





"My dad Gian started this business in 1972. He came over from Italy, and truly believed a good sandwich was made with good cheese, meat and bread on a French roll, and that's it!" said Bolognini. "He had his sandwich shop in downtown Stockton across from the courthouse, this little hole-in-the-wall with no seating. He just had sandwiches and some groceries against the wall, and he made the sausages in the basement!"

His dad passed away four years ago, but the tradition of making great sandwiches continues, now on Miracle Mile and with a little more room for tables and chairs.

"I've worked here my whole life, grating cheeses and running around in the basement (at the downtown location)," said Bolognini, who said all the recipes were passed down from his dad's side of the family.

Also on the menu includes soups, salads, pizza, lasagna, homemade sausages, pesto and their signature raviolis.

"We have the best customers in Stockton. The families are great, supportive and loyal," said Bolognini. "Some of our customers have moved to Washington and North Carolina, and they still order our raviolis during the holidays!"

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