

# Register-Star WEEKEND

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## WEATHER

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUN
Mostly sunny and pleasant	Partly cloudy	An afternoon t-storm
<b>HIGH</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>76</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>

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## SPORTS



### Cubs trade Anthony Rizzo

Anthony Rizzo found out Thursday he had been traded to the New York Yankees

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### SALT, high taxes take toll

Budget experts say New York's economic competitiveness would improve after SALT repeal

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Did Trump keep his word to donate last 6 months of his president's salary? We may never know.

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www.HudsonValley360.com



# Man charged in Hudson stabbing

By Bill Williams  
Columbia-Greene Media

HUDSON — Police have made an arrest in connection with a stabbing on Wednesday night that left a man in serious condition, Hudson police chief L. Edward Moore said Friday.

Tavaris A. Grant, 25, of Hudson was charged with first-degree assault, a class B felony, Moore said.

Grant was stopped on the Taconic Parkway on Friday morning and brought to the Hudson police station, where he was processed. He was arraigned Friday afternoon in Hudson City Court. Grant was

taken to the Columbia County Jail, where he was held on \$10,000 bail, Moore said.

The victim, a 31-year-old Hudson man, is at Albany Medical Center recovering from several stab wounds to the chest.

"This is an instance where we received support from members of the public who witnessed this crime. When people step forward action can be swiftly taken. Collectively, we can make a safer neighborhood," Moore said in a statement.

The man was stabbed several times during a brawl that occurred around 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday night on North 2nd Street in the vicinity of Rope Alley.

Police were first called to the scene after several people called Columbia County 911 to report there was a large fight taking place.

When Hudson police arrived, they found the injured man and requested assistance from Greenport Rescue Squad



Tavaris A. Grant

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Multiple police agencies at the scene of a stabbing in Hudson on Wednesday night.

# DOCTORS WANT MORE COVID VACCINE QUESTIONS

By Kate Lisa  
Johnson Newspaper Corp.

New York doctors and health care workers want people with questions about the COVID vaccine to do one thing: Ask.

No vaccine-related question is silly or unacceptable, infectious disease experts said Tuesday, citing common concerns about the one- or two-dose vaccine to protect against coronavirus COVID-19.

"If you have questions, ask," said Dr. Anja Bottler, chief of infectious disease at Unity Hospital within Rochester Regional Health. "Don't just sit there and pout and get stuck in your thinking hole. Ask questions. Talk to other people. Get a feeling on what is the right thing for yourself to do."

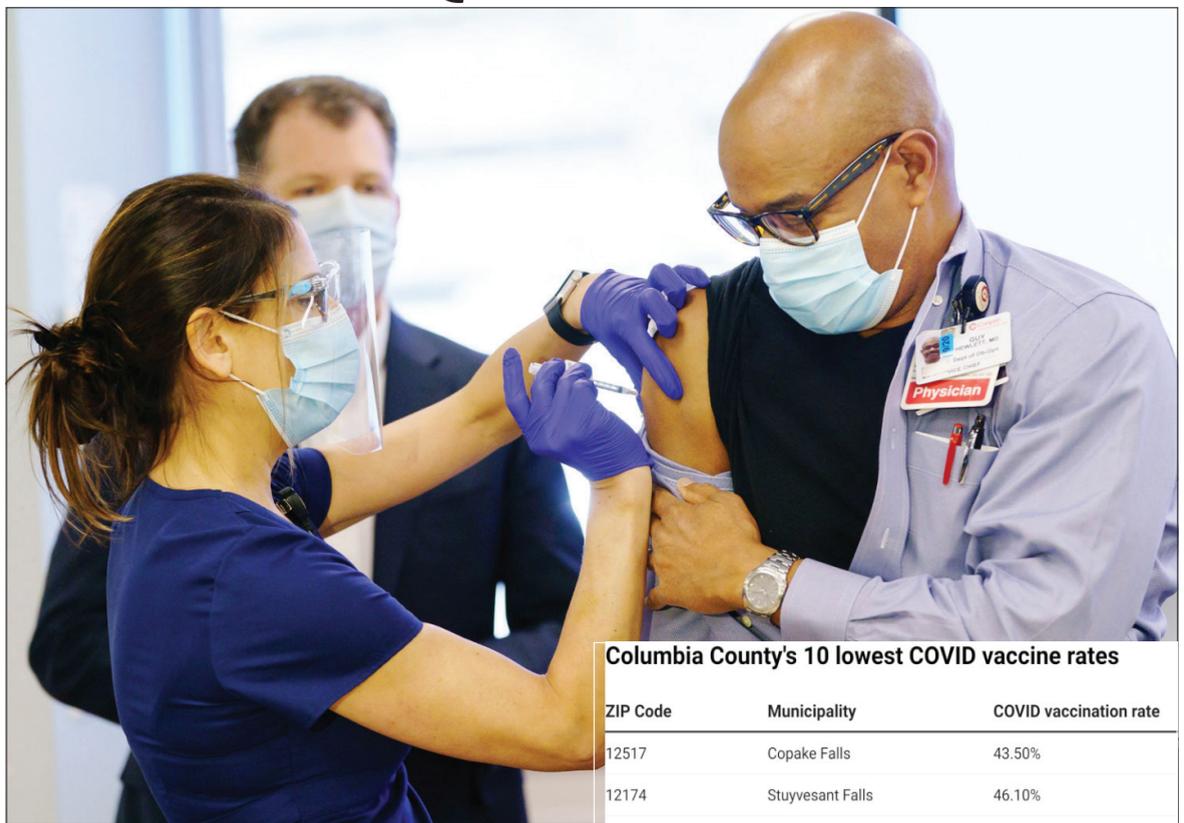
Bottler also works at United Memorial Medical Center in Batavia, and regularly sees patients from all backgrounds.

About a quarter of New Yorkers eligible to receive the COVID vaccine, or about 3.5 million adults, have opted not to get the shot. More than 68.3% of state residents ages 18 and older are fully vaccinated against the upper respiratory disease, which has killed more than 54,226 New Yorkers to date, according to the U.S. Centers For Disease Control and Prevention.

More than 74.9% of New York adults have at least one vaccine dose as of Friday.

### FDA & QUICK APPROVAL

"People are skittish about the vaccination because of the FDA approval," said Dr. Alan Sanders, chief of the Infectious Diseases Division at Albany



LPN Kimberly Peacock, left, administers the COVID-19 Vaccine shot to Dr. Guy Hewlett, M.D., right, at Cooper University Health Care on Dec. 15, 2020. Cooper University Health Care was among the first group of hospitals in New Jersey to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Medical Center. "I'm not trying to be flip about this — I'm not sure a lot of these individuals have knowledge that the FDA has been involved with approval of vaccines for many, many decades."

The U.S. Food and Drug

Administration and the state's vaccine Clinical Task Force separately approved Pfizer and Moderna's two-dose coronavirus vaccines in December under Emergency Use

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### Columbia County's 10 lowest COVID vaccine rates

ZIP Code	Municipality	COVID vaccination rate
12517	Copake Falls	43.50%
12174	Stuyvesant Falls	46.10%
12173	Stuyvesant	48%
12125	New Lebanon	48.30%
12195	West Lebanon	52.20%
12017	Austerlitz	52.40%
12029	Canaan	54.10%
12534	Hudson	55.30%
12037	Chatham	56%
12502	Anchram	57.70%

Source: NYS Department of Health • Created with Datawrapper

# Carl Whitbeck, son of Hudson attorney, dies at 43

By Bill Williams  
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RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT — The son of a prominent Columbia County attorney and a rising star in the financial world died Thursday in an automobile accident.

Carl Whitbeck, 43, of Ridgefield, was killed in a crash on Branchville Road in Ridgefield, Capt. Shawn Platt of the Ridgefield Police Department said Friday.

Whitbeck was driving east on Branchville Road when his car crossed over into the west-bound lane. The car left the road and struck an embankment before coming to rest, Platt said.

At about 1:59 a.m., fire and rescue crews responded to the scene on Route 102.

Whitbeck was taken to Danbury Hospital for evaluation of his injuries and was later



PHOTO COURTESY OF AXA INVESTMENT MANAGERS  
Carl Whitbeck

pronounced dead, Platt said.

Whitbeck, who was known as "Pepper," was the global head of High Yield and US Active Fixed Income at Axa Investment Managers in Greenwich, Connecticut, according to the company.

"The thoughts of Axa IM's Management Board and employees go out to Pepper's family and loved ones," a spokesperson for Axa IM said

in a statement Friday. "The company has offered its full support to his family, his team and closest colleagues."

Whitbeck had been with Axa Investment Managers since 2002 and had been heavily involved in developing the company's high-yield capabilities over the past 19 years, the company said.

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— Spokesperson for Axa IM

three children. Funeral arrangements were not immediately made public.

Whitbeck's father, Carl G. Whitbeck Jr., is well known throughout Columbia County, with many years of experience in advising municipal, corporate and nonprofit clients.

Whitbeck acted as corporation counsel to the City of Hudson from 1980 to 1999, and again from 2014 to 2016. He was town attorney for the Town of Greenport from 1986 to 1995, and again from 2016 to 2017, and as Columbia County Attorney from 1988 to 1989. He represented the New York State Bridge Authority from 1994 to 2020. He also served on the board of directors at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Whitbeck is a partner at Whitbeck Benedict & Smith LLP in Hudson.