



ELKLINER

AUGUST 2026 | Madison Elks Lodge 410



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4 Year **Judi Trampf**
5 Year **Lindsey Lee**

*Membership meetings held on the
2nd Wednesday of the month and
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March, and April.*

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something for publication or
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

Are all of you enjoying summer? We've had our usual mix of cool days and way too hot days with not enough rain. My red convertible group has been out on some fun rides on Thursdays. And today I brought a bunch of them to the Elks for brunch! They all loved it, especially Al, who says he's an eggs Benedict aficionado, and Adam who said his were some of the best he's ever had. You've gotta try it out!

We had a fun and successful Fourth of July celebration. The weather cooperated, the food was good, and when I left at about eight, lots of people were still on our lawn waiting to watch the Monona fireworks over the lake.

I was just looking at our Lodge calendar and noticed that we've started something new that I hope really takes off: designating the first Saturday of the month as "Invite a Friend to the Elks Night" (or a neighbor or family member). I don't know who came up with it, but what a great idea! There's seldom a wait for a table, the price is right, and we can get people into our beautiful Lodge for a look around. By the way, you can look at our Lodge calendar to see what's going on by going to <https://www.madisonelkslodge.org/> and clicking on "Calendar."

I staffed our booth at La Fête de Marquette for a couple of hours. When we talked up the Elks and our facility and the annual dues, people wondered why more people didn't join. We told everyone, "We're the best kept secret in Madison." I'd dearly love to ditch that reputation! There are lots of opportunities to bring people in – from Thursday night music, to our fabulous Friday night fish fry, to prime rib the second Saturday of every month.

We're doing well on our challenge to initiate 100 new members this year. As of our July meeting, we've initiated 32. Please keep it up!

Make the most of the rest of the summer. I intend to enjoy every minute of August, and I hope you do, too!

In Elkdom,

Sherie Sasso
Exalted Ruler



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Judi Trampf

We want to thank everyone who volunteered to staff the Elks booth at the Waterfront Festival, La Fête de Marquette, and Mallards game. We still have the Orton Park Festival later this month and hope you will consider helping there as well. Sharing information about the Elks with other people is so important. You help us the most in our effort to recruit new members.

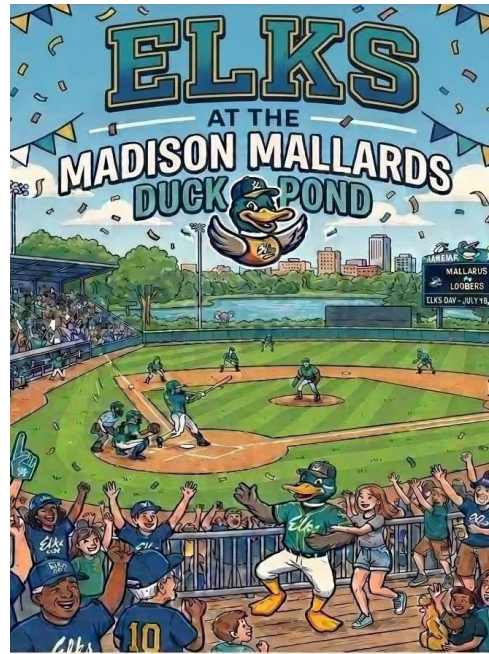
You may have noticed a new display in the Lodge lobby that has information and applications for people interested in joining our Lodge. We encourage all those members who oversee weekday entertainment at the Lodge to move this display to their event. Also, please encourage guests to fill out an application and join the Madison Elks!

If you're at the Lodge and a potential new member asks you to sponsor them, please consider it. Have a chat and thank them for their interest in our Lodge. Completed applications are acknowledged with an email from the secretary (and as a sponsor, you will receive a copy). The Investigation Committee will follow up with the candidates and the process from application to initiation normally takes one to two months.

We are on track to reach our goal of 100 new members by March 31, 2027. Please keep up the good work!

AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of Madison Elks 410 is holding their 3rd Annual Camp Wawbeek & Scholarship Raffle. Members of the Auxiliary will be at the Lodge every Thursday and Friday until our Country Western night on Saturday, September 12th. We are selling only 150 tickets. They are \$50 each. First ticket drawn wins a \$2,000 prize, second ticket drawn wins a \$500 prize, and finally eight tickets will be drawn for a \$75 prize each. You are welcome to text Michelle Braithwaite at (608) 212-7722 to purchase tickets on other days. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, an application is at the end of the *Elkliner*.



ELKS AT THE DUCK POND

The 2026 Wisconsin Elks Night at the Madison Mallards on July 18th was a great success despite the air quality due to the Canadian wildfires that night. Wisconsin Elks Association State President Manny Salinas threw out the first ball. We raised \$1,785 from the 50/50 raffle and the Madison Lodge treated 70 Veterans to a free game this year! A special shout out to Mary Bach and Ann Braithwaite who crushed the sales in the Duck Blind.

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



In 1993 the Utah Supreme Court ruled that private clubs – including Elks Lodges – could not hold state liquor licenses if they discriminated against women. In Utah at that time, private clubs were the only places liquor could be legally served in the state. This forced Utah Lodges to open membership to women and challenge the Grand Lodge's statutory prohibition. Long-running lawsuits by women seeking admission also had effectively influenced our national organization into realizing it was time for a change.

In 1995 the Grand Lodge voted during its annual convention to remove the word "male" from the national membership requirements. Individual local Lodges were then allowed to start accepting female applicants, leading to the first official female initiations later that year. Before this decision, women were only allowed in separate groups like the Ladies Auxiliary, Elkettes, and Emblem Club.

New Port Richey (Florida) Elks Lodge No. 2284 installed Marie Frazen as Exalted Ruler for the 1999–2000 term, making her the first female Exalted Ruler in the nation.

JEANNE ANN KLEMM



*Exalted Ruler
2003 – 2023*

Jeanne Ann Boismenue was born on November 8, 1927, in East St. Louis, Illinois, the daughter of Ralph Walter Boismenue and Ethel Riepley. While attending the University of Illinois in Champaign, she married Marton Walter Klemm on August 20, 1948. The couple would have four children, two boys and two girls.

The Klemm family moved from central Illinois to Madison in 1970. Jeanne worked for the Credit Union Executive Society for many years, eventually serving as its president. She was also on the board of the Madison Advertising Federation. In 2003 she was elected the first female Exalted Ruler of Madison Lodge 410. The same year Jackie Heitmann of Wausau Lodge 248 was also elected Exalted Ruler of her Lodge. They hold the distinction of being the first female Exalted Rulers in our state.



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After retiring, Jeanne moved to Orange County, California, and died in Westminster on May 30, 2021.



2021

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

Chairman **Richard Olson** (2015-2017)

Secretary **Sherie Sasso** (2019-2020)

Treasurer **Lynn Aspinwall** (2017-2019)

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Kevin Pohlkamp (1989-1990)

Jim Mueller (1990-1991)

Ed Ledwidge (1994-1995)

Chuck Hoornstra (1995-1996, 2001-2002)

Kristi Barbian (2011-2013)

Steve Sasso (2013-2015)

AUXILIARY

President **LaVerne Schwengel**

Past President **Gloria Simley**

Vice President **Donna Campanelli**

Secretary **Jeanette May**

Treasurer **Michelle Braithwaite**

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Ann Bailey

Carol Rohde

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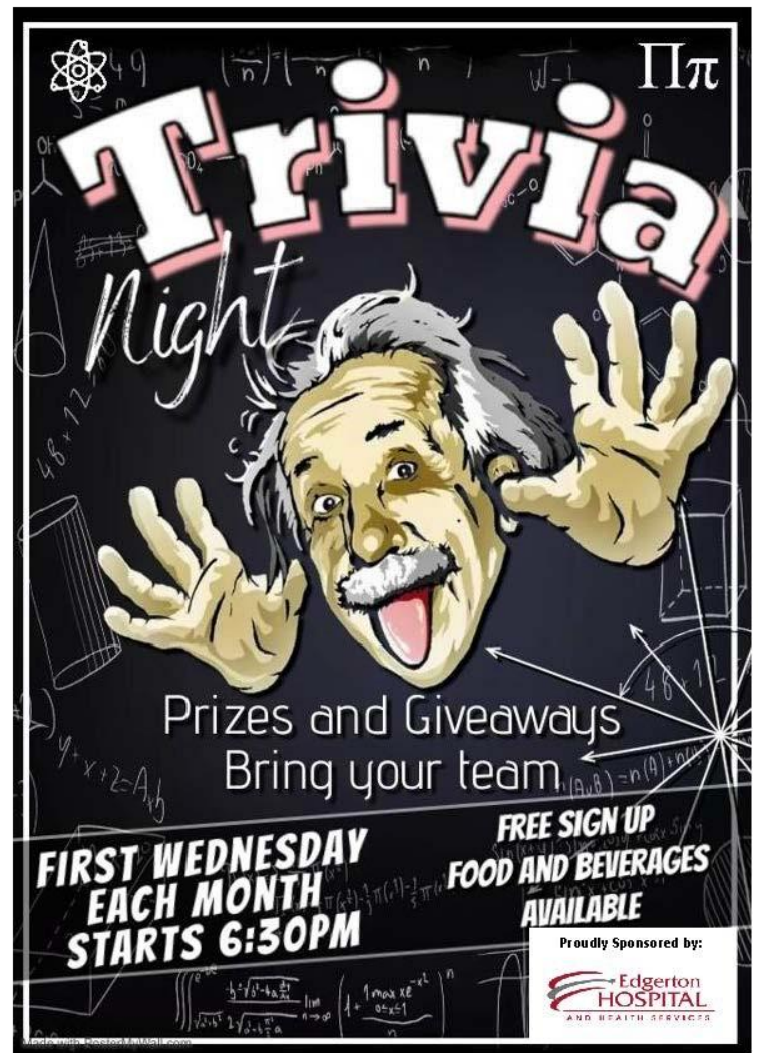
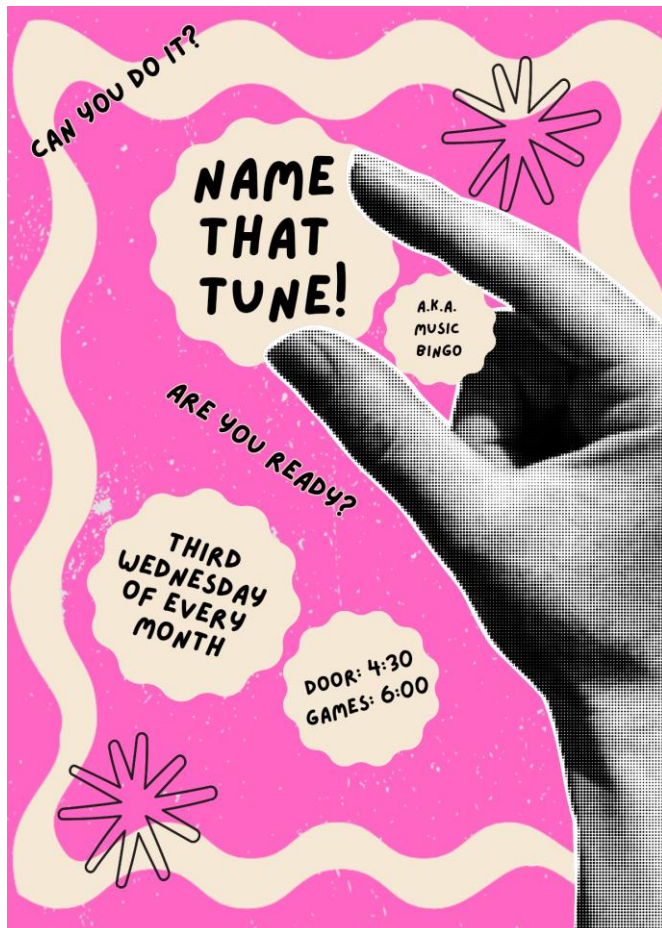
Live music

every

Thursday

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

No cover charge



BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

A big thanks goes out Steve Kraus who power washed the lakeside sidewalks and windows of our Lodge this month. It has brightened up the entire exterior! We haven't had any significant repairs to contend with this month. Sometimes, no news is good news.

Our 2026-2027 capital campaign goal is to raise \$30,000 for new carpet for the upstairs dining room. We've laid out samples in the Lodge lobby for members to view. It is a bold and colorful pattern which is recommended in the hospitality industry for several reasons. First, it sets the stage for a unique and memorable atmosphere. Second, a colorful and patterned carpet hides stains and traffic wear. Finally, carpet is highly recommended over other flooring products as it absorbs sound. We also wanted something appropriate to our historic mid-century modern facility.

We've selected a commercial carpet that adds depth to the room with the use of earthy patterns, colors, and textures. It also coordinates nicely with our red chairs, wall colors, and napkins. We hope that it will help make our dining room attractive for diners for many years to come. With proper maintenance, this new carpet should last 25 years. Our current carpet is 33 years old and has stains that just won't come clean no matter how hard we try. We've already raised 5% of our goal of \$30,000. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to **Elks 410 Foundation** and put "carpet" on the memo line.

If you'd like to get involved with our building and grounds projects, please reach out to me. It's a great way to build new friendships within the Lodge and there is a certain satisfaction that comes with making our Lodge a nicer place for all to enjoy.

Our Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our lodge for our members and guests. For more information, contact Jim Schuessler at jschuessler@starkhomes.com or call or text me at (608) 445-0766.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

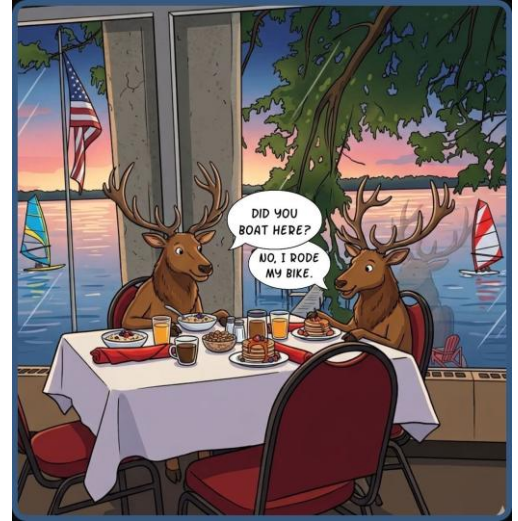
By Samantha Linden and Allison Cooley

Can you believe it's already August? The Entertainment Committee has been working hard all summer planning fall and winter events at the Lodge. Continue reading to see what we have to offer this month and through the rest of the year.

The back lawn and dock at the Lodge are truly among the best places in Madison to hang out and enjoy the final weeks of summer. If you haven't had a chance to stop by yet, there are plenty of opportunities left.

Thursday night music continues on the back lawn with our monthly Irish Fiddle Jam on August 6. The following two weeks feature new-to-the-Lodge bands Subterranean Jazz Project on the 13th, and Madison bluegrass favorite Big Tooth on August 20th. We close out the summer with a perennial favorite, Back 40, on August 27. Come enjoy a cold beverage and let our wonderful staff take care of serving you a tasty picnic dinner.

Another great way to take advantage of your Elks membership is to go for a pontoon boat ride right off our private dock! We have rescheduled the July 19 pontoon rides (canceled because of the wildfire smoke) to Sunday, August 16th during our usual brunch time. Rides will be available during two outings, 9:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The cost will be \$5 each for members and their immediate family members, and \$10 each for guests. You will receive a voucher good for \$5 off brunch before or after your ride.



Speaking of brunch, our scheduled jazz brunch will feature Caravan Duo from 10 a.m. to noon on August 2, and Chris Wagoner and Mary Gaines on August 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Looking forward to September and the fall and winter season, we're beginning to book music for Thursday nights in the upstairs bar. If you have a musical act that you think would be a good fit for Thursday evening or Sunday brunch, please send your recommendations to Renée at treasurer@madisonelkslodge.org.

Hold Friday, September 18, for a special guest event at the Madison Elks Lodge. Member and resident comedian Patrick Rhode (who recently opened for Jay Leno in Madison) will host a Comedy for a Cause charity night, benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. Check out the poster that follows in the *Elkliner* for the comedy lineup and go [HERE](#) to buy your tickets!

Elktoberfest will be back this year! Sunday, October 11th will find a 20-plus-piece band on the lawn and hearty Oktoberfest beers on tap. Bring out your lederhosen and steins and keep an eye out for more news soon.

The Madison Elks Lodge is looking for volunteers to help lead some of our favorite events. It's a great way to get involved and shape the Lodge experience. We invite you to work with Entertainment Committee members to help bring events to life. Please contact Allison Cooley alliecool1@gmail.com or Samantha Linden, samantha.linden20@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

As always, we are indebted to those who volunteered this past month: Aaron Freis, Alice O'Mahar, Allison Cooley, Alyce Nardi, Anita Krasno, Ann Braithwaite, Anna Purnell, Audrey Martino, Bernie Verhoeven, Beth Strait, Billy Daniels, Charles Duncan, Christopher Klinge, Dan Nardi, Debbie Oswald, Don Geier, Fred Kinney, Geoff Gaston, George Zagorski, Gerald Dvorak, Jan Eisenlohr, Jay Roberts, Jeff Kingston, Jeff Riley, Jim Schuessler, Joan Bernstein, Jody Rasmussen, Joe Pipitone, John Kollath, John Lorimer, John Mueller, June Bokovitz, Karen Bosold, Katherine Davey, Kathy Carl, Kathy Unger, Kevin Sherry, Kris Gordon, Kristi Herritz, Larry Jensen, Larry Meiller, Laura MacIsaac, LaVerne Schwengel, Lindsey Lee, Lois Hoornstra, Lorrie Hylkema, Lynn Lee, Lynn Riley Mary Bach, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Knight, Nancy Truman, Nicole Bookhout, Peggy Moore, Renée Lauber, Richard & Linda Olson, Ritt Deitz, Robin Beal, Salli Maryniak, Samantha Linden, Sherie Sasso, Stephen Kraus, Theresa Knight, Tom Meylor, and Traci Schroeckenthaler.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Claim your free birthday drink at the bar during tour birthday week.

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| 1 Ramie Zelenkova | 15 Al Meyer, Carol Rohde |
| 2 Ervin Altenberger, Mary Jo Haag, William Herman | 16 Fred Jaeckle |
| 3 Andy Arians | 17 Tayler Palkowski |
| 4 Christine Barbian, Charles Hoornstra | 18 Jan Legler |
| 5 Clayton Nelson, Donald Strayer, Gregory Sweeney,
Tim Wood | 19 Anthony Morello, Austin Streeper |
| 6 Richard Freihoefer, Denise Holmes | 20 Ralph Murphy |
| 7 Michele Boyle, Jerome Hill | 22 Cari Anne Renlund |
| 8 Joel Plant | 23 Peter Aspinwall, Gary Spaeni |
| 9 James Sielehr, Emily Tachon | 24 Adam Freeman, Charles Rolfsmeyer |
| 10 Steven Anderson, Anna Marie DiMenna,
Jeffrey Dvorak | 27 Laura Aldinger, Nicholas DeJongh, Donald Wiebe |
| 12 Ernesto Lazo, Todd Utter | 28 James Abderholden, David Degenhardt |
| 13 Gail Baerwolf, Stephen Kraus | 29 Tracy Ann Buchta, Michael Fillichio, Philip Gilbertson |
| 14 Leroy Ebert, Joyce Rolnick | 31 June Bokovitz, Jack Garver, Sharon Twing |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brandi Funk, Michael Harris, Aaron Mullins, and Kevin Sherry



SEE YOU AT THE LODGE

The office is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., or by appointment. Email: office@madisonelkslodge.org. The bar is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Dining Room is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for brunch.

BANQUETS & PRIVATE EVENTS

For your next private event, big or small, please consider the Lodge. Call Kaycie at (608) 333-5694 or email banquets@madisonelkslodge.org.

SEEN AT THE LODGE

Fourth of July



La Fête de Marquette



Elks Night at the Mallard Game



August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Invite a Friend to the Elks Night						
2 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm ♫ Caravan Duo, 10 am-noon	3	4	5 Trivia, 6:30 pm	6 ♫ Fiddle Jam, 6-9 pm	7	8
9 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm	10	11 Primary Election	12 Membership Meeting, 7 pm Euchre, 5:45 pm	13 ♫ Subterranean Jazz Project, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm	14 ♫ Lois at the Piano	15
16 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm ♫ Chris Wagner & Mary Gaines Duo, 10 am-noon Boat Rides	17	18	19 Name That Tune, 6-8 pm	20 ♫ Big Tooth, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm	21	22
23 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm	24	25	26 Euchre, 5:45 pm	27 ♫ Back 40, 5:30-8:30 pm	28 ♫ Lois at the Piano Orton Park Festival	29 Orton Park Festival
30 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm Orton Park Festival	31					

No matter the weather, always cool.



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Association presents the

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ORTON PARK FESTIVAL

AUG. 28-30, 2026
MADISON

FRI. AUG. 28 FAMILY NIGHT

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and Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream 5:30

Forward! Marching Band 6:30

Cycropia Aerial Dance 7:30

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SAT. AUG. 29

Loving Cup 11:45 MNA Auction 4:00

Jane Hobson 1:15 Dos Santos 5:00

The Sadies 2:45 Sharp Pins 7:00

Cycropia Aerial Dance 8:30

SUN. AUG. 30

Jazz Brunch feat. the Madison East
High School Jazz Combo 9-11

Dearly Brearly 11:45 Nathan Graham 2:45

Kat & The Hurricane 1:15 Graham Hunt 4:30

Blair Crimmins & The Hookers 6:15

A Place to Be · K Agnew · Anonymous · Molly Bandt & Bill Ramsey · Matt Banks & Simone Schweber · Shelley Blondeau · Bob & Lorie · Steve & Kit Cairns · Jay Campbell & Jennifer Ryan · Heather Clefish & Nate Zolik ·
Diane Coccari & Ken Swift · Susan Curtis · Nora Cusack · Peg Davey · Mr. Bob Dobolina · Jim Feldman · The Ghoghawala Family · Beatrice Hadidian · Pat & Mike Harris · Ellen Henningson & Jim Gentry · Steve Goldstein &
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Auxiliary of Madison Elks #410 Presents:

**3rd Annual
Camp Wawbeek &
Scholarship Raffle**

**Drawing: Saturday, September 12th, 2026,
7:30 p.m.**

Madison Elks Lodge #410

711 Jenifer St, Madison WI 53703

**Tickets are \$50 and only 150 tickets will be
sold!**

**Prizes: 1- \$2,000, 1 - \$500 and 8 - \$75
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT
TO WIN**

**Tickets can be purchased from:
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**Sept
12th**

**Madison
Auxiliary
Presents**

**4:30PM
10:00 PM**

Country themed
Drink Specials and
Menu!



WESTERN NIGHT

**50/50
Raffle &
Basket
Raffles**

MUSIC BY

Back 40

Bar Opens 4:30
Dining Room 5:00
Music 6:00 - 9:00
Raffle Drawings 7:30

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Fiscal Year 4/26 – 3/27)

Annual Dues = \$25

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

May the Leadership contact you with volunteer opportunities?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Submit this form and dues payment (cash or check) at any Auxiliary Meeting, or mail it to:

Madison Elks Auxiliary
711 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703

Checks should be made payable to "Madison Elks Auxiliary".

Thank you!

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Dues \$25 paid with ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK _____

Membership Date: _____