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**Turkeys at Dickson Mounds Tot Time**

LEWISTOWN, IL – At Dickson Mounds Museum on Thursday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m., the Tot Time program will be ‘Gobble, Gobble.’ Tara Ricker, local 4-H mom and owner of Within Walking Distance Homestead, will present a program featuring her family’s pet turkeys, and discuss the creatures’ bodies, diets, sounds, and temperament. Tots and their adults may enjoy related crafts to take home.

Admission 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 thirty minutes, followed by crafts, snacks, and time to explore the Museum. The 2017 Tot Time program series is sponsored by the City of Lewistown, Doug Dennis of Manito, Havana National Bank, and G-M Mechanical of Canton. If you are interested in becoming a program sponsor, please contact Curator of Education Christa Foster at 309-547-3721.

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).