be shown against Avery and his nephew, Brendan Dassey, who were found guilty in the Hallocken 2005 slaying of 25-year-old photographer Teresa Halbach. Here's what former Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz, who prosecuted the case, says was left out.

#### 1: Ballistics

Kratz says a bullet from Avery's gun had Halbach's DNA on it. "Halbach and the bullet found in the garage was fired by Avery's rifle, which was in a police evidence locker since Nov. 6. If the cops planted the bullet, how did they get one fired from his gun? This rifle, hanging over Avery's bed, is the source of the bullet found in the garage, with Teresa's DNA on it." He says the theory that police planted the bullet is ridiculous. "Did the cops borrow his gun, fire a bullet, recover the bullet before planting the STV, then hang on to the bullet for four months in case they need to plant it four months later?"

"If you had to point to one piece of evidence that showed Steven Avery shot her, that's what it is," Kratz said. "It's his bullet from his gun with her DNA on it."

#### 2: Halbach's belongings

Halbach's phone, camera and hand-held device were found 20 feet from Avery's door, buried in his barrel, Kratz says.

"Why did the documentary not tell the viewers the contents of her purse were in his barrel, just north of the front door of his trailer?" he asked.

#### 3: Phone records

Avery targeted Halbach, Kratz says. At 8:12 a.m. Oct. 31, Avery called Au-tism Magazine and asked them to send "that same girl" who was here last

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## MAKING A MURDERER

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### 'Making a Murderer' news in your inbox



USA TODAY NETWORK Wisconsin has local reporters based in every community involved in the Steven Avery story, and our coverage from now and then provides details not included in the smash-hit Netflix series "Making a Murderer."

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## INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

### Waupun failed to notify prisoners about new policy

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Waupun Correctional Institution officials failed to notify inmates for months that Wisconsin had dramatically lowered the maximum time in solitary confinement for rule violations. Department of Corrections records and interviews show.

One inmate, Marshell Simon, charged he was tricked into agreeing to six months in seclusion because he was unaware the DOC had cut maximum sentences by 75 percent for individual offenses—from 360 days to 90 days. Another inmate, Harold Staples, who was released from Waupun Oct. 6, also told the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism that he had never been notified by prison officials of the changes in solitary confinement.

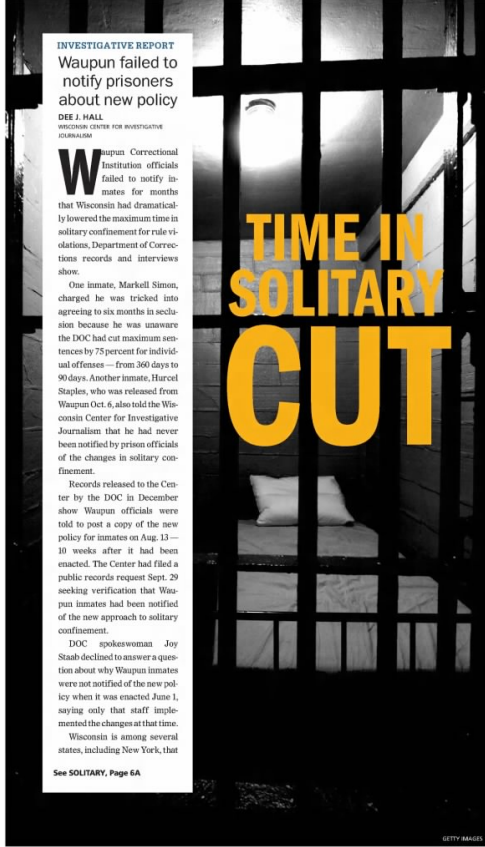
Records released to the Center by the DOC in December show Waupun officials were told to post a copy of the new policy for inmates on Aug. 13—10 weeks after it had been enacted. The Center had filed a public records request Sept. 29 seeking verification that Waupun inmates had been notified of the new approach to solitary confinement.

DOC spokeswoman Joy Staab declined to answer a question about why Waupun inmates were not notified of the new policy when it was enacted June 1, saying only that staff implemented the changes at that time.

Wisconsin is among several states, including New York, that

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# TIME IN SOLITARY CUT



GETTY IMAGES

## SIX WEEKS TO CREATE A ROBOT



The 2016 release occurred last Saturday when more than 50 high school FIRST robotics students gathered at Valders High School along with their sister team, Droid Rage, which is based in Valders.

### Mishicot robotics team faces game challenge

USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

Mishicot robotics team STEMpunk has received its FIRST Robotics Competition game challenge and has six weeks to build a 120-pound robot from scratch.

FIRST Robotics Competition, or FTC, is an organization founded by Dean Kamen, "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." It provides a real-world engineering environment for high school students across the world, presenting a new game challenge to FIRST Robotics teams each year. The 120-pound robots built in this program are completely designed and fabricated by students. The robots compete at regional competitions, and teams are recognized.

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# Manitowoc mayor: Meijer offer too good to deny

JUSTIN NICKELS

This past week, Manitowoc Council President Eric Stiklevitz said I wrote a letter to the Manitowoc County Board urging their support of the 27.5-acre of the Expo ground for the development of a Meijer store.

As you are well aware by now, Manitowoc County owns this land, which is in the City of Manitowoc. The city's comprehensive plan, as adopted by the Common Council in 2009, states it is the city's intent to "explore potential opportunities to en-

hance the property." It goes on to state our desire to "discover new opportunities to utilize portions of the site to take advantage of the commercial value and visibility of portions of the property — not the community base grown over the years, the visibility and market potential of this site has increased, largely thanks to the location of the I-43 corridor in the 1970s. The city's goal is to create long-term value for how

it could take advantage of the site's increasing market value... the property has enormous potential for quality development."

It is our staunch position this offer to purchase is a perfect fit for our community per our long-term plans for this piece of property and we are confident further economic development will occur after Meijer has been from Meijer does not include a request for any taxpayer dollars. This location is not in a TIF district, meaning all taxing entities will directly benefit. Manitowoc Coun-

ty, Manitowoc Public School District, City of Manitowoc, Lakeshore Technical College, and the State of Wisconsin (note: this land is not assessed, meaning no tax dollars are generated by it).

We have a business plan that is willing to invest millions of their own dollars on infrastructure into our community while adding jobs. This also achieves another goal of the 2009 comprehensive plan: "future access could be improved through the extension of Dewey Street City of Manitowoc to the site." Meijer would be required by the City of Manitowoc to extend this piece of public road at their cost.

Initial conversations with Meijer representa-

tives determined Meijer will cover the costs of this road (another win for the taxpayer). It is also important to note for the long-term economic impact of this property that it abuts the highest total traffic volume intersection in the entire county. The section of Calmer Avenue/S. Highway 151 just west of Rapids Road carries about 13,000 cars daily, and the section just east of I-43 carries about 16,000 cars daily. This is very significant for future economic development in this area. It is not every day we have businesses of this magnitude interested in our community. We are asking the Manitowoc County Board to consider the long term implications

of turning this offer down and the message it would send to other potential future business interested in developing in our community, especially on or around this valuable site within our city and county. The taxpayers, the county, and the city will benefit from your support of this sale.

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Manitowoc, we humbly ask for the Manitowoc County Board's support of economic development in our community by accepting this offer to purchase from Meijer.

Contact: Justin Nickels at 920-686-0980 or jnickels@manitowoc.org

### Five-Day Forecast for Manitowoc

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High: 48	High: 48	High: 48	High: 48	High: 48
Low: 28	Low: 28	Low: 28	Low: 28	Low: 28

### Manitowoc Forecast Today

For the latest weather information, go to [www.htrnews.com/weather](http://www.htrnews.com/weather)

Moist sunny and not so cold today. Cloudy and chilly and not so bright. Mostly cloudy and cool. Partly cloudy with a few flurries. A thick cloud cover. A few flurries. A few flurries. Periods of sun.

High: 48, Low: 28

Wind: 10-15 mph

Humidity: 60%

Visibility: 4-6 miles

Pressure: 30.0

### Local Forecast

Green Bay: High 48, Low 28

Sheboygan: High 48, Low 28

Manitowish: High 48, Low 28

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### National Weather Today

City	High	Low
Manitowoc	48	28
Green Bay	48	28
Sheboygan	48	28
Manitowish	48	28
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Teresa Halbach's car found on Avery property. Photographic evidence entered by prosecutors in the Stephen Avery case.

## Avery

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time," Kratz says. Avery gave a fake name and his sister's number to the DuPont Tractor recipient to track Halbach into coming.

Halbach had been to the Avery property earlier in the month when Avery answered the door just wearing a towel.

She said she wouldn't go back because she was scared of him, Kratz says.

**4: The fire pit**

Halbach's tooth, identified with dental records, and a rivet from the jeans she was wearing the day she went missing were found in the fire pit near Avery's home,

Kratz says.

Kratz said her bones in the fire pit were "intertwined" with the steel belts, left over from the car tires Avery threw on the fire to burn. Officers found remnants of steel belts from tires that they believed were used as fire accelerants. That was where her bones were burned. Suggesting that some human bones found there (never identified as Teresa's) were from this murder was never established, Kratz says.

"How did his DNA get under the hood if Avery never touched her car?" Kratz asks. "Do the cops have a vial of Avery's sweat to plant under the hood?"

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### Democrats talk agenda before State of State

WALKER — Democratic legislative leaders said Monday that they want to head plans from Gov. Scott Walker on strengthening the middle class and improving the state's infrastructure during his upcoming State of the State address.

Rep. Peter Barca and Sen. Jennifer Shilling, the top Democrats in their respective chambers, called on the Republican majority to work with them on a suite of proposals aimed at supporting working families, including restructuring student loan debt and expanding broadband access.

Shilling said Walker's higher education affordability plan doesn't go far enough and that she hopes he has a vision for improving the state's roads.

Walker, spokeswoman Laurel Patrick, said in an email that the governor will use his sixth State of the State speech Tuesday to detail his plan to go about "building off our many successes and positive, common-sense reforms in order to ensure that everyone who wants a job can find a job and work their piece of the American dream."

Walker's higher education plan, unveiled last week, includes removing the cap on tax-deductible student loan interest, increasing need-based assistance programs at technical colleges and bringing on more internship coordinators.

Shilling called it "weak tea." Shilling said Democrats would discuss the proposals "subtle around the edges" of the problem.

Her plan would allow all student debt payments, not just the interest, to be tax deductible. She also wants to allow for the refinancing of stu-

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# Local

## Manitowoc home sales near pre-recession level

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The Manitowoc County housing market posted its busiest year in nearly a decade in 2015, with home sales nearing pre-recession levels, according to figures released Monday, Jan. 18 by the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

December ended with Manitowoc County's existing home sales up 11 percent for the year compared to 2014, while the median price for the year was about even at \$95,000. The 941 homes sold in the county in 2015 were the highest since 2007, the

same year the recession began taking hold, according to association figures. "I think we've come over the hump," said George Krause, broker-associate at RE/MAX First Choice in Manitowoc and board member with the Manitowoc County Board of Realtors. "A lot of things have stabilized, and we have people moving back to the area, and people leaving rentals."

Real estate officials said the local housing market was slowed in some degree by inventory failing to keep up with demand at certain price points. A drop in local foreclosures likely contributed to that. "I could have a lot more stuff sold if we had better inventory," Krause said. "That really is the ball-stay right now. We need more inventory."

The county's housing market rebound was in line with the state as a whole as statewide home sales were up 14.4 percent in 2015, while the state's median sale price climbed 5.1 percent to \$155,500. That capped the busiest year for home sales in Wisconsin since 2005, though Wisconsin Realtors Association officials

said tight inventory levels kept sales from climbing even higher, just like in Manitowoc County. Michael Thes, the association's president and CEO, attributed part of the housing supply decline to foreclosures, which have fallen to levels not seen since the early 2000s.

In 2015, Wisconsin recorded 10,700 foreclosures, which is close to the average of 10,626 between 2002 and 2003. By comparison, there were about 28,500 foreclosures in both 2009 and 2010. "We are clearly back to stable pre-recession lev-

els, which is good." Thes said in a news release. Meanwhile, the Wisconsin Housing Affordability Index stood at 204 in December, which is consistent with prior years. The index measures the portion of the median home price that a buyer with a median family income can afford to buy assuming a 20 percent down and a 30-year fixed mortgage financed at current rates.

Even though our prices have been high, a healthy pace, low interest rates and modest improvements in estimated family income have kept affordability high," Thes said in the release. The interest rate on a 30-year mortgage remained below 4 percent for all but one month in 2015.

Looking ahead, Krause expects 2016 to play out much the same in Manitowoc County. "I think we're going to continue to see a strong market," he said. "Overall, 2015 was certainly a positive, and I think we're going to see that in 2016."

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### Today in history

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Jan. 19, 1966, Indira Gandhi was chosen to be prime minister of India by the National Congress party. (Gandhi, a powerful as well as polarizing figure, served as India's prime minister from 1966 to 1977, and again beginning in 1980 until she was assassinated in 1984.)

**On this date:** In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transatlantic air race record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television and newsreels for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1977 in one of his last acts of office, President Gerald R. Ford pardoned his 17-year-old son, Eric, for a 1974 pardon of an American convicted of treason for making wartime broadcasts for Japan.

**Ten years ago:** Obama bin Laden in an intelligence that was his first in more than a year, said at Quito was preparing for attacks in the United States at the same time, he offered a "long-term truce" without specifying the conditions.

**Five years ago:** Chinese President Hu Jintao, visiting the White House, declared "a lot still needs to be done" to improve his country's record on human rights, the exchange with President Barack Obama over human rights was balanced by U.S. delight over newly announced Chinese business deals expected to generate about \$45 billion in new exports for the U.S.

**One year ago:** As he headed home from a week-long trip to Asia, Pope Francis upheld church teaching banning contraception, but said Catholics didn't have to breed like rabbits and should instead practice responsible parenting.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Tippi Hedren is 86. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 85. Actress Shelley Fabares is 72. Country singer Dolly Parton is 70. Former ABC newsman Ann Compton is 69. TV chef Paul Deen is 69. Actor Don Ameche is 63. Actor William Rappold is 55. Basketball coach Jeff Van Gundy is 54. International Tennis Hall of Famer Stefan Edberg is 50. Actress Drea de Matteo is 44. Comedian and impressionist Frank Caliendo is 42. Actress Adie Sweetin is 34. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "Love without reason is dreary, passion without love is hellfire." — Abraham Cowley, English poet (1618-1667).

## Defense arguments not in 'Making a Murderer'

What you didn't see in the series

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"Making a Murderer" raises questions about whether Steven Avery killed Teresa Halbach. What's more surprising is that there are other defenses that Avery's attorneys were barred from using at his trial.

The film doesn't even touch on a lot of legal rulings, the state and federal legal hurdles were thrown at us to make it more difficult for us to present a defense or to make it impossible for us to present a defense," one of Avery's defense attorneys, Jerome Buting, told USA TODAY. NCTW, Wisconsin soon after the trial.

Avery and his nephew, Brendan Dassey, were found guilty in the 2005 slaying of 25-year-old Halbach. Both are serving life terms in prison. A judge ruled that Dassey will be eligible for parole on Oct. 31, 2048.

**3: Defense couldn't say who else they thought might have killed Halbach**

Avery's defense attorneys had "a number of other suspects" in Halbach's murder, Buting said. But the jury didn't get to hear those theories. "I know from, frankly, when that decision was made that it was going to be very difficult to win this case because as much publicity as there was in this case, as heinous of a false description was put out into the general public, it was going to be hard for them to find and to acquit on reasonable doubt if they couldn't also see that someone else might have been it," Buting said. "If not him, who?"

Judge Patrick Willis of Manitowoc County ruled against Avery's lawyers, concluding they hadn't shown that the other people on the Avery property had a motive to kill Teresa Halbach or to commit other crimes against her. The Court of Appeals upheld his ruling in an opinion published on Aug. 24, 2011.

**2: Who did the defense want to identify as Halbach's real killer?**

Attorneys Buting and Dean Strang wanted to be able to identify alternative suspects, and evidence pointing to those people, at trial. Hal Bayers argued after he was convicted that they "would have settled on one or more people as to whom we thought we had the best case and that they committed the crime."



Appeals decision on Aug. 24, 2011, included the following people:

• Andrew Martinez, a salvage yard customer who'd been present on the Avery property on Oct. 13, 2005.

• Charles Avery, Steven's brother. Testimony would have pointed to his suspected jealousy of Steven Avery over money. Steven Avery's potential share of the family business and over Steven Avery's girlfriend.

• Earl Avery, Steven's brother. Testimony would have pointed to his presence at the salvage yard after 3:30 or 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 31, 2005, and his reaction to being interviewed by investigators.

• Robert Fabian, a friend of Earl Avery.

• Robby Dassey, nephew of Steven Avery and sibling of co-defendant Brendan Dassey. They wanted to introduce testimony questioning Robby Dassey's statement that he saw Halbach on the Avery salvage yard property before leaving to go hunting and Dassey allegedly conferring statements about when he showered on Oct. 31, 2005.

• Elaine Dassey, nephew of Steven Avery and sibling of co-defendant Brendan Dassey.

• Bryan Dassey, nephew of Steven Avery and sibling of co-defendant Brendan Dassey.

**3: Defense couldn't delve into the professional background of the**



Steven Avery's defense attorney Dean Strang gives his closing arguments in the courtroom on March 15, 2007, at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton.

**former private investigator**

Defense attorneys wanted to fish out the background of Pamela Anderson, 45-year-old DePue woman and second cousin of Teresa Halbach.

Sturm and her daughter, Nicole, found Halbach's locked Toyota RAV4 on the Avery property during an organized search on Nov. 12.

Sturm testified that she had been a private investigator but had let her license expire, according to court documents. She also said she had never done any work for Manitowoc or Calumet county sheriff's departments or been a police officer. She also said her license had never been revoked or suspended.

The defense wanted the jury to know more about her background as an investigator, but the judge wouldn't allow it.

**4: Defense tried to restrict evidence from Avery's trailer**

Steven Avery's 2007 murder trial might have looked dramatically different if Avery's lawyers had convinced Manitowoc County District Judge Patrick Willis to restrict the prosecution from presenting any of the evidence collected from Avery's trailer home during a questionable search of the residence.

Attorneys Jerry Buting and Dean Strang argued that any evidence gathered by the investigators — including the infamous key belonging to murder victim Teresa Halbach's Toyota RAV4 vehicle — should have been deemed inadmissible evidence for special prosecutor Kenneth Kratt to introduce before the jury at Avery's February 2007 trial in Chilton.

Police searched the sprawling Avery Auto Salvage property from Nov. 3 through Nov. 12, court records show.



Steven Avery's defense attorney Dean Strang gives his closing arguments in the courtroom on March 15, 2007, at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton.

On Nov. 15, Avery, 43, was charged with first-degree intentional homicide and mutilation of a corpse. At the time of Halbach's disappearance on Oct. 31, 2005, it was believed that the 25-year-old photographer was in the Avery Salvage Yard in rural Manitowoc County.

Avery's lawyers tried to suppress evidence from the Nov. 8 search of Avery's bedroom based on one hour. Court documents contended that one of the officers "tripped and twisted a bookcase, pulling it away from the wall." Another officer then noticed the RAV4 key on the bedroom floor.

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Two of the officers in the trailer were Manitowoc County Sheriff's Lt. James Lemk and Sgt. Andrew Gilborn, the same deputies who were involved in Avery's \$36 million federal lawsuit against Manitowoc County over Avery's 18-year imprisonment for a 1985 rape conviction by sexual predator Jeffrey Allen.

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source of the DNA on the bullet.

But Calhoun also accidentally introduced her own DNA into a sample meant to catch any mistakes that were made. Her DNA was introduced, she said, when she was training a new analyst while setting up the test.

She said she didn't inspect her interpretation of sample results, but since Calhoun used the whole sample, the defense couldn't retest it.

Buting led reporters through the series that the defense was not allowed to have, someone would have seen the test because they were told additional people could contaminate the scene.

"That's what they said that our person being there would be more risk of contamination when she contaminated herself — and she used it all day so that we can't retest," Buting said.

**5: Pretrial publicity issues**

Buting says that pre-trial publicity poisoned the public and potential jury.

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## Defenses

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have occurred," Dean Strang said. The attorneys argued that in press conferences "given its gritty content," but never warned prospective jurors not to

watch it. Kratz said repeatedly that he and his investigators "knew" certain things, "giving the public an impression of factual certainty based on information purportedly in the hands of authorities." Kratz detailed accusations that he had not yet

filed in a criminal complaint and on which no judge had rendered a probable cause finding. Kratz repeatedly used statements Dassey

had made in asserting facts or allegations against Avery. Kratz would have known those statements against Avery were inadmissible.

## Pfeffer Sr., Joseph T.

Joseph T. Pfeffer Sr., age 87, a lifetime Manitowoc resident, died Sunday, January 17, 2016, at Aurora Medical Center, Two Rivers.

He was born on May 31, 1928 in Manitowoc, son of the late Joseph T. and Viola (Schubert) Pfeffer. On October 21, 1950 he married the former Pauline French in Manitowoc. Joseph was employed at Manitowoc until retiring in 1991.

Survivors include his wife Pauline Pfeffer, Manitowoc and one daughter and son-in-law: Fran Pfeffer and Ryan Goyette, Appleton. He was also preceded in death by one son: Joseph Pfeffer Jr., one

## Pfeffer Sr., Joseph T.

beautiful granddaughter: Rachel Francine Pfeffer; one brother and sister-in-law and one sister and brother-in-law.

Cremation has occurred at All-Care Cremation Center, Manitowoc. A Private Memorial Service will be held at a later date and remains will be at Calvary Cemetery, Manitowoc.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting www.pfefferfamilyhome.com. The Pfeffer Funeral Home & All-Care Cremation Center, Manitowoc, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

## Nass, Joan R.

Joan R. Nass, age 80, Green Bay, Jan. 18, 2016. Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Wernecke, James 'Red'

James "Red" Wernecke, age 72, a resident of Springfield, IL, passed away on November 23, 2015 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL. Jim was born on March 30, 1943 in Manitowoc to the late Otto and Grace H. Wernecke. He attended St. Andrew's Catholic School and later graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1961. Jim had worked at Lakes HRQ for many years until serving in the United States Army from 1964 until his honorable discharge in 1966. He served in Korea as a cook for 14 months. After returning to the United States, Jim had worked in the food service industry in Manitowoc and Milwaukee. Most of his working years were spent in Springfield, IL. Jim was involved in historical western reenactments - note phoon. He enjoyed going to dog races, playing cards, gardening, and was an avid collector. Survivors include: Jim's wife: Melanie Vasconcelos; two brothers: Tom (Debra) Wernecke, Champaign, IL, and Ron (Diane) Wernecke, Scottsdale, AZ; sister Sue (Bob) Wallen, Manitowoc; step-daughter: Christina Bauman, Springfield, IL; two step-granddaughters: Melissa Bauman-Torner and Desiree Cody-Friedman; six step great-grandchildren; also many cousins, nieces, nephews, other

## See more obituaries on 6A

### Shimek, Mildred E.

Mildred E. Shimek, age 95, of Sheboygan, Wis., died on May 14, 2004. She was born on May 31, 1920 in Manitowoc. She was the daughter of the late David and Amanda Schudberg Melville. Mildred attended Lincoln High School and graduated with the class of 1938. On May 24, 1941 she married Harold Shimek at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manitowoc. He preceded her in death on May 14, 2004. She is survived by two sons: Jerome and Kay Shimek; one daughter: Yvonne Shimek; one brother and sister-in-law: Lee and Fay Melville; Mary Lou Sedwick; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, one great great grandson, nieces, nephews along with other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents: David and Amanda Melville; her husband: Harold Shimek.

### Harmlaub, Rudolph E.

Rudolph E. Harmlaub, age 86, a resident of Manitowoc, died on Friday, January 15, 2016 at St. Mary's at Felician Village. He was born on May 2, 1927 in Newton to his parents: Alex and Clara Rueden Harmlaub. He married Scherwin on May 20, 1950 at Holy Immaculate Church in Manitowoc. He is survived in death by his wife: Betty Harmlaub; his children: Henry, Clem, and Victor Harmlaub; his daughter: Madeline Scherwin; his infant sister and brother.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016 at St. Francis of Assisi on Waldo 1121 North 14th Street, Manitowoc. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. David Pleser and Rev. Gerald Foley with entombment to follow at Knollwood Mausoleum. Military rites will be accorded by VFW Otto Post 659. Following the military rites, a luncheon will be held at the Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home on Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Deacon Kenneth Nielsen will lead a prayer service to conclude the visitation at 7 p.m. The visitation will continue on Friday, January 22, 2016 at St. Francis of Assisi on Waldo from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.harriganparksidefuneralhome.com.

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In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate any memorials to be sent to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc. Rosetti High School, or St. Mary's at Felician Village Donorita Loan. Rudy's family would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Alfredo Diaz and all the staff of St. Mary's at Felician Village for the care and compassion they provided.

### Saidl, Ronald R.

Ronald R. Saidl, age 74 of 15732 Jumbo Creek Road, Mishicot, entered into eternal life Saturday afternoon, January 16, 2016, at the Jack and Betty Meng Hospice facility in De Pere. Ron was born March 19, 1941 in Two Rivers to the late Richard and Cecelia Hedina Seidl and has been a lifelong area resident. He was a graduate of Mishicot High School. Ronald married the former Donna Arno-wood April 6, 2004. They shared and operated the family business in the town of Gibson, for many years. After his retirement he enjoyed traveling. Ron was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mishicot. He is survived by his wife: Donna and her children: Roxane, Eric, Hans, Scott, Hendrick and his special friend: Mary, Lisa Hendrick; one brother and sister-in-law: Allen and Carol Seidl, of Mishicot; one sister: Judy Seidl, Manitowoc; his niece and nephews: John Seidl, Lori Perry Collins, Lynn Schaefer, Christopher, Jennifer, Brian Wolfe, and his grand-nieces and nephews: David Scherwin, Billie, Joe, Trevor, Hunter, Samantha, Dyan (Taylor)

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Dr. Brad Womsey for the excellent care extended to my father. My four kindnesses will always be remembered. The Lambert E. Eckert Funeral Home of Manitowoc is assisting with arrangements.

### Powlish, Irene A.

Irene A. Powlish, age 80, a Manitowoc resident, took the hand of God and entered into eternal life on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Shady Lane Nursing Care Center, Manitowoc. She was born on July 30, 1925 in the Town of Eaton, Manitowoc County; daughter of the late Andrew and Agnes (Kautzer) Sakowaty. On July 10, 1947 she married John Powlish. Irene was employed as a waitress at The Supper Club, Manitowoc, Carlton Inn, Two Rivers and River Falls Supper Club, Shoto. She was a member of the Rosary Society at St. Mary Catholic Church and donated much of her time at Manitowoc Senior Center. When her children were young, Irene was involved in Girl Scouts.

Survivors include five daughters and her favorite son-in-law: Linda Elaine Macintosh; Christine "Sally" & Ronald Kaminski; Manitowoc; granddaughters: Marsha, Mishicot, Carol Parsons Upper Darby, PA and Cathy (B.R. Casey) Stange; Manitowoc; six grandchildren: Scott Reno, Nicole Boopertier (Hans) some Duesen, Jason (Vicki) Kneser, Chris Kaminski, Timm (Allyn) Kaminski, Rhonda (Mark) Zahn, Traci (Lori) Westcott Gantzer, Bill Parsons IV (Hester), Victoria Parsons (Joeh), Quentia (Shaunee) Powlish; 14 great grandchildren: Mason, Quilpin, Justine, Ashley, Samantha, Hunter, Costner, Morgan, Madison, Kyrleigh, Matthew, Brittany, Devin, and Griffin; a sister: Ina; and a special nephew: Roger Powlish, CA. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. She was also

## Urbanek, Edward J.

Edward J. Urbanek, age 82, lifelong resident of Two Rivers, died peacefully early Sunday morning, January 17, 2016 at his residence with his family at his side. Ed was born in Two Rivers on July 10, 1933, to the late Donald and Marian (Strang) Urbanek. He attended St. Luke's Grade School, and Washington High School in Two Rivers, graduating with the class of 1952. On August 16, 1973, he married Kathryn A. Last at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Ed worked for Hamilton Mfg. Co. of Two Rivers for many years; he was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church and proud supporter of St. John's Lutheran School, where he was a longtime basketball coach; also assistant coach of other sports; and served as athletic director. He was an avid golfer who enjoyed going in jaguars, as well as playing several of the area golf courses; and he truly enjoyed time spent with his family, especially his two granddaughters. Survivors include his wife: Katie; son and daughter-in-law: Edward D. and Beth Urbanek of Two Rivers; daughter and son-in-law: Emily and Doree Klumler of Branch; and his three grandchildren: Auber Urbanek, Levi and Austin Klumler. He is further survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Jerry Rogers of Shoto; sister-in-law, Susan Last of Manitowoc; one niece, Elizabeth Gilbert-Rogers & her husband, Wayne of Two Rivers; and one nephew, Matthew Rogers of Milwaukee. He was

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