



GROCERIES GAINING

Survey says Americans are spending more on groceries during pandemic

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TAUKESHA — For many, 2020 has been a year of change and adjustments. That's true for grocery shopping habits, too.

Being at home more and traveling less has changed the way many consumers fill up their grocery carts, and that spells change for the upcoming holidays.

'We're anticipating instead of one person having 20-30 people over, (instead they'll have) four or five smaller gatherings" for Thanksgiving, said Sentry Foods Albrecht's Delafield Market Family co-owner Kerry Jeanpierre. That translates into more in-store foot traffic and smaller portions purchased, and that could likely mean more overall sales.

According to a survey by C+R Research and Digital Third Coast, Americans have been paying more for staples such as meat, poultry and eggs. About 85% of American consumers report paying more for groceries during COVID-19 with an average weekly bill of \$139.

Jeanpierre said when it comes to Halloween, she's expecting a slowdown on candy buying, with some making decisions at the last minute due to potential sudden changes to trick-or-treating plans.

In Pewaukee, Good Harvest General Manager Ross Easton said the October holiday may be a smaller affair in general this year.

"Halloween, I suspect, will be down a little bit because some communities aren't really doing trick-or-treating," he said.



A consumer looks over her options at the Albrecht's Deli.

doing better these days, though. Easton said fresh produce has been selling well, which is evidence of consumers spending more time cooking and relying less on the convenience of preprepared foods.

Jeanpierre said the bak-ing goods section at Albrecht's has been particularly popular lately. "People are actually making more items from scratch," she said. "Now we're seeing people are making a lot more from recipes.

Consumers are also stocking up their freezers and remains a challenge. pantries with shelf-stable goods like rice and soup. Jeanpierre said the online people for Thanksgiving, conordering option has "exploded" since the pandemic splurge in some areas they began and it's maintained its might not have otherwise. activity levels since March. For suppliers, keeping they might get a particularly

Some things are actually some food items available premium quality turkey or

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A variety of meat options on display at Good Harvest Market in Pewaukee.

Because many of them may be planning on feeding fewer sumers may feel the room to Jeanpierre said it's possible

try something new and add steak or lobster to the holiday menu this year.

grocery business remaining busy these days, Albrecht's has made sure to support hit industries — while thank- on convenience for meals.

Consumer survey findings

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■ 85% of American consumers report paying more for groceries during COVID-19 with average weekly spending at \$139. ■ 83% still have difficulty finding grocery items they normally

purchase. ■ 87% are worried a second wave of COVID-19 will lead to

grocery shortages. The top ways consumers are cutting back on grocery spend-

- ing:
- 1. Eating less meat
- 2. Seeking discounts
- 3. Eating less poultry
- 4. Avoiding organic items 5. Buying in bulk

Despite masks and social distancing, 75% still feel

uncomfortable shopping at a grocery store (up from 60% in April).

> Source: C+R Research, **Digital Third Coast**

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ing their own staff for their hard work by purchasing lunches from local venues for them.

"I just feel like we need to do that sort of thing," she said. "I do think it's our corporate responsibility to do that."

Looking forward, Easton said it's possible the new habits consumers have picked up during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as cooking more, could stick around and be longterm trends. He said a big Jeanpierre said despite the determining factor will be working from home, though, as commuting and spending less time near local restaurants - which one's kitchen will likely have been one of the hardest- once again place a premium



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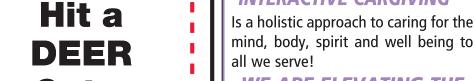
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Some parents turn to tutors amid pandemic

COVID-driven uncertainty spawns new interest

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PEWAUKEE — With uncertainty looming over school instruction formats. some families are turning to tutoring services as a means of offering some stability and traditional learning for their children.

"The longer we go into the pandemic and the longer kids are in virtual learning, families are coming to learn there are certain gaps," said Kumon Math and Reading Center of Waukesha owner and tutor Ruchee Saxena. "There has been a spike in the interest."

Kumon offers program- work hard.

ming from preschool all the way up to college-level courses. "The scope of our program is huge," Saxena students online, Kumon said. "And we're able to individualize it.'

The program is also gradeless and ageless, with are progress tailored to each approach, their children recommend the tutoring child's individual growth as a student.

For parents who may worry about their child's Anand Krish, who has a 9academic performance slipping or being unsuited to the uncertainty of a changing format — with classes going virtual at times due to COVID-19 — Saxena said tutoring can offer a constant, pre- his children learning in strong study habits and dictable learning experience with motivation to

Anita Gupta, also an owner and tutor at Kumon, said despite meeting with places an emphasis on pencil-to-paper learning. "It's are still doing that old-fash-

ioned learning," she said. such parent is One year-old son and a 5-yearold daughter participating in Kumon. "(It's) very effective for us, for both of the kids and for the family," he said.

Krish said with both of fully virtual formats at homework skills, with a their schools, he sees focus on math and read-Kumon learning as "a ing. "The basic premise is waukesha.



Submitted photo

From left, Kumon students Anay Bansal, Anna Ranasaria, Siddhant Shah and Guarav Saluja hold medals and trophies recognizing their academic performances.

just loving that time." He said he would service to others, and knows parents who have begun utilizing tutors recently.

Saxena emphasized curriculum is tailored to each child's needs. "They move at their pace, (but) they're still getting challenged," she said.

The goal is to build

very organic and parents break from their screen we want to bring out the best in every student (and) guide them to success, Saxena said.

Kumon Math and Reading Center of Waukesha is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this month.

Saxena and Gupta said they will offer a free consultation and assessment to any prospective families.

Those who are interested can learn more about Kumon online at https://www.kumon.com/



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Brookfield Town Board approves street light Approval comes after resident urges action

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TOWN OF BROOKFIELD — Residents near the corner of Mary Lynn Drive and Watertown Road are getting a new streetlight.

The light was approved unanimously at the Town Board's meeting Oct. 20. The move comes after two years of Mary Ann Nelson, a resident on the corner, urging the town to put a light there.

"It's a terrible corner," Nelson said, adding she'd given one neighbor's child a flashlight so they're able to see when crossing the road to get to the nearby Kwik Trip.

Nelson said she'd brought the issue to the board's attention about two years ago, but it wasn't approved then. Town Admin-

istrator Tom Hagie said he wasn't sure if it was voted down or simply tabled at that time.

Hagie said the intersection currently "does not have any street lights of any kind." He said when the area was constructed decades ago, no light was put in and it's not clear why.

The town received a cost estimate for a new light from We Energies for "somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5,000-\$6,000," Hagie said.

Nelson passed out fliers in the area before the meeting, alerting neighbors to the situation. She said there are dozens of two-family houses on the street. "It's pitch black at night," she said. "The kids walk to the Kwik Trip.'

Nelson voiced approval for the decision after the meeting, "We got the streetlight," she said.

Blessings in a Backpack names Waukesha County affiliate National Chapter

Manufacturers reinforce county's economy during pandemic

Staying open helped keep unemployment down, allowed for growth

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turers in Waukesha County that stayed open during the shutdown helped bolster the local economy when it needed it most.

Superior Crane Cor-Operations Ryan Healy sald as a material equipment, mostly cranes, the company was deemed essential during the shutdown put in place by Gov. Tony Evers. Despite some logistical hurdles with meeting clients face to face, Superior Crane has kept up with business and had a backlog prior to COVID-19, which helped see it through what might have otherwise been a leaner time. "That helped us weather the months where everything was basically shut down," Healy said. Having a spacious facility and producing a process has social distancing between workers almost built in, which is a big help, too. that the people who stayed employed at the company helped continue contributing to the local economy through everyday transactions, such as stopping at the gas station and going out to lunch. Those who may have been laid off are much more likely to keep all expenses to a minimum, making the to any good economy" situation dire for local and it enhances the businesses. President Tami Marek-Loper said at first, printing wasn't considered an essential busiactivity, but ness because The Marek Group prints for so many health care clients, they never had to shut down or do layoffs "We were pleasantly surprised to be able to continue to provide all of those services," she said. The Marek Group has pandemic. Marekbilities to laser-cut face duce other personal difference.'

protective equipment, by the end of August, they'd supplied a million and a half masks for people across the country without having

produced a single one prior to the pandemic. "ProHealth was a big consumer for us," she said. "They bought the first round of masks and helped us field test."

The Marek Group also landed a contract with the Tel Aviv-based poration Chief Outside company Mixtiles to Officer produce all their photo products in the Miaproducer of overhead west. That's led to the handling need to hire 50 new employees and 150 temporary ones too.

WAUKESHA — For many business sectors, 2020 has been a year of uncertainty. That's true for manufacturing as

well, but local manufac-

WAUKESHA — Blessings in a Backpack, a nonprofit that provides food on the weekends for elementary schoolchildren across America who might otherwise go hungry, has named the Waukesha affiliate its fifth national chapter after Palsy, Safe Babies Healthy eight years of strong Families of Waukesha Coungrowth with the local organization. Local success with Charity of Wisconsin, where the Waukesha County program has also driven the director/CEO until August need for a managing director, which will be Nancy Major, a proven leader in nonprofit executive management roles.

Major has been actively involved in the Waukesha area through various committees and associations, Blessings Waukesha County sha in 2012 with 12 volun- inabackpack.org

Advisory Board, where she teers, feeding 25 students at has been a weekly volunteer since March 2020. She has held prior executive leadership roles with local and regional affiliates of national nonprofits, including Special Olympics, United Cerebral ty, and Variety-the Children's executive she was 2019. Under Major's leadership, Safe Babies Healthy Families developed an award-winning reputation and expanded its footprint by successfully completing a merger with Easter Seals of Southeast Wisconsin.

Blessings in a Backpack the Waukesha chapter, visit including serving on the began a program in Wauke-

one school. The program has grown to more than 50 regular volunteers, distributing over 75,000 bags of food to 2,000 students in Waukesha, Oconomowoc, Sussex. Wales and Hartland during the 2018-19 school year. Over the past eight years, the program has raised more than \$1.45 million in donations from over 1,000 donors, but the need locally continues to grow. As little as \$4 will help provide one bag of food for a hungry child, and with the current pandemic, Blessings is making sure kids are fed daily.

For more information on https://waukesha.blessings





"It was all because we were open and we were still busy," Marek-Loper said.

Both The Marek Group and Superior Crane are currently hiring. Healy said sometimes businesses have to take a pass on jobs simply because there aren't enough staff to meet demand. "As with every indus-

try, manufacturing CEOs are facing uncertainty and continue to worry about economic collapse and disruption," said Waukesha County Business product so large, the Alliance Vice President of Public Policy Amanda Payne. "However, in the face of what now feels like a constant Healy pointed out level of change we're all learning to live with, Waukesha County is well-poised for its strong manufacturing base to continue operating, growing and leading the way as we move into recovery."

Waukesha County Board Chairman Paul Decker said manufacturing is the "backbone long-term economic The Marek Group futures of individuals as well as the region

overall. "There's many instances (of) products engineered, being designed and made here in County," Waukesha he said, adding that it helps lift local wages. "The variety of jobs

available in manufacturing include everything from marketing, engineering, design (and) you have so many skill sets that are needeven picked up new ed throughout the orga-business during the nization," Decker said. "The market opportuni-Loper said because the ties for those compacompany has the capa- nies (that) can always be thinking forward, shield masks and pro- that really makes a

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Brookfield sues contractor over conference center work

WAUKESHA — The city of Brookfield is suing a contractor hired to install footings and the foundation of its new conference center, saying the work was defective and completed after its promised date.

The city filed suit against J.H. Findorff and Son of Madison alleging breach of contract and seeking unspecified compensatory damages as well as reimbursement to correct the work it did. Named as an involuntary plaintiff in the suit was JP Cullen & Sons of Janesville, which allegedly incurred costs as a result of delays on the project.

A call to Findorff seeking comment on the suit was not returned.

According to the complaint in the case, Findorff was hired in September 2018 to install footings and a foundation for Brookfield's conference center project, to be substantially completed by Jan. 28, 2019, with final completion to be by March 29, 2019. But Findorff failed to meet the deadline, the suit said, adding that an architect also identified other deficiencies in the work related to backfill, improperly installed anchor bolts and that parts of the foundation walls and piers were 2 inches too high. Findorff's "defective performance caused substantial delay in the progress of the construction of the Brookfield Conference Center," the suit said.

The delayed completion by Findorff led to a late start on Cullen's portion of the project, leading to that company claiming against the city expenses incurred as a result, the suit said.

Thanksgiving: smaller turkeys, gatherings predicted

Grocers anticipate shopping early, possible food supply issues

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Thanksgiving won't be canceled in 2020, but it's most likely going to look different with smaller turkeys and food portions for a smaller family gathering. Dinner may even be steak and shrimp for some.

Kerry Jeanpierre, family co-owner of Sentry Foods Albrecht's Delafield Market, said they ordered their turkeys for Thanksgiving months ago. Now, she is saying that the holiday may not be as turkey-driven, with some people opting to serve their smaller gathering of guests higher end foods such as steak compared to serving a large turkey for 20 family members.

"It's going to be unusual like everything else. It's a challenge. All you can do is look at patterns, but we are not in that. All we can do is hope we are set up," she said.

Smaller birds

On Oct. 21 Walmart announced it would be stocking smaller turkey portions for the anticipated smaller gatherings. According to a news release, there will be between a 20% and 30% increase in Walmart's assortment of bone-in and boneless turkey breasts.

According to a survey by Butterball, nearly 90% of consumers are planning to celebrate Thanksgiving, even if that means they have to make significant changes. The data collected by the turkey company found that more people will be having smaller gatherings, but still about three-quarters of hosts plan to serve the same size turkey or larger than last year.

They also found that 30% of people say they are hosting only immediate family this year, which is an increase over 18% of people who typically would do so. This also means there will be more first-time hosts, leading to calls to the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line experts, which will be staffed by remote workers.

New cooks, recipes

Wisconsin Grocers Association President and CEO Brandon Scholz said he thinks people will be feeling more confident if they have to make Thanksgiving dinner themselves this year.

"People have changed a lot of their habits so this idea of having Thanksgiving at home might not be as scary as it would have been in the past," he said. "(They may think) after months and months of being at home, I've been cooking a lot and can probably do it."

Scholz said even veteran cooks may need to learn a new recipe if products are low. There is the possibility that manufacturers may not be able to meet demand and there could be a shortage of canned pumpkin or cranberries, meaning home cooks may need to use the whole food.

Jeanpierre said not having enough of different products is also a concern for her, saying some people may come to grocery stores and find out that there are no canned green beans or they may need to switch to a different brand.

She asks that people be patient and know that grocers want to stock the items, but may not be able to because even though they may order a certain amount, sometimes that's not what arrives on the delivery truck during the pandemic.

And when they are short on products, such as turkey, Albrecht's may go to local suppliers, she said.

Shopping patterns

The Butterball survey found that 60% of respondents are looking to reduce the amount of time spent in the store and the number of stores they visit and the majority who typically celebrate will continue traditional in-store shopping (70%), one-third indicate they will be shopping online or doing a mix of online and in-store shopping for Thanksgiving items (30%).

Jeanpierre said she anticipates people shopping earlier for shelf-stable or frozen items, but bakery and other fresh items will need to be bought a day or two before.

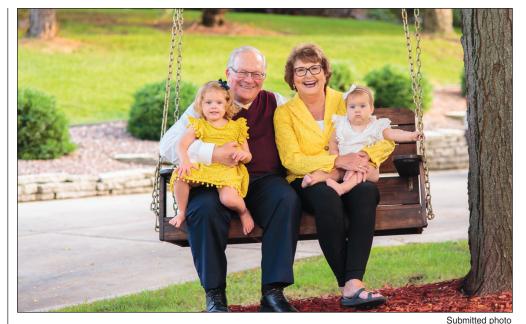
As a result of smaller gatherings, Jeanpierre anticipates there will be more people buying smaller orders of food. So there may be four people shopping for five people each instead of one person shopping for 20.

Jeanpierre said by only operating one store, they are able to adapt pretty fast to the changes the pandemic has caused.

She stresses that "consumers have to be understanding and be patient.'

'You may see lines where you don't normally," she said. "This is a challenging time for us; we are doing our best."

Normally, Albrecht's is open for a few hours on Thanksgiving so shoppers can get that missing ingredient, but this year they will be closed to give their employees a break.



Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto with his wife, Mary, and their granddaughters, Hazel and Olive.

Brookfield offers many reasons to celebrate

City has parks, arts center, strong business community

By Steve Ponto

I have long regarded Brookfield as a special place, which is why my wife and I decided to build our home here more than 30 years ago. We have raised two daughters here and now have two granddaughters nearby. There are a number of reasons I place such a high value on living in Brookfield and why I believe the community has been so successful over the vears.

First. Brookfield has a great location. It is about 10 miles west of downtown Milwaukee along I-94. It is in Waukesha County which has historically had a good, responsible county government. It also has Bluemound Road which, as it runs through Brookfield, is one of the premier commercial corridors in Wisconsin. Bluemound Road has offices, retail, hotels and restaurants. The heavy traffic on Bluemound Road attests to its importance.

Second. The city

Brookfield, together with of life. Brookfield has 29 the village of Elm Grove, parks, a great public library, has the Elmbrook School District. The district, which has consistently been ranked as one of the best in the state, was again ranked number one in Wisconsin earlier this month, by Niche, a national ranking agency made up of data scientists, engineers and parents. Brookfield also has excellent private schools such as Brookfield Academy and several top performing parochial schools.

Third. Brookfield has a stable, competent and responsible city government which has set high standards throughout its history and has maintained them. The city government has been able to attract and retain top notch employees, who are committed to excellence in public service and typically stay with the city government for a large part of their careers.

Fourth. The Brookfield community has invested in a wide variety of facilities of which enhance the quality of Brookfield.)

the beautiful Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts. and now the state-of-the-art Brookfield Conference Center. It has also attracted popular commercial facilities such as Lifetime Fitness.

Fifth. Most importantly, Brookfield has an intelligent, well-educated and successful population which values the community and typically chose it as the place they wanted to raise their children. For those children, Brookfield is a great launching pad. The success of many of the young people who have grown up in Brookfield attests to this.

Because I am so enthusiastic about Brookfield as a great place to live, work and play, I am very grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve as an alderman for 12 years and as mayor for the last 10 and one-half years. Celebrate Brookfield!

(Steve Ponto is the mayor



Elm Grove Kiwanis donate iPad to student

ELM GROVE — An iPad with special apps was presented to Autumn Way-



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North Shore Bank opens new branch

BROOKFIELD — North Shore Bank's newest location at 15830 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield is now open to the public.

The new branch features an updated design concept and offers customers banking that is more convenient, including extended video teller drive-up hours, 24/7 drive-up ATMs, in-branch coin counting, and more private customer areas to conduct business. The new location serves customers financial needs by offering personal checking, business checking, savings accounts, retirement planning, consumer and mortgage lending, and more.

During construction, the previous branch remained open but now has plans to be demolished in November. Branch employees have transferred to the new location under the leadership of Andrew Torke, the branch manager of the bank's Brookfield Capitol office.

AAA: Wisconsinites still very concerned about traveling

MADISON — The holidays about traveling this holiday transportation, are a time when family memwith the pandemic many remain hesitant to do so.

According to a recent sur-

season due to the pandemic. respondents to the survey bers travel by car, plane and However, they are are feeling say they are most comforttrain to see each other, but a little more comfortable able traveling in their perwith the idea with 40% say- sonal vehicles. Auto travel ing they are more at ease tends to be more affordable with traveling than they due to lower gas prices, and vey by AAA, 81% of Wiscon- were when the pandemic allows drivers to be more sin travelers are concerned began. Of the modes of flexible with timing.



This is the 54th iPad presented to students on the autism spectrum in Elm Grove, Menomonee Falls, West Allis, Wauwatosa and Waukesha with students, parents and educators sharing the experience.

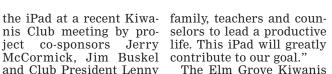
The Autism iPad project was started in 2013 as Kiwanis Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Governor's project. The district consists of 141 clubs including the Elm Grove Club. Since then, 1,225 iPads with special apps have been presented.

Autumn was presented

nis Club meeting by project co-sponsors Jerry McCormick, Jim Buskel and Club President Lenny Johnson. Her mother and grandmother accompanied her at the presentation.

Autumn's progress with the help of mission.

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Club includes 54 senior members committed to mother, child and one community Michelle, said, "Autumn is at a time. The iPad Autism happy and making good Project exactly fulfills this



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WIAA STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Central weathers field to claim top prize

Lancers win second state title in school history

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KOHLER — Perhaps a coach bus got coach Scrobel a state title.

The head honcho of the Brookfield Central girls golf team for over two decades, Brian Scrobel couldn't hold back the tears after the Lancers claimed their second WIAA Division 1 State Girls Golf Tournament championship in program history Oct. 13 at Blackwolf Run Meadows Valley.

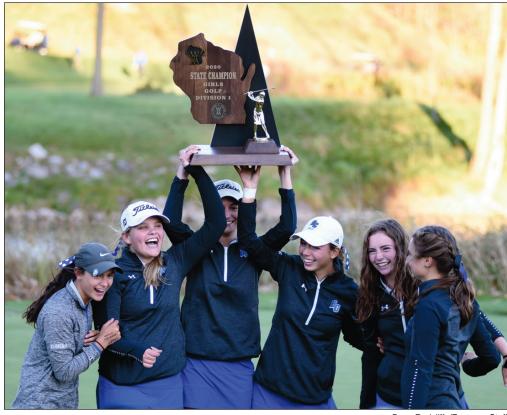
It was straight-up survival mode at times — the constant rain on Monday and the blistering winds on Oct. 13 — but BC weathered the weather to shoot a winning two-day total of 516 to clear Arrowhead and Waunakee by 10 strokes.

"This was hard," Scrobel said. "The weather was so difficult. The wind was threeclub wind at times and they just never let it get them down. We said just focus on the next shot and they did that, and they were able to survive all those hills and valleys. It was something that we practice and we talked about. I'm proud that they bought into it and because of that they're state champs."

Shelling out a little extra to Coach USA might have been the competitive edge Central needed.

Round 1 at Blackwolf Run was shortened to nine holes because of the rain, and it also interrupted the rounds of the five Lancers out on the course

"The reason we kind of planned for that was because I knew the procedure was



From left to right, CJ Romero, Erin Rosencrantz, Kyley Wipper, Sarah Balding, Nora Purtell and Eva Kumer celebrate with the first-place trophy after winning the WIAA Division 1 State Girls Golf Tournament on Oct. 13 at Blackwolf Run — Meadow Valleys in Kohler.

break that we had to go back charge from Kettle Moraine, bus and singing and it was kind of fun, and that kind of through from there. relaxed them. When they came out after that it was into a match play, just beat really good and it really kind your girl," Scrobel said. "We of set the tone.'

It set the tone to a tune of control the controllables, stay an eight-stroke lead over in the now and then just let Tomah following Day 1, things happen and try to get which included a four-over 40 away from what your girl from Kyley Wipper to put the did.' senior in second place.

got in the right state of mind runner-up. to go back out there and play the last five or so holes.'

While Tomah faded on Day going to be if there was a 2, there was a midround to finish fifth.

to the cars," Scrobel said. "So closing to within as close as they were taking naps on the seven. But the mental fortitude of the Lancers shined

"We don't want them to get talk a lot about the process,

For example, eventual indi-"We were more relaxed, I vidual state champion Jessithink, coming out of the ca Guiser, a freshman from coach bus," Wipper said. "We Arrowhead, may have bested were able to talk through Sarah Balding by five strokes stuff on the course, like shots on Oct. 13. But the BC junior we were going to take. We still battled her way to a spot were able to take a quick little on the podium, tying for sixth nap to re-energize and we just (125) one year after finishing

Wipper, by far the top No. 3 golfer on the course, paced the Lancers with a 16-over 124

"It was really tough," Wipper said. "Yesterday probably was the hardest conditions I've ever played in in my four years at BC and I just kept my head down. I kept fighting. I knew everyone on the course had the same conditions so I didn't get down on myself when I hit a bad shot and I just pushed myself through it all.'

Of course, it took a top-tobottom effort for Central to bring home the first-place trophy. Senior Erin Rosencrantz was clutch down the stretch to finish tied for 17th as well, and it was tears of joy (132), and senior teammate CJ Romero gutted out a 138 to tie for 25th.

"Sarah was amazing," Scrobel said. "Kyley Wipper since 2003. was so good on the first day, and she battled all day and she was good today. Erin Rosencrantz on the back nine Wipper said. "Us three man Madison Haugen (T-9th, today when things weren't seniors, me, CJ and Erin just 129).





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TOP: Brookfield Central senior Kyley Wipper watches her tee shot during the WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament on Oct. 13 at Blackwolf Run - Meadow Valleys in Kohler. BOTTOM: Brookfield Central junior Sarah Balding follows her tee shot.

remarkable because it got crooked there for a little bit.'

Juniors Nora Purtell and Eva Kumer combined to shoot a two-day score of 143, and jubilation as soon as Balding holed her final putt on the 18th to give the Lancers their first state title

"I'm just so grateful for able to accomplish today,"

going well, finishing par, wanted to go out with a bang birdie, par, par was just and that's exactly what we did.'

Kettle Moraine junior Jenna Anderson narrowly missed out on a medal as she took eighth with a 127. Senior Reagan Stuke also cracked the top 10, tying for ninth (129), and junior Madeline Fiebig tied for 13th (130) as the Lasers were fourth as a team at 531.

The top finisher among what me and my team was area individual qualifiers was Brookfield East fresh-

UW study indicates Wisconsin school sports don't increase COVID-19 cases

WAUKESHA - A study 17 years of age. conducted by the Department of Orthopedics & Rehabilita- found that no sport had a sta- sory Committee. All schools tion at the University of Wis- tistically higher incidence responding to the study consin School of Medicine rate than that of teenagers reported having a formal and Public Health concluded during the same period of plan in place to mitigate the participation in high school time. Furthermore, only one spread of COVID-19, and sports in Wisconsin has not case - or 0.5% of the report- most indicated they used a

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In addition, the survey WIAA's Sports Medical Advi- participation.

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19 infections among high school student-athletes.

The COVID-19 in Wisconsin High School Athletics study conducted by Dr. Andrew Watson and his research team reveals the case and incidence rate of a statewide sampling, which represented 30,000 studentathletes, are actually lower than those reported by the conclusion highlights the COVID-19 among youth ath-Wisconsin Department of efforts of member schools to letes and provide a more com-Health Services for those 14- follow the prescribed guide- plete picture of COVID-19

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transmission during sports activities.

Another finding of the study confirms existing literature regarding the severity of COVID-19 in children. There were no cases reported that resulted in hospitalization or death.

reduce risk of exposure and infection. Along with the study's findings, the research team acknowledges the risk of COVID-19 will vary in different areas and across age groups. They encourage expanded and replicated An encouraging and signif- research in other populations icant aspect of the study's to greater assess risk of

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