

In the Spotlight: Prep Cook Jeff Brennan



When Brennan isn't working his hobby is gardening.

"A pillar of consistency" is how the Maine Diner owners describe this year's featured employee Jeff Brennan, a prep cook from nearby Arundel, Maine who has worked at the Maine Diner for 13 years.

"All I can say is that this job has been a lot of fun. I think I found a pretty good home!" Brennan said. "I really like working with the steady crew I am working with; we all work as a team and that is a major asset with the job."

Myles Henry says he appreciates Brennan's commitment and consistency in his work.

"Jeff has such a positive attitude and just has the best way of going about his business here. He is steady, loyal and a great leader," Henry said.

Brennan works side-by-side with fellow employee Mandy Scott, and Henry says they are like "two peas in a pod." This dynamic duo chops and prepares a majority of the food in the kitchen.

"We are the crazy ones in the kitchen and we act like an old married couple. She is a great counterpart and working with her makes things much more enjoyable," Brennan says. "What's great about work is that our whole team simply pitches in; we all know the jobs that need to be done, and whatever needs to get done at that particular moment gets done. One of us simply jumps in and does it. If you forget something the other person is there to help out. It is such a great partnership and gives you a lot of confidence."

Brennan works a second job at a social club in Sanford and said the staff at the Diner has been very accommodating with him to help him juggle his two jobs. In return, Brennan says he has a strong sense of loyalty to the Maine Diner and is so proud to be a part of the team that helped serve 5 million customers.

"In the restaurant business, serving that many people and having those customers come back time and again is a major accomplishment. It gives you such a great feeling. With this economy we are very fortunate to be one of the busiest restaurants on Route 1," Brennan said.