

Matthieu Rigollet Gets Navigator Wings **New Book From Karen Holman**

By Hastings Rigollet
For the *Beacon*

Lieutenant Matthieu Rigollet, son of Hastings and Gina Rigollet, graduated from Combat Systems Officers (CSO) training and received his navigator wings at Randolph Air Force Base Texas on December 15, 2006.

Lieutenant Rigollet joined the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps his freshman year at the University of New Hampshire and received his commissioning as Second Lieutenant upon graduating in May 2005. Soon after graduation, he attended Air and Space Basic Course (ASBC) at Maxwell AFB Alabama for six weeks where newly commissioned Lieutenants receive additional basic military education.

After ASBC, he was assigned to Wright Patterson AFB Ohio for seven months where he flew the piper warrior and earned his Private Pilots License (PPL). Upon completion of his PPL, Lieutenant Rigollet was stationed at Randolph AFB 9 Texas where he began CSO training in March 2006.

While at Randolph Air Force Base, students receive training on a broad spec-



trum of both general and advanced navigation techniques including advanced navigation systems, electronic warfare operations, and weapons employment.

Throughout the nine-month CSO curriculum, students are trained and evaluated on 15 real time flights, 31 simulator flights, and 10 academic tests. Critical skills such as mission planning, equipment operations, crew coordination, task management, and numerous others are heavily emphasized throughout the program in order to produce a more versatile and capable aviator.

In May 2007, Lieutenant Rigollet will be sent to Little Rock AFB for follow-up training on the C-130 Hercules. After five months at Little Rock he will be at Ramstein AB in Germany as a mission qualified C-130 navigator. The primary mission of the C-130 Hercules is tactical airlift which involves delivering troops, supplies, and equipment into both friendly and hostile areas.

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The following Andover students were named to the dean's list for the first semester at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. Highest honors: Adam Fitzpatrick, Chloe Rochon, and Davis Thurston. High honors: Ashley Walker. Honors: Tess Prescott and Mary Will.

By Laoretta Phillips
Beacon staff

Andover's very own Karen Holman has done it again. The illustrator of *G is For Granite* and *Primary Numbers of New Hampshire* has a number of other books already out there being read by children from all over the Midwest and beyond. *Mitt from Michigan* and *Minn from Minnesota* are stories about mice and their adventures.

Karen's latest effort as an illustrator of children's books will be released soon. It is called *Mitt and Minn at the Wisconsin Cheese Jamboree*. The Mitt and Minn books are authored by Kathy-jo Wargin, the best-selling author of numerous children's books including *The Legend of Sleeping Bear*. There will be more mouse stories soon.

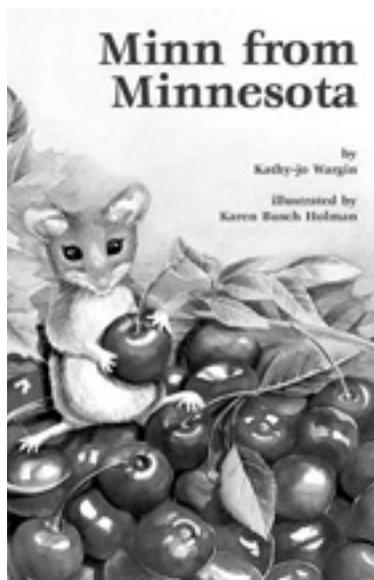
"I am pretty excited about doing a New England series. I have done a book on a Michigan mouse, a Minnesota mouse, and now I am doing Wisconsin and will soon be doing Illinois," Karen said. "The publisher has found an author for the New England series, so we will be starting with a Massachusetts mouse who travels from Massachusetts to Maine and then to New Hampshire and Vermont. That should be lots of fun!"

It takes many hours and weeks to finish the drawings for a book. Karen said she often does more than 60 completed drawings for a single book.

Karen and her husband, Jeff, came to New Hampshire nine years ago. Karen had her own firm in New York doing interior architecture and design, using her skills in a job to earn a living and create a lifestyle. Both Karen and Jeff discovered after coming to New Hampshire that having a great place to live and raise their boys was more important.

Karen went back to doing the thing she loves: drawing and painting. When you look at the art displayed around their house and read the books that her illustrations help create, you can feel the love she has for her work.

Karen says she is not the only one in the family with creative talent. Both of her sons are artistic and have done many things that she gladly displays.



"I was always really afraid of mice, but am now pretty attached to them," Karen added. They even have a pet mouse named Ben.

Karen also offers programs to schools in which she teaches the students to illustrate their own stories. She says it is one of her ways of giving back to the community. Another is the ad designs she does for *The Andover Beacon*.

Thank you, Karen, and congratulations on the latest and greatest in the Mitt and Minn series.

Karen's mouse books may be purchased at bookstores or online from www.MittenPress.com.

GRADUATED David Langtry

Army Private David Langtry, son of David and Joy Langtry, graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. Langtry is a 2002 graduate of Merrimack Valley High School.

ENGAGED Evelyn Baker

Evelyn Baker of East Andover and David Shumway of New London, Connecticut announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Shumway, to Todd Rainier, son of George Rainier of Greenfield and Patricia Harris of Hollis.

Heather graduated from New England College in Henniker and earned a master's degree in library science from Simmons College in Boston. She is the director of the Hooksett Public Library.

Todd is the store manager of Goodale's Bike Shop in Hooksett.

The couple met while performing community service with the Hooksett Kiwanis Club, of which Todd is a charter member.

An autumn wedding is planned.

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