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**COLLECTION OF JONESVILLE MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY AT CITY HALL**

A collection of memorabilia honoring Jonesville's history has been donated to the City of Jonesville and is on display in City Hall. The display showcases businesses and products manufactured in Jonesville, as well as pieces that highlight the history of the Village and City.

The donation was made by Carolyn Spencer, on behalf of the estate of her late brother, Chris Spencer. The gift honors the extensive collection curated by Chris, and assures that future generations will have the opportunity to learn about Jonesville's rich history.

Chris was an admirer of art, history, and music. Inspired by his grandmother, Margery Wallace Tracy, he became an avid collector of antiques and art glass, beginning in the mid-1950s. But it was during his time working at Kiddie Brush and Toy, prior to his graduation from Jonesville High School in 1961, that he gained a particular interest in the Suzy Goose toys that were produced in the downtown factory. This grew into a love for collecting memorabilia related to his hometown.

"This generous donation assures that the commercial and industrial history of our City will always be remembered," said City Manager Jeff Gray. "We are so grateful that Carolyn has entrusted her brother's collection to the City and honored to display it for everyone in our community to see."

Chris' estate provided two display cases for the collection. One was custom built by Dr. Ray Leising, his son Jim Leising, Dr. William Adams, and Dr. David Betz to house two amazing Suzy Goose tin toy sets. The Friendly Folks Supermarket features a full display of canned goods, produce, and an amazing sale on ham. The Friendly Folks Motel is complete with a guest registry that lets you know you have arrived in Jonesville and a yellow sedan that rarely survived with the set.

The memorabilia collection may be viewed and appreciated any time that City Hall is open, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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The City of Jonesville has received a generous donation of local memorabilia from the estate of Chris Tracy Spencer.

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Local craftsmen built a custom case to display the donation of Suzy Goose Toys originally manufactured in Jonesville (pictured, l to r: Dr. Raymond Leising, Dr. William Adams, Dr. David Betz, and Jim Leising).