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## Illinois Department of Natural Resources Newsbits

### *Highlighting news and programs for the month of October*

**Remaining Firearm Deer Permits:** Those Illinois firearm deer permits remaining available following the close of random daily drawings will be available over-the-counter (OTC) from DNR Direct license and permit vendors from Oct. 18-Dec. 11 (or until quotas are exhausted). Find a vendor near you at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>

**Resident Archery Deer and Fall Turkey Permits:** Resident combination archery deer permits, resident antlerless-only archery deer permits, and resident archery fall turkey hunting permits are available over-the-counter from DNR Direct license and permit vendors. Find a vendor near you at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>

**Non-Resident Deer and Turkey Permits:** The remaining non-resident 2011 Illinois combination archery deer permits, non-resident antlerless-only archery deer permits, and non-resident archery fall turkey permits are available over-the-counter (OTC) from DNR Direct license and permit vendors: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>

**Archery, Firearm, Muzzleloader, and Late-Winter/CWD Seasons CWD Sampling:** Deer hunters statewide are encouraged to allow samples to be taken for chronic wasting disease (CWD) sampling from **adult** deer they harvest. The following locations are serving as CWD sampling stations, taking samples from entire deer or deer heads from Oct. 1, 2011 thru Jan. 15, 2012:

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<b>County</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Adams	The Butcher Block, 819 Maine St., Quincy 217/222-6248	M - F 8 am - 5:30 pm Sat. - 8 am - 4 pm
Clay	Mike's Food Market, Louisville, IL 618/665-3151	M-Sat, 8am - 6 pm Closed Sundays
Coles	Stewart's Archery, 132627 Old State Road, Charleston, IL 217/345-8671	M-F, 10am - 9 pm; Sat-Sun, 9am - 9 pm
Crawford	Stork's Processing, 18066 W. Walnut St., Palestine, IL 618/586-2131	7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Greene	Solo Deer Processing, 201 Main, Kane, IL 217-942-9126	Archery - M-Sun. 9am-5pm Shotgun - 8am-7pm
Henry	Woodhull Locker, 330 N. Division Street, Woodhull, 309-334-2235	8-5 M-F; 8-12 Sat closed on Sunday
Jefferson	John's Venison Processing, 22972 E. Rush Rd, Bluford, 618/237-5426	M- Sat, 7a.m. - 8 p.m. Closed Sundays
JoDaviess	Muchow Taxidermy, 7056 W. Guilford Rd., Galena, 815/777-0506	Call 815/777-0506 for appointment.
Johnson	TALK Deer Processing, 600 N. Ferne Clyffe Rd., P.O. Box 159, Goreville, IL 62939 618/995-2754, talkdeer1@yahoo.com	7 days per week - 8am to 8pm; Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and the day following each holiday. After New Year's hours subject to change, please call ahead.
Kane	John's Elgin Market, 1620 Gilten, South Elgin, 847/741-6374	M-F 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-12pm, Sat-Sun during firearm season 8am-5pm,
Macon	Heinkel's Packing, 2005 N. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Decatur, IL 217/428-4401	M-F 7:30am-5pm, Sat. 9am-12pm then 4pm-5pm, Sun 10am-11am then 7pm-8pm Days of shotgun season only 8am-7pm
Madison	Troy Foods, Inc., 404 E US Hwy 40, Troy, IL 618/667-6332	Mon - Sat, 8am - 5pm; Sun, Noon - 5pm Days of shotgun season only 8am-8pm
McDonough	Blandinsville Locker, South Main Street. Blandinsville, IL 309/652-3695	Hrs 8 am-12 noon Oct 1-Oct 15th 8 am-4 pm Oct 16th - Dec 15 or by appointment
McHenry	Jones Locker Service, 204 N Seminary Ave, Woodstock, 815/338-1016	M-F 9am-5:30pm, Sat-Sun 9-3:30, starting Jan. 1 Sat 9-5, Sun closed
McHenry	Dave's Bait, Tackle and Taxidermy, 4419 Rt. 176, Crystal Lake, 815/455-2040	M-F 7am-7pm, Sat 6am-7pm Sun 6am-5pm, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas, New Years Eve 6am-3pm
McLean	Chenoa Locker, 8 N. Veto, Chenoa, IL 815/945-7323	Mon thru Fri 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m. to Noon
Ogle	Headons, 103 Main, Creston, IL 815/384-3620	T-F 8am-5:30pm, Sat 8am-4pm
Perry	Lamczik Meat Processing, 245 S. Wells, DuQuoin, IL 618/542-2216	Monday - Friday 8am-5 pm Closed Saturday, Sunday
Pike	Valley View Custom Butchering, 36046 175 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Pleasant Hill (no phone)	Closed on Sunday Hours variable; someone usually around
St. Clair	Wenneman's Meat Co., 7415 State Rte 15, St. Libory, IL 618/768-4328	M-F 7a,-5:30pm and Sat 7am-4pm Closed Sundays
Stephenson	Harbach Meats, 6444 US 20 W, Freeport, IL 815/232-7807	M-F 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-noon
Stephenson	Wayne's Taxidermy, 6849 S. Koch Rd., Pearl City, IL 815/864-2140	Call 815/864-2140 to make an appointment.
Union	Campground Venison Processing 5565 St Hwy 146E, Anna, IL 618/697-0039	M-Sat, 8am - 6 pm Closed Sundays
Winnebago	Smokehouse Processing, 5735 S. 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Rockford, IL 915/378-8641	Daily 9am - 5pm

Winnebago	Pinnons Meats, 2324 N. Court, Rockford, IL 815/962-0131	M-Sat 8am-6:30pm, Sun 9am-5pm
Winnebago	Eickmans Processing, Grant St, Seward, IL 815/247-8451	M-F 7am-5:30pm, Sat 7am-noon
Wisconsin	Authentic Taxidermy, 1849 Yates Ave, Beloit, WI 608/362-8323	Call 608/362-8323 to make an appointment.

The following sites are serving as self-serve drop-off sites where hunters can fill out a sample submission card and leave adult deer heads:

County	Location	Hours
Boone	Boone County Conservation District-Maintenance Bldg, 655 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL	M-Sun 8am-5pm
DeKalb	Shabbona Lake State Park, 4201 Shabbona Grove Rd., Shabbona, IL	M-Sun
JoDaviess	Pleasant Valley Township Bldg., 9009 E. Willow Rd, Mt. Carroll, IL (corner of Willow Rd and IL Hwy 78)	M-Sun
Kane	Aurora West Forest Preserve, 40W244 Hanks Rd., Aurora, IL	M-F, 830am-4pm
Kane	Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve, North Operations Shop, 42W797 Rohrsen Rd., Hampshire, IL	M-F, 830am-4pm
LaSalle	I & M Canal Seneca Grain Elevator 124 W. William Street, Seneca, 61360	M-Sun (east side of District Forester's office)
Lee	Franklin Creek State Natural Area, 1872 Twist Rd., Franklin Grove, IL	M-Sun
Ogle	Castle Rock State Park, 1365 W. Castle Rd., Oregon, IL	M-Sun
Winnebago	Rock Cut State Park, 7318 Harlem Rd., Loves Park, IL	M-Sun
Winnebago	Sugar River Forest Preserve, 10127 Forest Preserve Rd, Durand, IL	M-Sun

Test results will be posted by hunter phone number on the IDNR web site at:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/cwd/>

**Late-Winter and CWD Deer Special Hunt Area Applications:** Hunters may apply online from Oct. 25-Nov. 28 for site-specific permits for designated IDNR Special Hunt Areas for the Late-Winter Firearm and CWD Deer Hunts. The online application system will be available through the IDNR website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov). A list of Special Hunt Areas open only to hunters with site-specific Late-Winter and CWD season permits is available at this link:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/deer/Pages/ResidentLateWinterAntlerlessDeerHunting.aspx>

Permits for these sites are limited and will only be available through the online application from Oct. 25-Nov. 28 (paper applications will not be available).

Hunters may submit only one online Special Hunt Area application. Unfilled 2011 site-specific firearm, muzzleloader or youth permits for these sites are not valid during the Late-Winter Firearm and CWD Deer season (except at sites where standby hunting is available).

**Late-Winter and CWD Deer Hunt Open Counties/Permits:** Permits for Illinois counties that are open for the 2011-12 Late-Winter Firearm Deer and CWD Deer Hunting Seasons will be available over-the-counter (OTC) from Dec. 13 through the end of the seasons on Jan. 15, 2012. The OTC permits will be available from DNR Direct license and permit agents (find a listing of permit agents at this link:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>).

An information sheet on these seasons is available on the IDNR website at this link:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/deer/Pages/ResidentLateWinterAntlerlessDeerHunting.aspx>

**Upland Prospects:** For information on prospects for the 2011-12 pheasant, quail and rabbit seasons in Illinois, check the IDNR web site for the annual hunting prospects reports prepared by the IDNR Division of Wildlife Resources. The links to the reports are available through the IDNR web site at:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/uplandgame/Pages/PheasantQuailAndRabbitAnnualStatusReports.aspx>

**Wingshooting Clinics:** The IDNR and participating partners are sponsoring wingshooting clinics at sites throughout Illinois this fall to help improve the shooting skills of participants. Youth/Women's clinics are designed to teach participants basic firearm and hunter safety and the fundamentals of wingshooting. Hunter clinics are designed to enhance the wingshooting skills of hunters and provide sound wingshooting practice techniques. The clinics will be conducted on weekends. For more information, check the website at this link:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/programs/wingshooting/wingshootinghome.htm>

Upcoming clinics (and information phone numbers) include:

Oct. 15-16 – Hunter Wingshooting Clinic, St. Charles Sportsmen’s Club (Kane Co.), 630/363-6180

Oct. 22 – Youth Wingshooting Clinic and Youth Pheasant Hunt, World Shooting and Recreational Complex (Randolph Co.), 618/295-2700

Oct. 29 – Youth/Women Wingshooting Clinic, Wild Rural Park in Waggoner, 217/785-8129

Oct. 29-30 – Youth/Women Wingshooting Clinic, Ten Mile Creek SFWA (Hamilton Co.), 618/643-2862

**Online Free Site Hunting Permits:** Hunters are reminded that Free Site Hunting Permits (windshield cards) to hunt upland, forest game and waterfowl at IDNR sites are now available online from the IDNR website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov). Navigate to ‘Hunting/Trapping’ and then ‘Public Hunting Areas’ to print these permits. Hunters are encouraged to view the link to hunter fact sheets also available at the site.

Watch the IDNR homepage link for new sites being added to this online service. For information or assistance, hunters should contact the site where they intend to hunt.

**Controlled Pheasant Permits:** Hunters can still apply for 2011-12 Illinois controlled pheasant hunting permits. Permits are available for use at 19 IDNR sites, 15 of which are operated by the IDNR, while four sites are managed by concessionaire T. Miller, Inc. For application information, check the IDNR website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov) or [www.tmillerinc.com](http://www.tmillerinc.com).

**Waterfowl Digest Available:** The *Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2011-2012* is now available to view online through the IDNR web site at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/DigestWaterfowlHuntingRegulations.pdf>

**Marseilles SFWA Hunting Schedule Adjustments:** The IDNR will adjust hunting schedules at Marseilles SFWA this fall to accommodate military training operations. During October, the Marseilles SFWA site is open each Monday through Thursday in all hunt areas with these adjustments:

Oct. 6, 10, 26 and 31 – All areas open, but convoy units training along the main road

Oct. 11-13 – Areas A and C closed (Area B open)

During November, Marseilles SFWA will be open Wednesday through Sunday with these adjustments:

Nov. 2-3, Nov. 9, and Nov. 16-17 – Areas A and C closed (Area B open)

During December and January, Marseilles SFWA is open Wednesday through Sunday (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day). The last day to hunt is Jan. 12. All deer stands must be off site by the end of the hunting day on Jan. 12.

### **IDNR to Host Public Meeting on Stratton Lock and Dam Winter Drawdown**

**Operations:** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will host a public meeting on Thurs., Oct. 20 to discuss the winter drawdown operation of the William G. Stratton Lock and Dam on the Fox River in McHenry. The public meeting will be held on Oct. 20 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Conference Center at McHenry County College, 8900 U.S. Highway 14 in Crystal Lake. Each year on Nov. 1, the IDNR begins a winter drawdown at Stratton Lock and Dam – a reduction in the water surface elevation of the Chain O'Lakes. The Chain O'Lakes is lowered from normal summer pool, a river stage at Fox Lake of 4.0 feet, to winter pool stage, which is a river stage of 2.5 feet. December 1 is the target date to reach winter pool stage. The drop in river stage allows an additional 12,600 acre-feet of flood storage in the Chain O'Lakes – additional storage that is utilized for the spring snow melt flood event and to manage flows during potential ice jams on the Fox River. The IDNR Office of Water Resources has received several requests from citizens to change the winter drawdown. The requests range from eliminating the winter drawdown to increasing the winter drawdown to a river stage at Fox Lake of 2.0 feet. A request has also been received for delaying the winter drawdown until Dec. 1. The IDNR has completed a study looking at the impacts of these suggested modifications to the winter drawdown operating plan and will review the study findings at the public meeting, with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 20. For more information on the public meeting, contact the IDNR Office of Water Resources at 217/524-2387.

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**Volo Bog/Moraine Hills Programs:** It is a busy fall season for fun and informative public programs at Volo Bog State Natural Area in Ingleside and Moraine Hills State Park in McHenry. Check the Volo Bog/Moraine Hills interpretive program schedule online at this link:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/education/INTERPRT/volo/VOLOBOG.HTM#programs>

**Autumn Programs at Pere Marquette:** Enjoy free autumn programs at Pere Marquette State Park, Grafton. Night hikes are planned on Friday, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. (meet at the Visitor Center). Or plan a day hike at 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 8 and 8:30 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 15 or Oct. 29 (meet at the Visitor Center). Take a fall colors hike at 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 22 or an Awesome Autumn Falls Colors Scenic Drive beginning at 2 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 28. For more information, phone the Pere Marquette Visitor Center at 618/786-3323.

**OutdoorIllinois:** For the latest news about Illinois' natural resources, pick up the October 2011 issue of *OutdoorIllinois*, the IDNR monthly magazine. In celebration of Governor Quinn's proclamation of October 2011 as Illinois River Management Month, this issue focuses on past and present activities along the river. The October cover photo and feature story highlight the restoration of Emiquon Preserve, a historic floodplain wetland south of Peoria. The issue also contains stories on a fall-migrating mallard research project, a historic overview of the Illinois River's importance as a source for food and transportation, alternatives to lead sinkers and jig heads, and an innovative partnership to halt devastating erosion along South Kickapoo Creek at Marseilles State Fish and Wildlife Area in LaSalle Co. Starting this month is a new, periodic feature about Conservation Police activities. For a summary of feature magazine articles, listen in on monthly podcasts at [www.dnr.state.il.us/OI](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/OI). *OutdoorIllinois* is a great tool for learning about Illinois' natural, cultural and recreational resources and a bargain at only \$15 for a one-year, 12-issue magazine subscription that includes an information-packed annual calendar in the December issue. Visit [dnr.state.il.us/OI](http://dnr.state.il.us/OI) or call 1-800-720-3249 to subscribe. VISA and MasterCard are accepted. For information on advertising in *OutdoorIllinois*, call 217/785-8610 or e-mail [michelle.silver@illinois.gov](mailto:michelle.silver@illinois.gov).

**Sportsman's Raffle:** Tickets are still available for the 2011 Illinois Conservation Foundation Sportsman's Raffle with a \$100,000 first-place prize. Tickets for the raffle are \$100 each. The grand prize of \$100,000 will be presented at a drawing in Sangamon County on Thursday, December 1, 2011. Proceeds from the raffle will support youth conservation education and outdoor recreation programs at the ICF's Torstenson Family Youth Conservation Education Center. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and are available online at [www.ilcf.org](http://www.ilcf.org) and by mail at Illinois Conservation Foundation, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271. The raffle is being conducted in accordance with the Raffles Act. All business operations of the raffle take place exclusively in Sangamon County.

**Celebrity Quail Hunt:** The annual Illinois Conservation Foundation Celebrity Quail and Pheasant Hunt at Rend Lake Resort will be Nov. 13-15. For more information, phone the ICF at 217/785-2003 or register online at [www.ilcf.org/events](http://www.ilcf.org/events).

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**Apply Now for ICF Conservation Achievement Scholarships:** The Illinois Conservation Foundation will honor high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to preserve, protect, enhance and/or promote Illinois' natural resources with the awarding of three Conservation Achievement Scholarships. One \$5,000 scholarship, one \$3,000 scholarship and one \$2,000 scholarship are available. Applicants must be Illinois residents and seniors in an Illinois high school during the 2011-2012 school year. Voluntary, effective contributions to Illinois' natural resources throughout the applicants' high school enrollment must be documented. Other criteria also apply. The application form is available online at this link:

<https://www.ilcf.org/scholarships/default.aspx>. **Applications must be received by November 30, 2011.** For more information, contact Donna Ferguson at [donna.ferguson@illinois.gov](mailto:donna.ferguson@illinois.gov) or phone [217/785-2003](tel:2177852003).

**Wolf Creek Stable Concession:** IDNR is seeking corporations and individuals interested in operating of a horse riding stable at Wolf Creek State Park located in Windsor. Through a Lease Agreement with IDNR, parties will lease one barn/stable for 10 horses and approximately four acres of pasture, and be authorized to provide horseback and pony rides, hay rides, buggy rides and riding lessons. The lessee will be required to provide all equipment, including horses, required for the operation of the concession. Months of operation will be April 1 to October 31, from 8 a.m. to sunset, except Mondays and Tuesdays when it will be closed. Wolf Creek State Park is located in Shelby Co., eight miles northwest of Windsor. The site encompass 11,100 acres of water, 250 miles of shoreline and large tracts of carefully maintained indigenous woodlands ideal for camping, horseback riding, snowmobiling, boat fishing, water skiing, pontoon boating, windsurfing or drifting on the glittering expanse of Lake Shelbyville. Interested parties can contact Lisa Wright at [lisa.wright@illinois.gov](mailto:lisa.wright@illinois.gov) or 217/785-0759.

**Trapping Permit Drawings:** IDNR will conduct a number of drawings for trapping permits this month:

- A public drawing for the allocation of Sangchris Lake State Park trapping permits will be held at 1 p.m., Sat., Oct. 15. Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. at the site headquarters, located approximately six miles southeast of Rochester. One permit for one trapping zone will be allocated through the drawing procedure. Two names will be allowed on the permit, and only those individuals listed will be allowed to trap. All persons entering the drawing must have a current 2011 trapping license in possession. Persons whose names are drawn must be in attendance. For more information, contact Sangchris Lake State Park, 9898 Cascade Road, Rochester, IL 62563 or phone 217/498-9208 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Two trapping permits will be awarded at a public drawing to be held Mon., Oct. 24 at the site headquarters of Beaver Dam State Park, 14548 Beaver Dam Lane, Plainview, IL 62685.

Registration for the drawing will begin at 10 a.m. at the park office and the drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Trapping will be permitted in the designated areas from the statewide opening until Jan. 25, 2012, except beaver trapping which is allowed through Mar. 31, 2012. A 2010 or 2011 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. For more information, contact Beaver Dam State Park at 217/854-8020.

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- Six trapping permits will be awarded at a public drawing to be held Mon., Oct. 24 at the site headquarters of Horseshoe Lake State Park, 3321 Highway 111, Granite City, IL 62040. Registration for the drawing will begin at 10 a.m. at the park office and the drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Four permits will be allocated for Horseshoe Lake State Park. Trapping will be permitted at Horseshoe Lake State Park from statewide opening with the exception that during waterfowl season, live traps and land sets only will be permitted. At the close of waterfowl season, all trapping will be permitted following statewide regulations. The remaining two permits will be allocated to the satellite site Gabaret, Mosenthein and Chouteau Island Area. Statewide regulations will be in effect for this area. Beaver trapping will be allowed for all areas through Mar. 31, 2012. A 2010 or 2011 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. For more information about trapping opportunities, contact Horseshoe Lake State Park at 618/931-0270.
- Four trapping permits will be awarded at a public drawing to be held Sat., Oct. 29 at the site headquarters of Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area, 20100 Hazlet Park Road, Carlyle, IL 62231. Three permits will be awarded for Eldon Hazlet SRA and one permit for South Shore State Park. Registration for the drawing will begin at 10 a.m. at the park office and the drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Trapping will be permitted in the designated areas from the statewide opening until Jan. 25, 2012 and land sets only are permitted. A 2010 or 2011 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. For more information, contact Eldon Hazlet SRA at 618/594-3015.

**Schoolyard Habitat Grants:** The IDNR Division of Education has recently received grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and the U.S. EPA Environmental Education program to expand the Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant program. The grant program provides funds to establish or enhance wildlife habitat on the school grounds or other public place and is available to teachers, youth group leaders, and nature center personnel. Visit <http://dnr.state.il.us/education/CLASSRM/grants.htm> to access the application form. The application deadline is November 30, 2011. Additional funding for this program has been provided by the Jadel Youth Fund and the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation of Skokie.

**Super Saturdays:** 'Owls – What a Hoot' is the theme for the 'Super Saturdays' event at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield on Sat., Oct. 8 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Children and families are invited to meet live owls during a program presented by Wildlife Prairie State Park. The event is free.

For more information, phone 217/782-6044 or go to the museum website at [www.museum.state.il.us/events](http://www.museum.state.il.us/events). The Illinois State Museum is located at 502 S. Spring St. in Springfield.

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**Quarries and Culture:** The Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center in Springfield hosts its monthly science series program for October on “Quarries and Culture: Trade in the Southern German Neolithic” on Wed., Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. The program will be presented by Dr. Lynn Fisher, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Illinois-Springfield. The presentation will describe recent results of investigations at a Neolithic stone quarry near Ulm, Germany on the upper Danube River. For more information, phone 217/782-0061. The ISM Research and Collections Center is located at 1011 East Ash St. in Springfield.

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