

Containment effort

State overseeing the depopulation of a Jefferson County egg farm after highly pathogenic avian influenza was detected in its 3-million-bird flock. **Page 3A**

Ready for the red carpet?

Catch up with what will be new at the presentation of the 94th Academy Awards on Sunday night. **Kicks, Page 8B**



Boys of summer

After two years away, Milton will once again be represented in adult summer baseball leagues by a club with a historic name. **Page 1B**

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\$96 million outlay on board docket

County resolution would address jail, related facilities

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JANESVILLE

The nearly 100-year-old Pinehurst Building, which houses both the Rock County Sheriff's Office and Rock County Jail, resembles a "fixer-upper" with squeaky floors and a leaky roof. Instead of a leaky ceiling, the basement floods regularly. Electrical equipment is stored in potentially

IF YOU GO

What: Rock County Board of Supervisors meeting
When: 6 p.m. today
Where: Rock County Courthouse
On the web: youtube.com/channel/UCcGhCAgg7M8721fnSaYU29Q/

unfavorable conditions, and the main room where radios and Tasers are stored in a room susceptible to pooling water, Capt. Curtis Fell of the Rock County Sheriff's Office told the Gazette.

"That (room) floods frequently

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During a meeting of the Rock County Board scheduled tonight, board members are expected to discuss a \$96 million resolution for new construction and renovations on the county jail campus at the intersection of highways 14 and 51. Part of the proposal is the construction of a new law enforcement services building, an artist's rendering of which is shown above.



Cranes flock in western Rock County

Above: Sandhill cranes forage for food in a farm field along Tripp Road west of Janesville on Wednesday. The birds pictured were among a group of dozens of the birds.

Right: A group of four cranes flies above a farm field in western Rock County on Wednesday morning.

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Justices reject state-level district maps

Ruling adds uncertainty in election year

By Jessica Gresko and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court on Wednesday threw out Wisconsin state legislative maps that were preferred by the state's Democratic governor and selected by Wisconsin's top court, a win for Republicans that also makes it unclear what the boundaries will be for the fall election.

But while the justices in an unsigned opinion threw out voting maps the Wisconsin Supreme Court had selected for the State Assembly and Senate, they left in place state congressional maps. The state's highest court selected the maps from a range of options after the Republican-controlled Legislature and the governor couldn't agree.

The U.S. Supreme Court

has signaled it might significantly change the ground rules that govern redistricting. Last month it stopped a ruling by a panel of federal judges requiring Alabama to redraw its maps to give African Americans a better shot at selecting their representatives, saying it might need to revise the longstanding case law that governs that. It's that case law that the high court referred to in the Wisconsin ruling.

The court declined to overrule state supreme courts in North Carolina and Pennsylvania to block the maps those bodies ordered be implemented in 2022, but four conservative justices wrote that they want to rule on the novel legal theory that state legislatures, rather than state courts, have supreme power in drawing maps. The involvement of

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Experts: Pandemic has opened door for breakthroughs

Study of COVID-19 has broadened medical knowledge

By Liz Szabo
Kaiser Health News

The billions of dollars invested in COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19

research so far are expected to yield medical and scientific dividends for decades, helping doctors battle influenza, cancer, cystic fibrosis and more diseases. "This is just the start," said Dr. Judith James, vice president of clinical affairs for the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. "We won't see these dividends

in their full glory for years." Building on the success of mRNA vaccines for COVID-19, scientists hope to create mRNA-based vaccines against a host of pathogens, including influenza, Zika, rabies, HIV and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, which hospitalizes 3 million children under age 5 each year worldwide.

Researchers see promise in mRNA to treat cancer, cystic fibrosis and rare, inherited metabolic disorders, although potential therapies are still many years away. Pfizer and Moderna worked on mRNA vaccines for cancer long before they developed COVID-19 shots. Researchers are now

running dozens of clinical trials of therapeutic mRNA vaccines for pancreatic cancer, colorectal cancer and melanoma, which frequently responds well to immunotherapy. Companies looking to use mRNA to treat cystic fibrosis include ReCode Therapeutics, Arcuturus Therapeutics, and

Moderna and Vertex Pharmaceuticals, which are collaborating. The companies' goal is to correct a fundamental defect in cystic fibrosis, a mutated protein. Rather than replace the protein itself, scientists plan to deliver mRNA that would instruct the body to

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