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**Butterfly Program for Tots at Dickson Mounds Museum**

LEWISTOWN, IL – At Dickson Mounds Museum on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., the Tot Time program will be ‘Butterflies.’ Tots and their adults may enjoy learning about native butterflies and moths while viewing specimens of different species. This month’s program will be presented by Max Johnson, local 4-H member, entomology enthusiast, and Lewistown resident.

At the end of the program, a limited number of butterflies will be released on the Museum’s grounds. Only one butterfly per family or group will be allowed. Butterflies will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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).