

A Taste of Tradition...

In the 1940's, Bernie and Betty's Pizza was one of the best pizza joints on the Southside of Chicago. Seventy years later, owner Dave Stanks is learning as much as he can about the original owners. Their business must have moved to Springfield in the 1960's, because, just like Dave, Betty was originally from Rochester, Illinois. Since 2011, Dave has prided Bernie and Betty's on doing things the way Bernie did and uses his original recipes.

You might know the pizzeria for its famous thin crust and sourdough pizza, but the entire menu is made like your Italian mama made it. From the homemade pasta sauces, to the select hand-breaded appetizers, to the freshly-sliced meats on his poor boys and horseshoes – Dave has mastered the menu and makes everything from scratch. To see all they are serving up, search for the business on Facebook.

After owning a Subway franchise for 12 years, Dave values running a more "mom-and-pop style" establishment. He has been fixing up the historic building on South Spring Street and just put

in two big-screen TVs. He believes in keeping a clean restaurant and changes the oil in the fryers daily. He even cleans the newly-remodeled restrooms himself. As an "attention-to-detail" type of guy, Dave appreciates having an "attention-to-detail" type of bank, like First Bankers Trust Company.

Looking for a business loan, Dave was first introduced to Greg Curl of First Bankers Trust by a few fellow business owners. Dave appreciated that Greg seemed to take a genuine interest in his business and says, "Greg's just that kind of guy! He's an all-around great person." With Greg being the president of the bank, Dave values that, "If something critical happened to me with my banking or my business, I can call Greg on his personal cell phone any time. That means a lot to me." Now as a customer, Dave is happy to recommend First Bankers Trust to other business owners because, "I like small town banks, and they are a small-town bank with a big-city attitude."

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