

Bodner Insurance Agency

Susan Bodner established Bodner Insurance Agency on January 3, 1946. At that time, the business was located on Route 66 and Hillsboro Road, later known as St. Louis Avenue. Bodner originally offered Franklin Life Insurance and Hartford Insurance. In June 1947, she added real estate sales to her insurance business and became the broker of her own business. She then employed Martin A. Doyle as a sales agent.

In the early 1950s, she moved her business to downtown Livingston at 420 Livingston Avenue (Malench Building) and at that time added



Bodner's office was first located in her home, shown above.



Susan Bodner in front of her office in the Malench Building on Livingston Avenue.

Economy Fire and Casualty Company Insurance. She remained at that location for over twenty years.

In the early 1970s, Ms. Bodner sold her building to Tom Rensing and the building was converted to apartments.

She then moved her business near her residence at St. Louis Avenue (now known as Veteran's Memorial Drive) where she remained until her retirement in 1981. Ms. Bodner sold her business to Wilbur S. Meyer and Associates of Hamel.

Ms. Bodner passed away October 25, 1992 at age 86.

Cerne's Tavern



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Frank Cerne built a tavern north of the railroad tracks on the corner of Livingston Avenue and Miner's Memorial Drive. The family lived in a three-room apartment located in the rear of the building. The tavern had many owners over the years, including the Ignatz Thiel family (owners of the Thiel Hotel), the Forneris family, the Bob Edmiston family, the Flick Ulrich family, the Dave Gasper family, the Art Burgnone family and the John Lesicko family. The tavern was later destroyed by fire.