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Weekly news, inspiration, updates and happenings

## The Fondy Frontline

Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County celebrated the groundbreaking of its 36th home on April 11th, bringing together volunteers and community members to support another local family. More than just a build, the project reflects the power of people coming together to create affordable housing and lasting impact in the community.

## Play Explore Repeat

Marian University has unveiled a new 9-hole disc golf course designed to bring students together and create more opportunities for fun and connection on campus. Built with community in mind and supported by staff and students, the course is set to host leagues and tournaments while welcoming the entire Fond du Lac community to enjoy it.

## Creative Corner

The Breakroom in Fond du Lac has built a reputation as a go-to spot for live music, offering everything from blues and acoustic sets to high-energy rock shows in an intimate setting. With a strong commitment to supporting local artists and creating a welcoming atmosphere, it's become a true hub where music, community, and unforgettable nights come together.

## Finding Balance

Village Market continues to evolve with the growing demand for clean eating by offering organic produce, specialty items, and convenient, nutritious grab-and-go options. More than just a grocery store, it remains a trusted community hub in Fond du Lac, combining personalized service with a strong focus on health and wellness.



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## THE FONDY FRONTLINE

# Habitat for Humanity Breaks Ground on 36th Home in Fond du Lac

On Saturday, April 11th, Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County hit a big milestone with the groundbreaking of their 36th home build right here in Fond du Lac. From 11AM to Noon, people showed up at 467 Walker Street to be part of it. Volunteers, supporters, and community members all came together to kick things off, and you could just feel that this was more than just another build getting started.

This home is another step in what Habitat has been doing in our area for years, helping families get into homes they can actually afford. The cool part is the homeowner is part of the process too. They put in the work alongside volunteers, which makes it mean a whole lot more at the end of it. It is not just handing someone keys, it is people coming together and building something that lasts.

Stuff like this is a good reminder of what makes Fond du Lac what it is. People show up. Whether that is helping build, donating, or just supporting what they are doing, it all adds up. If you want to get involved or help out, you can

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## The Breakroom: Fond du Lac's Home for Live Music and Real Connection

In the heart of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, there's a place where the lights stay warm, the drinks stay cold, and the music never stops—welcome to The Breakroom.

More than just a neighborhood bar, The Breakroom has carved out a reputation as one of the area's most dependable venues of live music. On any given night, you're just as likely to walk into a gritty blues set, an acoustic storyteller session, or a full-on rock show that turns the whole room electric. It's not just background noise here—the music is the experience.

What sets The Breakroom apart is its genuine commitment to supporting local and regional musicians. In an era where many venues have scaled back live entertainment, The Breakroom has leaned in. The stage is always open to talent, giving artists a place to be heard, grow their following, and connect directly with a crowd that actually listens. For performers, it's a reliable gig. For guests, it's a chance to discover new favorites up close.

There's an authenticity to the atmosphere that can't be manufactured. The crowd is a mix of regulars, music lovers, and first-timers who quickly feel like they belong. Conversations flow easily between sets, and when the band kicks back in, all attention turns forward. Whether you're sitting at the bar or right up near the stage, you're part of the show.

The Breakroom also understands that great music pairs best with great service. The bartenders keep things moving with a friendly, no-nonsense approach, making sure your glass is never empty while still giving the music the spotlight it deserves. It's that balance—hospitality without distraction—that keeps people coming back. Franny runs a great bar for sure.

For the Fond du Lac community, The Breakroom isn't just a venue—it's a hub. It's where musicians find their audience, where friends gather after a long week, and where unforgettable nights happen without needing a big-city ticket price. The energy is real, the music is live, and the support for artists is unwavering.

If you're looking for a place that truly values live music—not as a feature, but as its foundation—The Breakroom delivers, night after night.

Author: Darren Goodpaster



# PLAY. EXPLORE. REPEAT.



## Marian University Opens New Disc Golf Course

I had a chance to stop out at Marian University this week for the unveiling of their brand new on-campus disc golf course, and it's a really cool addition to the area.

This wasn't just thrown together either. The idea came from the university's Campus Services department as a way to get students more involved on campus and give them something fun to do together. Kyle Beck, who helped lead the project, actually designed the course himself and worked alongside the Marian Ultimate Frisbee Club to help build interest and get students engaged.

A couple other names Kyle made sure to mention were Todd Buss, who helped guide the project and get others around campus involved, and Evan Czysz, a math professor at Marian who will be running tournaments and leagues on the new 9-hole course. So this isn't just a one-time thing, they're planning to keep it active and give people reasons to come back.

What I liked most about this is the reason behind it. The goal was simple. Give students more options, help them make memories, and build a stronger community. Disc golf is easy to pick up, it's affordable, and it naturally brings people together. And now it's something not just for students, but for the entire Fond du Lac community to enjoy.



# Finding Balance

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## Adapting to Today's Health-Conscious Lifestyle



As interest in clean eating and holistic wellness continues to rise, Village Market has expanded its selection to meet changing customer needs. The store now features a wide variety of organic produce, specialty diet items and supplements, along with a popular smoothie bar and in-house bakery.

Prepared foods and grab-and-go options have also become a staple for busy families and professionals looking for convenient, nutritious choices without sacrificing quality.

### A Local Business with Deep Roots Village

Market's long-standing presence on South Main Street has made it more than just a grocery store—it's a community hub. Generations of customers have relied on the store not only for products, but for trusted guidance on nutrition and wellness.

The business continues to emphasize personalized service and education, helping customers navigate everything from dietary needs to supplement choices.

### Supporting a Thriving Local Scene

Village Market's success is part of a larger story unfolding across Fond du Lac. Local businesses are seeing renewed energy and engagement.

As the community continues to grow and evolve, businesses like Village Market play an important role in keeping downtown vibrant, connected and focused on well-being.

Bottom Line: Village Market isn't just keeping up with today's trends—it's helping shape them, all while staying rooted in the community it has served for decades.

Author: Kristin Santini

This week is **PACKED** with awesome deals from some of Fond du Lac's favorite small businesses! If you've been needing a sign to shop local... this is it. Dive into the specials below, show love to the shops that make our city feel like home, and have an amazing week, Fondy!

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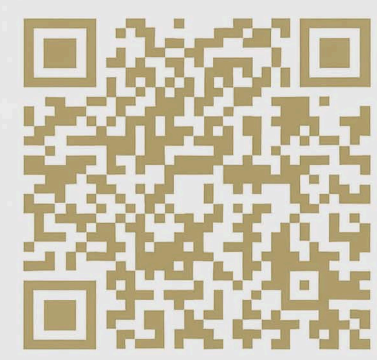
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