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Brothers and sisters of Elkdom ,

Hope all of you are staying safe, hydrated, healthy and having a wonderful summer so far.

First of all I would like to thank all of you that volunteered at the Sauk County Fairgrounds food stand, our biggest fundraising event. What a fantastic time we had together preparing and serving delicious food. It was heartwarming seeing everyone enjoying themselves and coming back for more delicious meals which we prepared not only with love but with Elkdom Love!

A big thank you to all that helped organize this event, no matter how hard it was at times, you all managed it so well! Your efforts and countless hours spent ordering product and saving money for our lodge, bringing all the food and beverages to the fairgrounds, and cleaning up and bringing it all back to the lodge did not go unnoticed. Sincerely, without any of your help this event would not be as successful as it was!

Once again, thank you all for your hard work, support and dedication!!

Last but not least, I want to share with you that it was an honor to represent our lodge at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, TX. What an amazing experience it was, 6,444 Elks , spouses and guests getting together and sharing what great things we as Elks do for our community is something that not many can experience. So, I am grateful for having the privilege to attend this amazing event!

Talk to your friends and neighbors about this amazing organization we are part of and what we do for our community.

Together we can make a difference in someone else's life and help others in need – this is something that warms our hearts and makes us proud to be an Elk!

Another exciting month ahead of us; so, stop by our beloved lodge for more information, fun and camaraderie!

**Respectfully yours ,
Exalted Ruler
Luisa Ion**

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Lodge meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm except in July and August when sessions are held only once per month as noted in the Bulletin and in December only one session on the first Tuesday of the month.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

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| 03 Terry Bristol | 22 Joe Litscher |
| 04 Kelly Hess | 23 Maynard Benson |
| 06 Todd Follendorf | 25 Chase Stevens |
| 10 Gabrielle Jensen | 25 Lonnie Sutton Jr |
| 13 Ted Lee Hall | 28 Kevin Schell |
| 14 Michael Chinn | 29 Gary Crawford |
| 17 Kenneth Knerzer | 29 Steven Pointon |
| 17 Kim Thayer | 30 Denis Terry |
| 19 Charles Brandt | 31 Michael Fichter |
| 19 Gary Cummings | |

Volunteer Corner



Stop in for your free BIRTHDAY DRINK during your birthday month!

Monthly Special

Cubano Burger

\$7 with chips

Famous Baraboo Elks Burger with pulled pork, pickles and spicy mustard!!

Please join us for a fun Game Night at the Lodge with a Taco Bar!

We had an amazing turn out of volunteers with fellow Elks and non-Elks alike! Thank you to all of our volunteers that signed up to work!!

Our Fair Committee once again did an outstanding job from scheduling to ordering and planning the menu. New this year was breakfast and for our first year offering it, we got a lot of compliments!

We are looking forward to the Sauk County Fair next year July 8th-July 13th, 2025

Update!!

There has been a scheduling conflict for the CPR/Stop the bleed class. The DD Clinic happened to be scheduled on the same date that the class was, so a new date will be selected. Please keep an eye on our face book page and the bulletin for updates. Thank you to Erik Hintze for continuing to coordinate this and thank you to the Baraboo Fire Dept and EMS for helping to make this a reality.



**SATURDAY NIGHT
AUGUST 24 7-9 PM**

Game Show Night in Baraboo!

Join us for an evening of fun and laughter with our very own T.V. style Family Feud! Random selected teams of 5 will play for a chance to win prizes by revealing the top answers to the questions.

Baraboo Elks Lodge - Admission FREE!

Come early for a cocktail social hour in anticipation of the fun!

"SURVEY SAYS!"

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The Dictionary Committee is preparing for the upcoming school year! If you wish to contribute to the Dictionary Fund, please send your donation to Baraboo Elks Lodge, c/o Dictionary Fund, PO Box 103, Baraboo, WI 53913, or drop it off at the Lodge during one of our open nights.

Bowling Season is almost upon us!

There will be an organizational meeting of the Elk Ladies & Friends bowling league on August 19th at 6:30pm at the Elks Lodge. If you're looking for a fun night out, we bowl on Monday nights at Thunderbird Lanes. Any woman is welcome to join us, you do not have to be an Elk member. Any questions, please call Ruth Baker 608-356-3190



Honoring Our Heroes: Special Military Days in August

August is a month to recognize and honor the brave men and women who serve our country. Our Lodge proudly observes several significant military days this month:

- Purple Heart Day (August 7): Commemorating the valor and sacrifice of those wounded or killed in combat while serving in the U.S. military.
- V-J Day (August 14/15): Marking the victory over Japan and the end of World War II, a pivotal moment in history that brought peace to the world.
- National Aviation Day (August 19): Celebrating the achievements and contributions of aviation, including its critical role in our military operations.

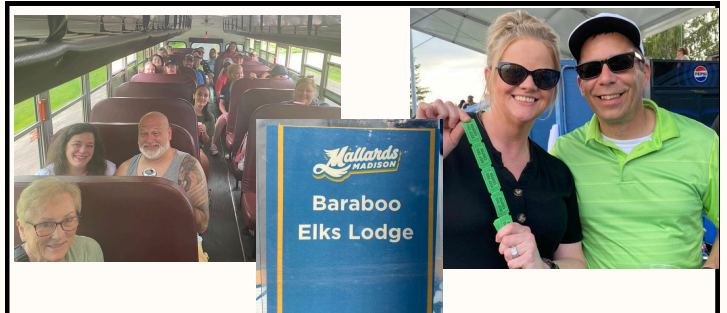
Join us as we honor these important days, paying tribute to our veterans and active-duty service members. Your participation helps us show gratitude and support for those who have given so much for our freedom.

A busy July for our Lodge!!

Our Exalted Ruler, Luisa Ion, and First Gentleman, Tony Kieffer, represented Baraboo #688 at the Grand Lodge National Convention in Austin, Texas. At the convention, the leadership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks elected Douglas A. Schiefer, of Bucyrus, OH Lodge #156 as Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2024-2025 year.



Camaraderie Among Lodges! Baraboo Lodge #688 fielded a couple of teams for the Portage Elks' annual Exhausted Ruler Golf Outing. Pictured are Tony, Tom, Henry, and Jamie.



Baraboo Elks Lodge embarked on our annual Mallards Bus Trip to Madison, enjoying fantastic weather, amazing company, and a wonderful time for all! One of our members even won the 50/50 raffle, with proceeds benefiting a local non-profit supported by our Lodge, making the day even more special.



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11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	14 OPEN 4-9pm Elks Wed Night Bowling Meeting 6:30pm	15 OPEN 4-9pm	16 CLOSED	17 CLOSED
18 CLOSED	19 CLOSED Elks & Friends Bowling Meeting 6:30pm	20 BOARD MTG 6PM LODGE MTG 7PM	21 OPEN 4-9pm	22 OPEN 4-9pm	23 CLOSED	24 GAME NIGHT OPEN 5-10pm
25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 OPEN 4-9pm	29 OPEN 4-9pm	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED