

## Calendar

Today

■ **Germantown Planning Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown 518-537-6687

Saturday

■ **Germantown History Department 9 a.m. to noon** 1767 Parsonage, 52 Maple Ave., Germantown 518-537-6687

Tuesday

■ **Copake Park Commission 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd., Copake 518-329-1234

■ **Hillsdale Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m.** Town Hall, Main St., Hillsdale 518-325-5073

■ **Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m.** Middle School Library, Route 9, Valatie 518-758-7575

■ **Livingston Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.** Town Hall, county Route 19, Livingston 518-851-9441

■ **New Lebanon Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m.** American Legion Hall, 7 Mill Rd., New Lebanon 518-794-8884

■ **Rhinebeck Village Planning Board 7:30 p.m.** Village Hall, 76 E. Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-1922

■ **Taghkanic Planning Board workshop 7 p.m.** Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-851-7638

Wednesday

■ **Copake Republicans Club 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 347 Mountain View Rd., Copake

■ **Cloverack Republicans Club 7 p.m.** Town Hall, Route 217, Philmont 518-851-7570

■ **Clermont Town Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Germantown 518-537-6868

■ **Ghent Planning Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 2306 state Route 66, Ghent 518-392-4644

■ **Greenport Town Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, Town Hall Dr., Greenport

■ **Hudson Youth and Aging Committee 6:30 p.m.** City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson 518-828-1030

■ **Hudson Arts, Entertainment and Tourism Committee 7:15 p.m.** City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson 518-828-1030

■ **Livingston Planning Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, county Route 19, Livingston 518-851-9441

■ **Milan Planning Board 7 p.m.** Wilcox Memorial Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan 845-758-5133

■ **Millerton Village Town Planning Board 7:30 p.m.** Village Hall, Dutchess Avenue 518-789-4489

■ **North East Town Planning Board 7:30 p.m.** Town Hall, Maple Ave., North East 518-789-3778

■ **Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees** Philmont Library, 101 Main St., Philmont 518-672-5010

■ **Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m.** Stissing Mountain Middle/High School Library, 2989 Church St., Pine Plains 518-398-7181

■ **Stockport Town Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 2787 Atlantic Ave., Hudson 518-828-9389

## HUDSON

# \$200K gift for arts, humanities at HCS D

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation recently announced the establishment of the Hudson City School District Arts and Humanities Fund.

An anonymous donor has made a gift of \$200,000 to launch the fund — \$100,000 of which is a challenge to the community to match the gift for a permanent endowment by 2014. The gift also includes \$20,000 per year for five years for immediate grantmaking. The purpose of the Arts and Humanities Fund is to enhance and enrich the educational experience of students and teachers in the Hudson City School District through access to programs in the arts and humanities that emphasize excellence, innovation and creativity.

"We are thrilled to be able to introduce Hudson students to new programs that will expand their creativity and cultivate their critical thinking skills," stated Jack Howe, superintendent of the Hudson City School District. "This will make a positive difference in ways we can only imagine right now. We remain

grateful and fortunate to be able to partner with Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation on the Hudson Arts and Humanities program."

Grants will be made to projects that are outside of the school curriculum and not covered by tax dollars. Projects funded might include professional artists-in-residence, readings by poets or other creative writers, field trips to museums, historic sites or performances, teacher training in the arts or humanities, or commissions for artists or professionals in the humanities to engage in projects with the students and school community. For the first five years of the fund, programs will focus on students in the second, sixth, eighth and 11th grades.

The enrichment activities will be designed to enhance students' capacity to achieve excellence both in school and in the community, as well as to cultivate citizens of good character and enhance communications skills among, and mutual respect for, fellow students.

The Hudson City School District Arts and Humanities Fund is one of Berkshire Taconic's 25 Education Enrichment funds. Over the past seven years, Berkshire Taconic has worked closely with an extraordinary anonymous donor and the school districts of Chatham, Germantown, Kinderhook, New Lebanon, Taconic Hills and now Hudson to create this web of support for creative programs not funded by tax dollars. With this \$200,000 gift to the Hudson City School District, all six Columbia County public school districts now have permanent endowments (totaling \$726,058) to support arts and humanities for local students in perpetuity.

"This means that, despite school budget cutbacks, our students in Columbia County have the means to visit museums, attend theater and dance performances, produce student newspapers, take photography workshops, play musical instruments and more," said Jennifer Dowley, president of Berkshire

Taconic. "A whole world of learning opportunities is open to them. The education made possible by these endowment funds will have an impact for generations."

To help the school district meet its matching grant challenge, send contributions to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 271 Main St., Suite 3, Great Barrington, MA 01240-1972, earmarked for the Hudson City School District Arts and Humanities Fund.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation builds stronger communities and improves the quality of life for all residents of Berkshire County, Mass., Columbia County and northeast Dutchess County; and northwest Litchfield County, Conn. Thanks to its generous donors, in 2008 Berkshire Taconic distributed nearly \$9 million in scholarships and grants for programs in the arts and education, health and human services, and environmental protection. Berkshire Taconic is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

## GREENPORT

# Officers raise money for 2 charities

On Oct. 28, law enforcement officers from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, City of Hudson Police Department and Greenport Police Department teamed up locally with Applebee's Restaurant to raise money to benefit the Special Olympics New York and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Torch Run is part of a year-round, grassroots fundraising campaign by law enforcement agencies to benefit their local Special Olympics Program.

Co-ordinators for the law enforcement agencies were Rebecca Milone, confidential assistant to Sheriff David Harrison; and Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division Lt. James E. Andrews.

They reported that Columbia County came in second place from within the Capital Region, raising more than \$800.



Law enforcement officers recently participated in a fundraising event in collaboration with Applebee's Restaurant in Greenport to benefit the New York Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Pictured are the law enforcement personnel who waited tables at the restaurant.



Elizabeth Gramkow

## HUDSON

# Gramkow appointed executive director of hospital foundation

Elizabeth "Betsy" Gramkow of Hudson is the new executive director of the Columbia-Greene Hospital Foundation, the fundraising arm of Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Previously, Gramkow was director of development for Triform Camphill Community in Hudson, a non-profit community for adults with developmental disabilities.

Her development career has taken her to California and Connecticut. She is a graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

During the course of her professional and volunteer non-profit career, Gramkow has managed all aspects of development including the planning and launch of a major capital campaign; the orchestration of large, multi-faceted special events; and a national membership program.

She has participated in the creation and implementation of strategic initiatives, served at the executive level on several boards, and has managed volunteer and office staff.

"When I joined the Columbia-Greene Hospital Foundation as its new executive director, I became part of a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers whose sole purpose is to provide our communities with high quality, comprehensive health care services in a dignified and compassionate environment. Every day I witness the extraordinary efforts of the medical staff, hospital volunteers, and administrators who have created a valuable community resource in which we can all be very proud," said Gramkow. "We have great appreciation for the many foundation donors who have so generously contributed to improve our facilities and enhance the quality of care we provide."

Gramkow says she will continue to build on the hospital's many strengths and the outstanding care provided to patients at not only Columbia Memorial in Hudson, but at Kaaterskill Care in Catskill, and the 25 care centers located throughout Columbia, Greene and Dutchess counties.

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Adults - Evening \$8.00 - Adults - Matinee \$7.00  
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