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**Birds Program at Dickson Mounds Tot Time March 5**

LEWISTOWN, Ill. – The program at Dickson Mounds Museum’s Tot Time on Thursday, March 5at 9:30 a.m. will be “Backyard Birds.” The program will highlight a variety of common native Illinois birds. Tots and their caretakers may enjoy fun, messy crafts to take home and share with the birds in their own backyard.

Admission to Tot Time is free and registration is not required.  Light refreshments will be served. Groups of eight or more should call Dickson Mounds Museum in advance to ensure the availability of supplies. The program will begin 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 2020 Tot Time program series is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Havana National Bank, Jeff and Linda Sisson of Havana, Lewistown VFW Post 5001 Auxiliary, and an anonymous donor. The Tot Time program series is currently seeking additional sponsors for 2020. 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 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 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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