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## The Tippecanoe County Historical Association Will Host IHS's From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics Traveling Exhibit

Battle Ground, Ind.—The many creations of Hoosier cartoonists are being highlighted with the Indiana Historical Society's (IHS's) traveling exhibit, *From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics*. From June 8- July 9, 2023, The Tippecanoe County Historical Association will host the exhibit at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum and History Store, located at 200 Battleground Avenue, Battle Ground, IN. The museum is open every day except Wednesdays from 10:00 to 5:00. The exhibit is included with museum admission and free for TCHA members.

From Pencils to Pixels explores the adventures of comic strip characters such as fat-cat Garfield, Brown County savant Abe Martin, and "Chic" Jackson's "Roger Bean," which featured the lives of a typical Hoosier family.

Drawn from the collections of IHS, the Indiana State Library and other institutions throughout the state, the exhibit also examines the life and work of the Indiana artists who have entertained and informed millions of newspaper readers (with syndication) across the country. Visitors will learn about "the dean of America's editorial cartoonists," Evansville's Karl Kae Knecht; "the first black political cartoonist," Henry Jackson Lewis, who worked for the *Indianapolis Freeman*, Richmond's Gaar Williams, who earned a designation as the "James Whitcomb Riley of the pencil"; and Muncie's Jim Davis, responsible for bringing Garfield to life.

*From Pencils to Pictures* is made possible by Kroger. For more information about this exhibit, call 765-476-8411 ext. 3 or visit www.tippecanoehistory.org.

## **About IHS Traveling Exhibitions**

Historical societies, museums, libraries, schools and other nonprofit organizations in Indiana can book this and other traveling exhibits through IHS's Local History Services department. Exhibits may be borrowed for approximately four to five weeks at a time. To book an exhibit, please contact Karen DePauw at localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org or (317) 233-3110. For more information about the traveling exhibit program, visit <a href="https://www.indianahistory.org">www.indianahistory.org</a>.

## **About the Indiana Historical Society**

Since 1830, the Indiana Historical Society has been Indiana's Storyteller<sup>™</sup>, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing the state's history. A private, nonprofit membership organization, IHS maintains the nation's premier research library and archives on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest

and presents a unique set of visitor experiences called the *Indiana Experience*. IHS also provides support and assistance to local museums and historical groups; publishes books and periodicals; sponsors teacher workshops; produces and hosts art exhibitions, museum theater and outside performance groups; and provides youth, adult and family programs. IHS is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

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