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## Tots to Celebrate Abe's Birthday on Feb. 1

LEWISTOWN, IL – At Dickson Mounds Museum on Thursday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m., the Tot Time program will be 'Happy Birthday Abe.' As part of the Illinois Bicentennial, tots and their caretakers will celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's 209<sup>th</sup> birthday with Abe in attendance. David Nance of Jacksonville, a retired teacher and Lincoln impersonator, will present a program for children on Lincoln's wilderness experiences as he travelled the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Illinois. The prairie and wildlife of Illinois will be brought to life as Lincoln spins his tales. Tots and their caretakers may enjoy party games and 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 30 minutes, followed by crafts, snacks, and time to explore the Museum. The 2018 Tot Time program series is sponsored by the City of Lewistown, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Havana National Bank, Rusty Melhouse of Edward Jones, and Chris Bennett of Dunfermline. The Tot Time program series is still seeking 2018 sponsors. Please contact Curator of Education Christa Foster 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.