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**SILVERY MOON SHINES BRIGHTLY ON THE OSTHOFF RESORT'S
"HARVEST MOON BALL"**

Special Package From Only \$425 Per Couple

ELKHART LAKE, WISCONSIN – Throughout the centuries, farmers have welcomed the "Harvest Moon"—the full moon that appears closest to the autumnal equinox. They used the extra light it produced to work into the night to bring in the harvest.

In many cultures, the "Harvest Moon" was celebrated with festivals and rituals. Beginning in 1935, the occasion was feted by the "Harvest Moon Ball" held in Madison Square Garden, New York, with preliminary events at such famous ballrooms as the Savoy and Roseland. It attracted musicians such as Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Dizzie Gillespie and Harry James and entertainers such as Billie Holiday, Tony Bennett, Natalie Cole and The Supremes, with emcees that included Ed Sullivan. This custom continued through 1984.

Today, the tradition of the "**Harvest Moon Ball**" is being perpetuated at The Osthoff Resort at Elkhart Lake in southeastern Wisconsin. The luxury resort has been holding this popular fall event since 2003. **This year, you can dance to the big-band sound on the weekend of October 27-29.**

Special packages start at \$425 per couple (plus tax and gratuity), including two nights' accommodations in a well-appointed suite and a welcome reception on Friday, followed by dancing to the music of the Bob Kuether Band. Also included is professional dance instruction on Saturday afternoon, a reception Saturday evening followed by a five-course dinner and dancing to the music of Howard Schneider's Big Band. Completing the package is Sunday's breakfast buffet.

Besides the dancing and the big-band sound, this trend-setting luxury resort has plenty of amenities to attract weekending couples. These include casual fine dining at Lola's on the Lake, a stylish restaurant that opened last year and quickly earned plaudits from restaurant reviewers. Also opened last year was Aspira, the resort's top-of-the-line health-and-beauty spa. Part of a 135,000-square-foot four-story wing expansion completed in 2005, Aspira provides a holistic, organic approach to the spa experience. It offers personalized services that reflect ancient healing wisdom of indigenous peoples from around the world.

The Osthoff Resort is the first hotel in the region to offer guests the "spa suite" concept. Spa suites feature comfortable living areas that include amenities such as fireplace, whirlpool tub, patio, and love seats.

The Osthoff offers 245 spacious suites and guest rooms. One, two and three-bedroom suites range in size up to 2,300 square feet and feature a kitchen or kitchenette, dining and living room, TV, fireplace and private balcony. Guest rooms feature a king-size bed, private balcony, two-person whirlpool bath, wet bar and TV. Balconies are equipped with tables and chairs ideal for alfresco snacks or meals.

The Osthoff Resort is just an hour north of Milwaukee, less than two hours from Madison and about three hours from Chicago. For more information contact The Osthoff Resort, 101 Osthoff Avenue, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020-0151, 800-876-3399—or check the Web site at www.osthoff.com.

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