## Silver screen

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"It's just more interesting to me," he said. "There's more to that than a bowl of fruit."

Ashley

recreations.

His wife,

Bzdawka, has grown accustomed seeing Bzdawka immerse himself in one of his movie scene



the couple is watching a film athome and Bzdawka reaches for his sketch pad, Ashley knows he saw something he needs to draw. He sometimes spends 5 to 10 hours on a single drawing — twice that long if he decides to colorize it.

Other times, he works movie scenes, or he pulls still photos from the internet. But all of his drawing is completely freehand pencil work that starts with a blank canvas.

zone," his wife said, she knows it is time to just leave him alone.



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A scene of Rick Moranis in "Little Shop of Horrors" comes to life under artist Brian Bzdawka's recreation, as the Racine County artist presents life-like movie star drawings.

only he enjoys, but that other people enjoy."

After graduating from Cardinal Stritch University in 2004 with a degree When he gets in "the infinearts, Bzdawka struggled to find a place where he could practice his craft.

He approached photog-

off cellphone pictures of she said. "I'm glad he's of offering clients handfound something that not drawn portraits along with their new pictures. He funeral homes if families might like sketches of their lost loved ones as part of the funeral packages.

While searching for the right opportunity in drawing, he worked bartender

"I think it's very cool," raphy studios with the idea jobs, tried standup comedy and spent several years in community theater.

He and his wife married even thought about asking in 2013 and resettled in Rochester, where they are raising three children.

> Bzdawka, 40, finally decided that he had the most fun drawing pictures when he was drawing his favorite subject: movies.



A coffee mug is shown emblazoned with Robin Williams' famous "Mrs. Doubtfire" character, as recreated by Racine County artist Brian Bzdawka, who makes his drawings available on mugs, T-shirts and prints.

emotions that he wanted mugs every week. to bring to his artwork were screen all along.

"I was just going to draw stuff I liked," he said.

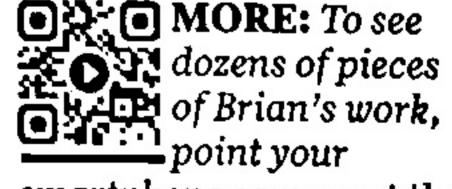
Now working as a graphic artist professionally, he spends his spare time in his studio at home, recreating his favorite stars and scenes from movies he has enjoyed. From James Bond to Napoleon Dynamite, he has an inventory that is growing.

Since unveiling his web-

He has been a serious site two years ago, he has movie buff ever since work- found a surprising deing in a theater as a teenager 'mand for his products. At in Cudahy. He realized that times, he is shipping 10 to the faces, expressions and 15 prints, T-shirts or coffee

He will also take requests right up there on the silver and complete a new drawing based on a customer's own Big Screen favorite.

"I'd love to be doing more," he said. "I love doing it."



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