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## SAVE THE DATE - DUELING PIANOS IS BACK

Polo, Illinois. The Oregon Trail Days Festival is pleased to be able to bring back the famously popular dueling pianos. Save the date for Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The event will once again be hosted at the LaBranche Reception Hall in Polo. Music and fun will begin at 7:30 and run for 3 straight hours.

“The event in November, was such a huge success, we decided to bring back the funny and entertaining piano players for another night,” said committee member Beth Henderson. The first evening of dueling pianos rose just over \$4300 for the Oregon Trail Days Festival and the Black Hawk Statue. Two hundred and fifty people danced and sang the night away while the performers played songs chosen by the crowd.

“I think what made this so exciting was that entertainment like this is usually not found in places like Oregon and Polo, we were quite surprised that all the tickets sold out and that everyone had such a great time,” said Amy Trimble. “People were literally dancing and singing in the isles, there was a lot of audience participation and it certainly far exceeded my expectations. I’m really looking forward to the February event.”

The committee will start taking reservations for the February 24<sup>th</sup> evening of entertainment on January 9, 2012. **Reservations can ONLY be made by calling White Pines at 815-946-3817.** No tickets will be given out but a confirmation will be sent for each reservation and there will be guaranteed seating on a first come first serve basis. “One thing we learned is that everyone needs to know they have a seat so they don’t have to wait at the door for an hour to get in,” said Henderson. “Seating will be arranged by order of the reservations so the sooner people make the call the better their seat will be.”

There will be 8 VIP tables with front row seating again at this event. Each table sits 10 and costs \$300. Single tickets are \$20. “We really struggled with the pricing for this event,” said Trimble. “We told people the price would probably go up and we hope everyone realizes that it is a fundraiser and all the proceeds are going toward the festival and the restoration of the Black Hawk Statue.” To date, just over \$56,000 has been raised for the Statue.

There will be light snacks on the tables and pizza and other snacks for sale as well as two cash bars.