

## Pitching prognosis

Corey Knebel, Corbin Burnes eager for chances to replicate their successful 2018 campaigns. **Page 1B**



## Country feel

The Milton City Council advanced a pair of ordinances that would allow residents to keep chickens and bees within city limits. **Page 3A**

## Testing planned

Walworth County and the Wisconsin National Guard will operate coronavirus testing sites for the public later this month. **Page 4A**



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# Return to schools has support

## 52% answering survey from Janesville district prefer in-person school

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### JANESVILLE

A majority of respondents to a Janesville School District survey want students back in classrooms for the 2020-21 school year.

The districtwide survey, released to The Gazette on Monday, shows

about 52% of parents, district employees and students who responded prefer that kids be taught at school.

Some 3,650 people responded to the 12-question survey over about a week at the end of June. The questions focused on educational preferences, extracurricular activities, transportation and safety measures.

The survey was organized and conducted by the Donovan Group, a school communications company



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based in Milwaukee. The Donovan Group conducted surveys for multiple Rock County school districts and then shared the results with each district.

The survey didn't cost Janesville anything because the Donovan Group has a contract with the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, of which the district is a member.

Parents made up the majority of survey respondents—72% of those surveyed said they have children who will attend public school in fall.

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## Majority of Milton respondents prefer resumption of in-person learning

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### MILTON

About 82% Milton School District parents would be comfortable having their children return to classrooms this fall if school officials decide it's permissible to allow in-person instruction,

according to a survey.

Superintendents of school districts in Rock County conducted an online survey about how school should look this fall.

In the Milton School District, 1,857 people responded.

The most preferred

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## Raining buckets



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A group finishes a basketball game at Bond Park in Janesville on Tuesday night as a rainstorm moves in. More than an inch of rain fell across most of Janesville on Tuesday night, triggering flash flooding across roadways in some areas of the city. Sun and heat are expected to return today. **More weather on Page 7A.**

# Dane County orders masking

## When indoors and not at home, residents now required to cover up

Associated Press

### MADISON

All Dane County residents will be required to wear masks when indoors under the first order of its kind issued in Wisconsin on Tuesday as deaths from COVID-19 surpassed 800 statewide and confirmed cases again increased, particularly among young adults.

Gov. Tony Evers said he was considering a statewide mask mandate, but after the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down his safer-at-home order in May, a new one requiring masks to be worn is "unlikely."

"We really don't know if I have the authority to do that," Evers said on a conference call while encouraging everyone to stay at home and wear a mask.

He urged people not to politicize

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### RELATED

• **Distributing gear:** Using equipment from a federal shipment, the state of Wisconsin will send millions of face masks and thousands of thermometers to public and private schools. Food processors and other small businesses will also be receiving masks from the state. **Page 2A**



Evers

# State cites Janesville nursing home over virus outbreak

## St. Elizabeth disputes findings

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### JANESVILLE

The state Department of Health Services has determined St. Elizabeth Nursing Home had an inadequate screening protocol after an investigation into a COVID-19 outbreak at the facility, but the nursing home disputes that.

A state report released Tuesday states St.

Elizabeth failed to ensure all staff members were screened for COVID-19 symptoms at the beginning of their shifts to prevent exposure to residents.

In a plan of correction mandated by the state, the nursing home said it "objects to the allegation of noncompliance in the statement of deficiency and disagrees with both the findings of noncompliance and the level of deficiency cited."

The nursing home says its submission of a plan of correction is not a "legal admission" to the findings in the state's report.

State officials began an offsite

investigation May 5 and concluded June 8 with an onsite investigation, according to the report.

The Rock County Public Health Department announced April 27 that two residents at St. Elizabeth had tested positive for COVID-19.

The Gazette was unable to reach health department spokeswoman Kelsey Cordova on Tuesday to ask whether more residents or staff members have tested positive since then.

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## OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES, 6A

- DeLorm Phillip Cleasby
- Robert "Bob" Gosda
- Darryl P. "Dar" Holden
- Donna F. Hooker

## TODAY'S WEATHER

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