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BREWER**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DIANE BREWER & JILL MALONY



Hello Everyone,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Care and Outreach Supervisor. I began working at the Island Commons when I was 16, starting as a Direct Care Assistant and becoming a Certified Residential Medication Administrator when I turned 18. Eventually, life took me off the island, and I pursued a variety of careers in town.

Recently, my partner, Tanner Foley, and I moved to Chebeague as year-round residents, and we are currently in the process of building our forever home here. Outside of work, I enjoy painting, taking my dog for walks on the beach, and cooking.

As a leader, I am committed to fostering a collaborative environment where ideas are shared openly, and everyone's contributions are valued. My goal is to lead by example, encouraging compassion to enhance the lives of those we serve and work with.

I am excited to be returning to this community with Tanner, and I look forward to many more years at the Island Commons, working alongside all of you.

Jade Morlock

GET TO KNOW

JILL & CASPER MALONY

Jill and Casper are our two newest members of the Island Commons family. We sadly said goodbye to Jill's husband, Alan, who died in December.

Jill hails from the Indonesian island of Sumatra, where she lived when she was younger. She loves sharing stories about making homemade ice cream and her days at school. Jill summered on the island for several years before building a cozy, year-round home and settling in for Maine winters. She's a big fan of celebrating and always looks forward to our Island Commons events.

Above all, Jill adores Casper. He has recently been promoted from part-time volunteer to a full-time pet companion for all our residents. Be sure to say hello to both Jill and Casper the next time you stop by. They're sure to brighten your day!





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

ALANNA RICH

I grew up in the beautiful Down East Maine, and in 2000, I married my wonderful husband Shawn Rich. We moved to Long Island and have been raising our three kids in a cozy little island home. It's a small space, but full of love!

So, what brought me to the Commons? Well, I saw a poster about a job opening at IC, and since I have some experience in caregiving, I thought, "Hey, maybe I'd be good at this!" So, I applied, and here I am! My favorite thing about working here is feeling like I truly understand what's expected of me. I really admire what this place offers, it's like a home away from home. I like to think of us caregivers as an extension of the residents' families, creating a warm, welcoming environment that balances professionalism with the cozy feel of being at home.

Outside of work, I stay busy as a wife and mother juggling three jobs. When I get a rare free moment, I enjoy shooting archery, it's a fun way to unwind! I also attend a small island church, where I study the Bible and pray. It keeps me grounded and grateful.





ACTIVITIES

The holiday season kept us quite busy as we decorated cookies, crafted Christmas ornaments and enhanced our home with festive decor.

Additionally, we participated in various holiday events around the island. These included Santa's Christmas party at the Hall, our own mini Whalers' concert, and joined crafting sessions at the Rec Center. We also celebrated with the Island School concert, welcomed a visit from carolers and took scenic drives around the island to admire holiday lights.

And be sure to check all the photos on the next pages, especially the annual Holiday Party, which meant a full house of islanders and good cheer. We can't say thank you enough to everyone who makes these events happen.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS



MINI-WHALERS CONCERT



SANTA'S PARTY AT THE HALL





ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



FROM OUR KITCHEN

BACON WRAPPED POTATOES

BY CHRISTINA PHIPPS



Ingredients:

- 7 large potatoes
- 3 pounds of bacon
- Salt (optional, for boiling water)

Supplies:

- Large pot
- Serrated knife
- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- Tongs or fork
- Oven (preheated to 375°F)

Instructions:

1. Boil the Potatoes:

- Place the whole potatoes in a pot and cover with water.
- Bring to a boil and cook until soft (about 10 minutes).

2. Cool and Prepare:

- Remove the potatoes from the water and allow them to cool.
- Preheat oven to 375°F
- Using a serrated knife, cut each potato in half, then into quarters.

3. Prepare the Bacon:

- Cut bacon strips in half.
- Take one half of a bacon strip and wrap it around a potato quarter, placing the end of the bacon at the bottom.

4. Arrange for Baking:

- Place the wrapped potatoes on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
- Ensure the bacon seam is on the bottom to help it stay in place.

5. Bake:

- Bake at 375°F for approximately 40 minutes, or until the bacon reaches your desired crispiness.

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