

Rounder's Sports Bar and Grill 412 – 416 South Front Street

The first recorded business in this series of buildings

was P.
K. Wiser
Jewelry
which
operated
at 414
South
Front
Street
from
1884



until 1915. Followed by the long running Zimmerman and Bangerter Hardware Store from 1916-1960. Ben Bangerter served as Mankato's Fire Chief for 40 years, so anytime City Hall or the Fire Station needed hardware supplies they would go to Zimmerman and Bangerter, hence its long period of existence.

Two other
long running
businesses called
this area home:
Artcraft Studio
operated at 412
South Front Street
from 1935 to 1966
and Backlund's
Music moved
from 424 South



Front Street (now Blue Bricks) in 1966 to 414 South Front and operated here until it closed in 1974.

Other notable businesses at 416 South Front included a series of saloons from 1882 - 1911, a bicycle then electric store from 1921-1950 and Jim's Sporting Goods from 1969-1976.

The buildings are operated today as Rounder's Sports Bar and Grill which opened in January 2009.