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**Bird Program at Dickson Mounds Tot Time on March 7**

LEWISTOWN, IL – At Dickson Mounds Museum’s Tot Time on Thursday, March 7at 9:30 a.m., the program will focus on a variety of birds and the importance of their homes. Tots and their caretakers may enjoy a story and the chance to work together to build their very first birdhouse. Assembly requires no hammers, nails, or screws, just white glue. It's as easy as building-blocks and can be finished in less than five minutes.  Tots can take their birdhouses home and use them in their own backyards just in time for the spring nesting season.

Admission to Tot Time is free and registration is not required.  Light refreshments will be served. Groups of eight or more should call the Dickson Mounds Museum in advance to ensure the availability of supplies. The program begins promptly at 9:30 a.m., with the program portion lasting approximately 30 minutes, followed by crafts, snacks, and time to explore the Museum.

The 2019 Tot Time program series is sponsored by Spoon River Electric’s Operation Round-up grant, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Havana National Bank, Lewistown VFW Post 5001 Auxiliary, Rusty Melhouse of Edward Jones, and Jeff and Linda Sisson of Havana. The Tot Time program series continuously seeks sponsors. Please contact Curator of Education Christa Christensen at 309-547-3721 for more information.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at [www.illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org).

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