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**JONESVILLE LUMBER RECOGNIZED**

The City of Jonesville recognized Jonesville Lumber for a century of service to the community at their November 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Members of the Graves family, owners of the business for 100 years, were on hand to receive a proclamation from the City Council.

When presenting the proclamation to Jim Graves, Abe Graves, and Ben Graves, Mayor Gerry Arno noted that five generations of the Graves family have been a part of its success. He thanked the family for supporting the growth and development of the City of Jonesville, and pointed out that the business has helped to grow other communities around the county and state, as well as surrounding states.

Mayor Arno added, “while accomplishing this notable milestone, you have provided consistent, quality service to your customers and demonstrated innovation in your industry.”

Jonesville Lumber opened in 1909, with Fred Graves purchasing the business in 1919. The lumberyard was located on the south side of Chicago Street until 1980, when it relocated to its current location and featured the State’s first drive-through lumber warehouse.

Jim Graves thanked the Council for the recognition and for their support of local businesses. He added, “we have a good thing going in Jonesville.”

Jonesville Lumber joins several other Downtown Jonesville businesses that have reached the century mark. Powers Clothing and the Andrew Mack Brush Company accomplished the milestone in the early 1990s. The Grosvenor Savings Bank, the predecessor to County National Bank in Jonesville, was chartered in 1891.



Pictured from left to right: Abe Graves, Jim Graves, Ben Graves, Mayor Gerry Arno.

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