

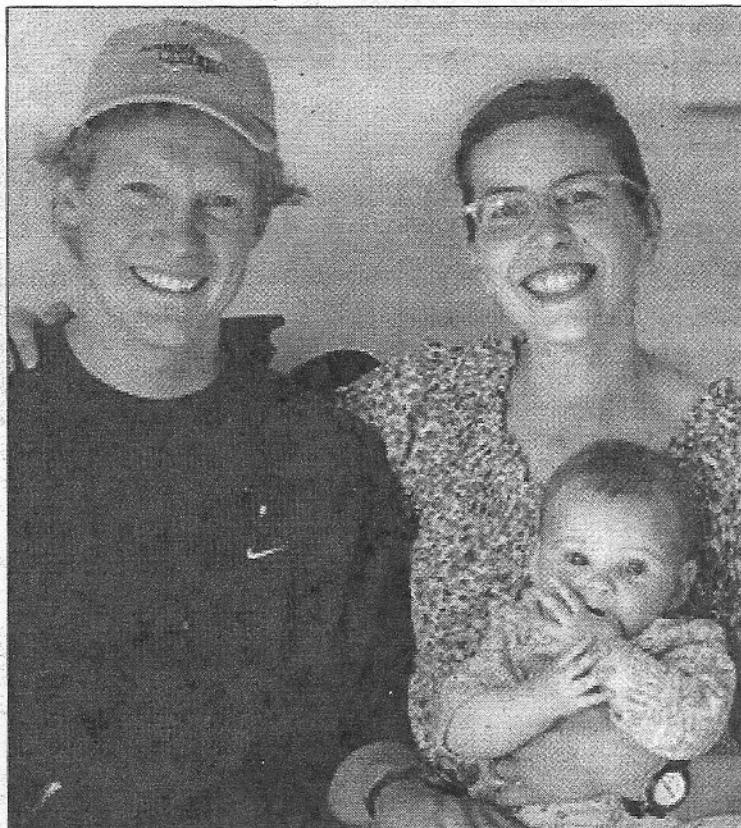
New Home Inspection Business Opens in Machias

It all began with a love of old houses. Eric Holm, building trades teacher at Machias Memorial High School, and his wife, Paula, moved to Washington County when they purchased an old home in 2000. Using his skills and background as a carpenter, they threw themselves into its ongoing restoration. Seeing the need for home buyers to be informed consumers when purchasing a home, old or new, Holm decided to start a professional home inspection business to serve the Machias area.

A professional home inspection is a systematic evaluation of the major components and systems (electrical, heating, plumbing, structural and roofing) of a home completed before purchase.

"A home inspection," he said, "assists a home buyer in making an informed decision, but can also benefit current homeowners who have concerns about the present state of their homes."

As a professional home inspector, Holm completed intensive training and testing in Connecticut last summer. He continues to attend specialized seminars and workshops around the country to keep abreast of the latest innovations in building materials and techniques. He is also a licensed technician for ra-



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ERIC HOLM (left), seated with his wife, Paula, and daughter, Sophie, has started a home inspection business in Machias called Holm Inspections.

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Holm Inspections LLC provides home inspections, radon detection and water quality testing for homeowners and home

buyers in Washington and Hancock counties. For more information visit www.mainehomeinspections.org or call 255-0770.