

CREATIVE CREATURES
Artist Dennis Pearson talks about
his popular Beastie sculptures

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2018**

TACOS | BRUNCH
BURGERS
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City/Urban PUBLIC
TRAIL ART
PERSONAL TRAINER MURAL

TATTOO Artist **FOOD**
WINE List **TRUCK**

ART GALLERY RUNNING **EVENT**
PET-FRIENDLY PATIO

MEN'S CLOTHING BOUTIQUE
Historic
MOVIE THEATER

**AND
MANY MORE!**

designs and delivery, is done within the company.

“Everything is done in-house, and that’s pretty unique to the whole industry,” Dyme says.

With a new location in Walker’s Point, Dyme said he is excited to bring that personal delivery, accessibility and charitable giving to the Milwaukee area. —N.K.

BEST PERSON TO TRUST WITH A RAZOR NEAR YOUR SCALP

Jess Stern of Stag Barbershop

“It actually just fell in my lap,” says Stag Barbershop owner Jess Stern of Stag’s Bay View location.

The traditional early-1900s barbershop still has the original chairs, mirrors and some decor from its early days, providing an old-school flair to Stern’s added contemporary looks. At the shop, Stern offers a haven for men to come in for haircuts, straight razor shaves, beard and mustache trims and more. The shop even hosts an in-house shoe shine, a unique service she thought would make Stag a great all-in-one stop for men.

Though most men come to get their hair cut alone, or stag, Stag Barbershop exudes a family-friendly atmosphere, including some nods to her late father who passed away just months before Stern found the shop’s home.

“He always knew that I wanted to open a barber shop and I thought that incorporating him into it as

a logo would keep that family presence,” she says.

“You know, with the barbershop it has the family atmosphere. And so is our staff; we’re very much like a family as well, so I wanted to keep that going. And I also felt that it was a good way to have (my dad there) every time I would walk into the shop.”

Another nod to her father is the taxidermy caribou hanging on the wall, one he shot on a hunting trip in Canada. “When we decided on the name Stag (my mom) brought it down for me and she thought it would be perfect in the shop,” Stern explains.

Stern’s family is still active in the shop. Her

mother is a dedicated supporter and provides a helping hand. Her brothers helped set up the shop years ago in addition to sitting as models for training barbers.

Since she opened Stag Barbershop in 2010, Stern has cut hair for many well-known men in Wisconsin, including current Brewers Ryan Braun and Chase Anderson, former Brewers Jonathan Lucroy and John Axford, Brewers radio announcer Jeff Levering, former Bucks players Steve Novak and Miles Plumlee, Fox6 Now’s Ted Perry, radio host Jon Adler and many more. —N.K.



READERS' CHOICE AWARDS



Best New(ish) Hotel

Winner: Kimpton Journeyman Hotel
Runner-up: Iron Horse Hotel

Best Pet Services

Winner: Community Bark
Runner-up: Pooch Palace LLC

Best Florist

Winner: Sendik’s Food Market
Runner-up: Belle Fiori, Ltd.

Best Personal Trainer

Winner: Jaime Hayden, Flying Squirrel Pilates
Runner-up: Catherine Andersen, Achieve Personal Fitness

Best Tattoo Artist

Winner: Lauren Smith, Homeward Bound Tattoo
Runner-up: Josh Ebert, Walker’s Point Tattoo Co.

Best Spa/ Salon

Winner: Neroli Salon & Spa
Runner-up: Well Spa + Salon at the Pfister Hotel

Best Caterer

Winner: Shully’s Cuisine and Events
Runner-up: Bartolotta Restaurant Group

Best Wedding Venue

Winner: The Grain Exchange
Runner-up: The Wisconsin Club