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Lecture Tuesday on 'Mallard Movements'

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LEWISTOWN — A public lecture entitled "Monitoring Mallard Movements in the Illinois River Valley and Beyond" will be presented by Danielle DeVito and Curt Kleist, waterfowl research technicians with the Illinois Natural History Survey, Forbes Biological Station in Havana.

The lecture will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Alfred O. and Barbara Cordwell Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon (formerly Emiquon Field Station).

DeVito and Kleist will discuss how mallards use the Illinois River valley as stop-over sites during fall migration. They will present capture methods, details about marking procedures such as attaching radio transmitters to mallards and the multiple methods they use to track the ducks on a day-to-day basis. They also will present results from their research using the technology of radio-telemetry in other parts of the country.

The program is free and open to the public; reservations are not required.

Therkildsen Field Station is at The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve between Havana and Lewistown near Dickson Mounds Museum.

Entrance to the field station is on Prairie Road, off Illinois 97 and 78, about 1 miles north of the Dickson Mounds turnoff. A sign will be posted at the turnoff. A map is also available at www.uis.edu/emiquon/about/images/mapToTNCEmiquon.jpg or as a Google map at <https://edocs.uis.edu/kmill2/www/map-simple-edocs.html>.

For more information, contact Hua Chen, interim director of Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon, at hchen40@uis.edu or (217) 206-8339.

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