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Dining out: Smart Cookie Company

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PROVO — There are progressively fewer reasons for Utah County residents to pass the Point of the Mountain in search of a good meal these days. Restaurants are popping up all over, and while some of them are the same chains you find everywhere else, a few are unique.

Cases in point: Provo's Smart Cookie Company.

Smart Cookie Company has bold orange walls; framed pictures of historical "smart cookies" like Albert Einstein and, yes, Charlie Chaplin; and walls festooned with sayings like the company motto, "It takes one to be one."

It also has wonderful, wonderful cookies. This is a place that makes you feel happy just walking in: the cheery decor, the friendly server, the delectable smells of cookies and hot chocolate and ice cream. The menu is cookies, ice cream, ice cream sandwiched between cookies, shakes and various types of hot chocolate.

We sampled most of the menu: a sweet, cinnamony sandwich of strawberry ice cream between two snickerdoodles; three scoops of creamy mint-chocolate chip between dark fudge cookies, which may be the best ice-cream sandwich ever; a frothy Coke float with vanilla ice cream; and frozen hot chocolate, an ironic-sounding drink that is rich, icy, decadent and so good I must get it wherever I find it. Lucky BYU students, to have it right in their back yard.

Smart Cookie Company: Cookies 50 cents each-\$5 a dozen; ice cream cookie sandwich \$2, cookie and soda creations \$1.50-\$3, hot chocolate or steamer creations \$2-\$3.

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Rating: *** ½

Where: 840 N. 700 E., Provo, UT 84606

Phone: (801) 375-2499

Web: www.smartcookiecompany.com

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Payment: Major credit cards accepted

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