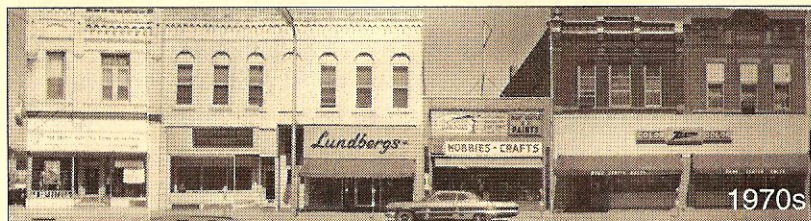


Blue Bricks Bar and Eatery

420 – 424 South Front Street



The first recorded businesses in this series of buildings was in 1888 when the John Krost Saddlery store opened at 422 and C.H. Austin & Sons Shoes opened at 420. The first recorded business at 424 was the Henry Wolff Saloon in 1892.

Notable businesses in this series of buildings included eye doctor offices from the 1920s to 1960s at 420, meat markets (1909-1935) followed by Windmill/Wandersee Florist (1945-1961) at 422 and Anderson Paints (1931-1945) and Backlund's Music (1958-1965) at 424. Bob's Zenith/Electronics occupied both 420 and 422 from 1969-1983.

The longest running business on this site was Don's Hobby which opened at 424 South Front Street in 1966. It started as a paint and variety store, but quickly moved to a Hobby Store catering to model train and car enthusiasts, artists and hobbyists. Don's Hobby



continued until 1999 when it moved to Riverfront Drive, closing in 2007 after 40 years of service in Mankato.

The buildings are operated today as Blue Bricks Bar and Eatery which opened in 2000.