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Pig Program at Dickson Mounds Tot Time on November 1

LEWISTOWN, IL – At Dickson Mounds Museum on Thursday, November 1 at 9:30 a.m., the Tot Time program will be "Little Pig, Little Pig" presented by Tara Ricker, owner of Within Walking Distance Homestead, and Karen Messer, owner of Messer Farms, a hobby farm in Little America, Illinois (Fulton Co.). The program will feature pot-bellied pigs and Hampshire/Yorkshire mix feeder piglets. Tots and their caretakers may enjoy learning about what pigs eat, how they live, their quirky characteristics, and how important they are as pets and food for families. Participants will be able to get an up-close look at the pigs and pet them, as well as make fun 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, Lewistown VFW Post 5001 Auxiliary, Rusty Melhouse of Edward Jones, and Chris Bennett of Dunfermline. 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.