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Weekly news, inspiration, updates and happenings

The Fondy Frontline

Ang and Eddie's in Fond du Lac offers a welcoming neighborhood atmosphere paired with standout food, especially their flavorful, well-crafted pizzas made with fresh ingredients. With options like gluten-free crust and a menu full of crowd-pleasers, it's a go-to spot where great food and community come together.

Faces Of Our Future

Meet Liam, a young entrepreneur behind Liam's Lawn & Landscaping, offering services like mulching, gutter cleanouts, junk removal, and yard cleanups. With a strong work ethic and attention to detail, he's quickly becoming a reliable go-to for local outdoor projects.

Finding Balance

The Birds of a Feather 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament at Korneli's on the Ave on April 25th promises a fun-filled day of competition, raffles, music, and community connection. More than just a game, the event brings people together to support students and staff in the Fond du Lac School District, making a difference while having a great time.

Hometown Heroes

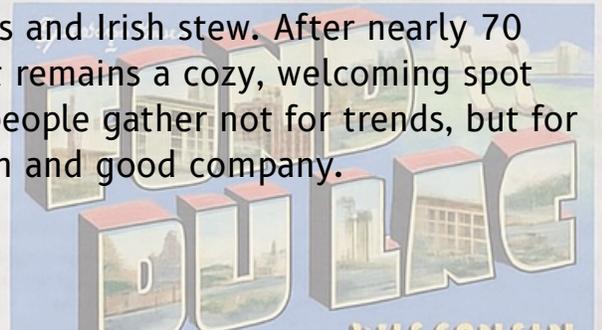
Darren Goodpaster is one of those people always willing to step up and help, whether it's writing for the Fondy 6 Pack or volunteering his time for local causes. From music and karaoke to community events, Darren continues to give back and make an impact right here in Fond du Lac.

Creative Corner

Inspired by her own emotions and a desire to create something positive, Marlee launched the Prayer Pantry in Fond du Lac to provide food, essentials, and support to anyone in need, no questions asked. What began as a small bin has grown into a community-powered resource, offering not just supplies but connection, compassion, and hope for neighbors facing ongoing challenges.

Play Explore Repeat

Irish's Bar in Fond du Lac comes alive every St. Patrick's Day, offering great energy, familiar faces, and classic favorites like Guinness and Irish stew. After nearly 70 years, it remains a cozy, welcoming spot where people gather not for trends, but for tradition and good company.



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THE FONDY FRONTLINE

Ang and Eddie's: Fond du Lac's Neighborhood Spot for Great Pizza and Community Vibes

If you're looking for a place in Fond du Lac where great food, welcoming vibes, and local charm come together, Ang and Eddie's deserves a spot at the top of your list.

From the moment you walk in, Ang and Eddie's delivers that classic neighborhood feel—comfortable, lively, and full of personality. It's the kind of place where friends gather after work, families sit down for a relaxed meal, and first-time visitors quickly feel like regulars. The atmosphere strikes a perfect balance: energetic without being overwhelming, and always inviting. I've known Ang and Eddie for years, all the way back to Boxcar Eddies in North Fond du Lac. The new Owner, Todd is a great guy and continues with the same quality food and excellent customer service Eddie was known for.

At the heart of it all is the food—especially the pizza. Ang and Eddie's takes pride in serving up pies that are loaded with flavor, built on perfectly crafted crust, and topped with fresh, high-quality ingredients. Whether you're a fan of classic combinations or like to mix it up with bold toppings, there's something here that hits the mark every time.

One standout feature that sets Ang and Eddie's apart is their commitment to accommodating different dietary needs. They proudly offer a gluten-free pizza crust, making it easier for everyone to enjoy their signature flavors without compromise. It's a thoughtful touch that shows they care about every customer who walks through their doors.

Beyond the pizza, the menu offers a variety of satisfying options, making it a go-to spot no matter what you're craving. I personally recommend the Chicago Dog...Its soooo good! Pair your meal with a cold drink, sit back, and enjoy the friendly, laid-back environment that keeps people coming back.

In a city known for its strong sense of community, Ang and Eddie's fits right in—serving not just great food, but also creating a place where memories are made. Whether you're a longtime local or just passing through Fond du Lac, it's a stop that's well worth your time.



Written by: Darren Goodpaster



Faces of our future

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT: LIAM'S LAWN & LANDSCAPING

Meet Liam, a hardworking young entrepreneur making a name in the community with Liam's Lawn & Landscaping!

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Hometown Hero: Music, Community, and Giving Back with Darren Goodpaster

Some people quietly give back to the community without asking for anything in return, and Darren Goodpaster is one of those guys. I've known Darren for a few years now, and one thing that's always stood out to me is how willing he is to step up and help. Every week, Darren donates his time to help write for the Fondy 6 Pack, helping bring stories, events, and local highlights to life for the community. That consistency and commitment doesn't go unnoticed.

Darren originally came from Las Vegas and made the move to Fond du Lac back in 2005. Over the years, he's built a great life here, both personally and professionally. He's currently a mechanic at Michels Corporation, but his background is in the motorcycle and powersports world where he spent years as a technician and service manager. He's the kind of guy who knows how to work with his hands, whether it's under the hood or building something from scratch.

Outside of work, Darren stays busy doing what he loves. Music is a big part of his life, whether he's playing guitar, running karaoke shows, DJing events, or even performing for benefits and fundraisers. He also has a creative side with woodworking, building cigar box guitars, and even running a side hustle selling streaming boxes and subscriptions. It's always something with Darren, and that's part of what makes him who he is.

At the end of the day, what really defines Darren is his willingness to give back. Whether it's volunteering his time, helping with local causes, or entertaining a crowd at a benefit, he shows up. He's been married to his wife since 2010 after meeting in 2008, and together they've built a family with two sons and a daughter. Darren's one of those people who helps make Fond du Lac what it is, and that's exactly what a Hometown Hero is all about.



Author: Shane Michael



The Prayer Pantry

When faced with sadness, anger, frustration, confusion, etc, do you shy away from those emotions or do you use them as fuel? For Marlee, these emotions were the kindling that initiated the Prayer Pantry. Starting at the end of January 2026, Marlee says the pantry was born from a place of wanting to channel that emotional load; “with everything going on in the world and our country, I was feeling really discouraged and disillusioned. Being a mom, I couldn’t just let those feelings consume me; I wanted to show my kids how to take a difficult situation or feeling and turn it into something good.” Having been inspired by another local pantry, the Caring Cottage, and stumbling across Mark 12:30-31 (“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”), Marlee donated and then got to work setting up the Prayer Pantry.

The set up started out quite small, beginning as a humble storage bin, but has grown both in size and influence. Marlee recalls “being so grateful to see that someone had been able to use the pantry. I checked to see what had been needed and it was a roll of toilet paper... It hit me hard that someone living so close to me would need something that seems like such a guaranteed item.” Now an outdoor cabinet for food & clothing, with an occasional cooler for perishables, toilet paper is still one of the top items to go for the Prayer Pantry. With just over 12% of those in the city of Fond du Lac living under the poverty line (see US Census Bureau), and a reminder that just over 1/3 are classified as ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), items like oral care products, bodily hygiene, and staple foods are necessary for accessibility. Marlee additionally realizes that those using the pantry “can look like anyone”. The Prayer Pantry “[has] served everyone from young families to seniors. We’ve had people come back & continue to reach out; as much as I wish it were easy for everyone to have their basic needs met, challenges like food/essentials insecurity & homelessness don’t just “go away” in a week.”

With the often long-term need, donations are more important than ever to facilitate the pantry. For Marlee, donations have started to become more frequent, but there are still days or weeks where the pantry has fewer items to serve. “Sometimes the pantry is filled entirely by the community’s generosity; other times my family steps in to bridge the gap. What’s been amazing is seeing God work in the hearts of others to think differently about food or items in their own homes, how they consume, etc. As Luke 3:11 says, ...’Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.’ Whether our donors recognize it or not, they’re living that verse out. Whatever your beliefs, you can’t go wrong by showing others you love them.”



The Prayer Pantry

The Prayer Pantry is located at 1268 Martin Ave with the goal of acting as a supply/food pantry while taking prayer requests and providing connection to local or other resources as able. You can find updates, specific donation requests, and may contact Marlee through "The Prayer Pantry" on Facebook.

Catch the next chapter of Pantry Pieces next week, showcasing local pantries serving the Fond du Lac community.

Community Pantry List:

- "Take It or Leave It - Community Pantry : 195 E Cotton St.
- The Prayer Pantry: 1268 Martin Ave.
- Free Little Pantry: 474 Garfield St
- Hope On The Block: 19 W 1st St (located behind the Advocap building)
- Covenant Methodist Church Little Free Pantry: 20 N Marr St (west side of parking lot).
- Little Free Pantry: 204 S National Ave
- The Caring Cottage: 213 E 1st St
- American Legion Community Cabinet 500 Fond du Lac Ave (located in the foyer) Additional pantry available for veterans (ask for Jodie!) Open 7:30am-10pm
- Broken Bread Food Pantry FDL: 51 W. Division St. Hours - Fridays 1pm-5pm

*All of these pantries are available to the public. Donations of shelf-stable food and hygiene products are always appreciated!"

Other helpful resources:

<https://solutionsfdl.org>

<https://www.advocap.org/>

<https://skdsfdl.org/>

<https://www.hffdl.org/warming-shelter/>

<https://newbeginningspregcare.org/>

<https://www.fdlco.wi.gov/departments/departments-f-m/health-department#!/>

<https://shpbeds.org/chapter/wi-fond-du-lac/>

<https://www.habitatfdl.org/>

Author: Marlee Trapp



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Irish's Bar: A Staple Of Fond du Lac

I stopped down at Irish's Bar this last Tuesday for St. Patrick's Day, something I've made a habit of over the years. It's not my first time in there by any means, but there's something about going on that day that is always so much fun! I grabbed a Guinness and a cup of their Irish stew, and hung out with my friends Sam and Marlene. The place had a great crowd, a lot of familiar faces, and had great energy from the moment you walked in.

Irish's has been part of Fond du Lac since December 12, 1955, and after 70 years, it still feels like it hasn't strayed from what it's always been. Owned by Pat Mangan, it's one of those places that people have been coming back to for years. Not because it's trying to be anything new, but because it's a great place to hang out.

Inside, it's got a cozy setup that makes it easy to settle in. The fireplaces give it that warm vibe, the booths are perfect if you want to sit and talk for a while, and the lounge area in the back opens things up if you're there with a group. It's a place you can spend some time in without even thinking about it.

And St. Patrick's Day is one of the few times they bring out food, and that Irish stew just fit the day perfectly. Pair that with a Guinness, the crowd, and the atmosphere, and it just makes for a solid way to spend the afternoon or night. After 70 years, Irish's is still doing its thing, and it shows.

Author: Shane Michael



Finding Balance

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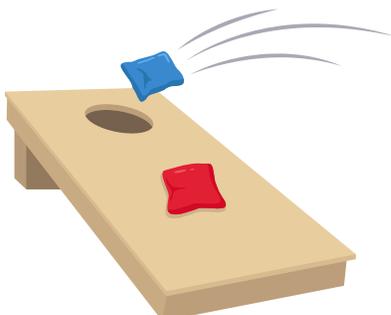
Toss Bags, Support Local: Birds of a Feather Cornhole Tourney

If you're looking for something fun and active to do on April 25th, this is an event you circle on the calendar. The Birds of a Feather 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament is going down at Korneli's on the Ave, and it's not just about tossing bags, it's about bringing people together for a good cause here in Fond du Lac. Doors open at 9:30, bags fly at 11, and whether you're competitive or just there to have a good time, there's a spot for you.

I've actually been to Korneli's before to check out Race To 21, the cornhole group here in Fondy run by Pat Ha, and it's a great setup for something like this. Great space, good people, and it's the kind of place that makes events like this easy and fun. That same crew is helping run this tournament, so you already know it's going to be organized and worth showing up for.

What I like most about this event is everything around the tournament itself. You've got raffles, 50/50, throw for dough, music, food and drinks, it's just a full day to hang out with friends or bring the family. On top of that, everything raised goes back to supporting students and staff in the Fond du Lac School District through Birds of a Feather. That's the kind of stuff I'll always get behind, local people helping local people, and making a good time out of it at the same time.

Birds of a Feather



Author: Shane Michael

Birds of a Feather 2ND ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

WHERE: KORNELI'S ON THE AVE
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WHEN: APRIL 25, 2026

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BAGS FLY: 11 AM

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- **RAFFLES**
 - RAFFLE BASKETS
 - 50/50 RAFFLE
 - THROW FOR DOUGH \$\$\$
- **MUSIC**
- **FOOD & DRINKS**
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