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Restaurant review: So Chopped a welcome addition to Janesville food scene

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The Gazette's restaurant review team, The Four Dishes, was impressed with the food at So Chopped, a new restaurant in the Bodacious Shops of Block 42 on North Main Street in downtown Janesville. The eatery specializes in sandwiches, wraps, soups and salads.

JANESVILLE—Our group was quite excited to try So Chopped, a unique restaurant located in the Bodacious Shops of Block 42—the newly renovated area on North Main Street in downtown Janesville.

Getting there proved to be a bit difficult, however, because it was a cold and rainy day, and parking was a problem. There are lots on both sides of the building, but they were filled up.

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ginger vinaigrette, it was a perfect accompaniment to the tangy apples and sweet, juicy grapes.

So Chopped features a daily soup special (\$3.95). Tomato basil, the offering of the day during our visit, had small chunks of tomato with just a slight hint of basil. We guessed the fresh, bright soup was made with basil-flavored olive oil from the adjacent Bodacious Olive shop.

The soup was a unique take on an old stand-by, and it was very comforting on a cool, gray day. The week before, we had picked up a to-go order of So Chopped's mushroom and onion bisque, which was a hearty, earthy soup with firm, sliced mushrooms in a rich broth. The addition of rosemary made it exceptional.

From the specialty sandwich menu, we ordered the Philly wrap (\$9.95). It came with the choice of chicken or steak and tortilla options of tomato, spinach or wheat.

We went with the steak in a wheat tortilla. Served warm, it was packed full of goodness: chunks of meat, gooey, melted pepper jack cheese, roasted red pepper, mushrooms and onions served with creamy, out-of-this-world spicy Gorgonzola sauce. The wrap came with crunchy kettle chips and a side of pickles, which were thinly-sliced cucumbers coated in balsamic dressing.

We agreed we also wanted to try the pimento-grilled cheese (\$4.95), another one of the eatery's signature sandwiches. The menu listed Asiago bread and pretzel bun as options, but they were out of Asiago.

We weren't keen on the pretzel bun, so we asked for an alternative and ended up with a multigrain bread instead.

Featuring velvety melted cheese with chopped pimentos, the sandwich had a hint of spice to it and was served on perfectly crusted bread.

Even though we were stuffed and had plenty of leftovers to take home, a little something sweet was in order. We split a chocolate chip cookie (\$1), which was soft and delicious. If we'd have had a little more time, we would have browsed and sampled the olive oils next door or maybe walked through to the Bodacious Brew coffee shop and lingered over a latte. Unfortunately, our lunch hour was ending, and we had places to be.

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There were a few bumps in our experience. The service was friendly but slow, and the server forgot one of the main ingredients in the special. But the restaurant offers a back patio with riverside seating that is open year-round and equipped with a heater and fire pit for cooler months. It will be fantastic come warm weather, too.

So Chopped and the other Bodacious shops are much-needed treats for Janesville. We hope they do well.

The Four Dishes—Nikki Bolka, Helene Ramsdell, Jennifer Spangler and Beth Webb—review regional restaurants for The Gazette.

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 Wish they were a bit more welcoming. Our experience was we walked in 20 minutes before they closed and we were told..."Ummm.. you do realize we close in 20 minutes". Not a good way to treat a customer. We left.

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