



## *In the Spotlight: Waitress Sandy Woodman*

Local and loyal are two words that come to mind when one looks at waitress Sandy Woodman and the dedication she brings to her job after 11 years at the Maine Diner. A lifelong resident of the Wells-Ogunquit area, Woodman stopped in to look for a job after graduating from high school and never left.

"From her first day I noticed her high standards and her desire to do a great job," Myles Henry said. "She has all the things you'd like to see in a great employee: she's loyal, extremely efficient, trustworthy and dependable."

Initially, Woodman says, she was shy around customers and spent the first four years bussing tables, but in the supportive family atmosphere of the Diner and within her community, she stepped forward to meet the public as a waitress.

"I was scared at first, and very shy for a long time, but this environment really brought me out of my shell and I learned this isn't so bad. I don't know why I waited so long to step up and go wait on people!" Woodman said. "This is a really fun place to work and I love meeting all of the local customers that come in. Our regulars are like an extended family and I look forward to seeing them every week."

Henry says she took some coaxing, but he was thrilled she took that "quantum leap" to interact more with the public by becoming a waitress.

"This was one of her first jobs out of school and it is fun to watch her blossom. Her confidence level, maturity and self-assurance developed before our eyes," Henry said.

A point of pride for Woodman in her job is knowing what a solid reputation the Maine Diner has acquired locally and out-of-state. The legendary home cooking and hospitality are bringing the Diner closer to reaching a level of service to 5 million customers this December.

"It's still as busy as ever. I love the fast pace and being a part of that. My co-workers here are my good friends and everyone gets along so well. Whether we are cashiering, bussing or waitressing we are all part of the same team," she said.

When Sandy takes a break from pouring coffee and serving up red flannel hash five shifts a week, her family is an important theme in Woodman's life. Outside of work she loves spending time with her 4-year-old son Dylan and her new baby boy.

"Taking Dylan on play dates, going off to do stuff with friends and being outside are what I enjoy," Woodman said.

