

### Today's obituaries

Obituaries appear on page A2 for Marcia Gikner, Gladys L. James, Lewis Lasher, William E. Mayhon Sr., Lorraine A. O'Neill, Fred L. Polizzi and Kevin Rifenburg.

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## Local groups receive state health-care planning money

**KINGSTON** – Several area organizations are among beneficiaries of \$13.8 million in awards for community health-care planning and development projects announced Tuesday by Gov. David Paterson.

Under the Health Care Efficiency and Affordability Law for New Yorkers, funding of \$7.1 million was awarded to

nonprofit and municipal organizations for regional planning to improve the effectiveness of health care.

Recipients include:

- Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center Inc., \$200,000.
- Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium Inc., \$169,000.
- Rural Health Network Development Pro-

gram funding totaling \$6.7 million was awarded to support rural providers in improving access to care, enhancing coordination of services, increasing efficiency of service delivery and introducing needed community services through the formation and operation of rural health networks.

Recipients include:

- Columbia County Community

Healthcare Consortium Inc., \$233,961.

- Greene County Rural Health Network, \$208,225.
- Hudson River Healthcare Inc. (Dutchess County), \$233,961.
- Institute for Family Health (Ulster County), \$233,961.

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