



Expanding The State's Lemon Law To Motorcycles

By Mchael Ortoski

HARRISBURG - "I had the pleasure of speaking to members of A.B.A.T.E. (Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education) Lehigh Valley this week in Harrisburg and joined the rally in the Capitol Rotunda in support of expanding the state's lemon law to motorcycles" said senator Scavello. Currently, there is no recourse for a motorcycle owner should they purchase a defective motorcycle and proposed legislation would change state law to expand vehicle coverage to motorcycles. Roughly 500 motorcyclists gathered for the rally. "I want to thank members of A.B.A.T.E. for their continued advocacy and education efforts on behalf of motorcyclists state-wide".



Cayden Bray



Kayla Gambale

2019 Sixth Grade All-Around Awards

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - In an effort to recognize well-rounded and high-achieving elementary students, in 2013 the BAHS Alumni Association added two new awards to be given annually. The awards are presented at the end of the school year at the Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony, which took place on June 11, 2019.

The Sixth Grade All-Around Awards are chosen by the faculty and given to one boy and one girl who have averaged 90 or better in all of their core subjects. These students are chosen because of their academics, citizenship, leadership, and participation in school and community activities.

This year's awards were presented to Kayla Gambale, daughter of Kimberly and Robert Gambale, and Cayden Bray, son of Lauren Sipos and Ryan Bray. For more information about these awards visit www.SlaterAlums.com.

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Building Codes Are a Good Starting Point

Building codes change every few years and the change is usually for the better. Codes in general are written to set standards for the minimum amount of materials and labor necessary to complete a construction project without compromising safety or structural integrity. If every aspect of every construction practice was dictated in the code book, it would have as many pages as the affordable care act and nobody would read it. Code inspectors must understand it and builders need to know it to satisfy the inspectors. Inspections are set at several intervals during the construction of a home. Most are set at times where the inspector can visually inspect some area before it is buried or closed up and no longer accessible. These codes one reason that we rarely hear about homes collapsing or having electrical fires.

The codes are just now getting to the point that they address real energy issues. In the past if there was insulation in the wall, it passed the inspection. If ducts were in place, the inspector was satisfied. Crawl spaces are still required to be ventilated which is not the correct way to build a crawl space but I'm sure in the next 5 or 10 years that will change too. Even though the writers of the codes don't really care how much it costs to build a house, there is a limit to how crazy they can go with their requirements or how many new things they can introduce in one update of the code. The insulation levels that are required have been increasing right along which is a good thing but soon the walls won't be thick enough to fit more insulation inside them. This is already the reason for 2x6 construction as opposed to 2x4. A lot more lumber is required to accommodate the insulation in modern homes.

Builders who understand the real value of an energy efficient home are already making the homes they build less leaky and that actually does more to improve the energy efficiency of the home than a 2x6 wall full of insulation. These builders test the tightness of the structure while it is still open enough to fix the leaks. It takes some effort but is well worth it. They also test the duct system for leakage and measure how much air is delivered to each room. Any problems can be fixed before someone moves in to a home with a cold bedroom.

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