

Open for Business



The Eye Studio

by Jane Wood

Dr. Lina M. Escobar, Optometrist, and her husband, Luis E. Ibanez, an economist who is also an expert optometric lab technician, opened their optometric service on March 1st of this year. **The Eye Studio**, is located at **166 Canal Street** between *Dr. Lancellotti's* office and *CaroLion Mane Cut*, and is a full-service eye practice that includes comprehensive eye exams, eyeglasses, contact lenses, and all other eye care needs. Dr. Escobar's eye exams include glaucoma, cataract, and blood pressure screenings, and she is certified in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of ocular disease, with state-of-the-art specialized equipment including a retinal camera, a visual field analyzer, and more.

Prior to the opening of **The Eye Studio**, with its bright, pleasantly-furnished office and advanced equipment, the immediate Ellenville area was without an eye practice for several years.

Dr. Escobar has Georgine Matichuk as her office manager. Ms. Matichuk is a long-time area resident with twenty-five years of optical experience. Dr. Escobar is from Sullivan County; her parents own a jewelry store in Monticello and are known in the Ellenville area as well, especially in the Hispanic community. In addition to Dr. Escobar's expertise in her field, she is bilingual, an excellent skill for providing service to our community with its numerous Spanish-speaking residents. Dr. Escobar also works closely with the ophthalmologists serving *Ellenville Regional Hospital*, who were instrumental in bringing her to our community.

Dr. Escobar is deeply committed to serving her local community and beyond. She has done volunteer work in Central America as part of a mission, bringing crucial eye care to needy areas of Honduras. In a letter she and her husband sent out announcing the opening of their office, she said, "We can see positive changes occurring around us and we'd love to be part of a promising future. Seeing the positive changes in the horizon, we are looking forward to a better community environment for our baby and all of us here."

Currently, Dr. Escobar is open Mondays **10 AM to 7 PM**, Wednesdays **9:30 AM to 5 PM**, and Saturdays **9 AM to 1 PM**. She is still working part-time as an independent contractor for an eye practice in Sullivan County. In the near future she plans to be open more hours in Ellenville. You can contact **The Eye Studio**, with any questions, or for an appointment, at **647-2020** (Get it? 20/20!).

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