

Woman charged in car theft

New York State Police have arrested a 58-year-old Whitehall woman for allegedly stealing a car from the Town of Salem.

The investigation indicated Linda Vandenburg took possession of the vehicle without the owner's permission. The vehicle was located and secured two days later in the City of Watervliet.

On Feb. 18, Vandenburg was located by troopers based in Brunswick and taken into custody. She was transported to the Granville substation where she was charged with grand larceny in the third degree and transported to the Washington County Correctional Facility pending arraignment.

Properly dispose of rechargeable batteries

All New Yorkers have the power to prevent recycling fires.

In 2014, a total of 323 reported fires occurred at waste facilities across the United States and Canada, some of these events causing injury and in some cases death to recycling workers and firefighters.

Rechargeable batteries should never go in household recycling bins with paper, plastic, metal and glass. When they get crushed and moved around during transportation and sorting processes, they can catch fire or explode, causing dangerous and costly fires in trucks and facilities.

In New York State, it's illegal to dispose of rechargeable batteries in the trash, and no batteries belong in household recycling bins.

Where should they go? Here are some options:

1. Find out when the next local household hazardous waste collection event is in your town.
2. Find a drop-off location by visiting call2recycle.org locator.
3. Discover a retailer near with a take back program - retail locations in New York State that sell rechargeable batteries are required to accept them for recycling.

When properly recycled, rechargeable batteries can be made into renewed items such as silverware, golf clubs, new batteries or pots and pans. But only if they're recycled correctly.

Properly disposing of hazardous materials like rechargeable batteries not only protects recycling employees but can also help the surrounding environment by protecting fish and wildlife like trout and eagles. Rechargeable batteries contain toxic heavy metals that can contaminate the water and soil, potentially harming fish and wildlife species.

For additional assistance or to report a non-compliant retailer, contact the NYS DEC Product Stewardship & Waste Reduction Section at pswr@dec.ny.gov or call 518-402-



Residents enjoyed taking part in a special Mardi Gras balloon volleyball game.



Commander Butch Hurlburt and VFW Post 1653 speak to the vets during breakfast at Slate Valley Center.

Mardi Gras traditions and more at Slate Valley Center

Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21, was a busy day at Slate Valley Center in Granville.

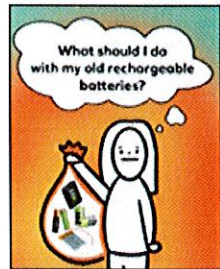
Veterans at the 88-bed skilled nursing facility were visited by long-time Commander Butch Hurlburt and other members from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1653 in Granville.

Later that day, residents were treated to King Cake Cocktails in observance of Fat Tuesday. The recreation team worked with the kitchen staff to create these desserts that included a mix of juices and soda, with frosting and sprinkles lining the rims to give them a cake like effect.

Finally residents settled down to complete Mardi Gras-themed puzzles and coloring sheets, which was followed by a special Mardi Gras balloon volleyball game.



Slate Valley Center residents imbibed their King Cake Cocktail cups on Fat Tuesday.



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Fort Ti to host living history event March 4

Fort Ticonderoga will host its next winter quarters living history event, "The Bridge to 1777," on Saturday, March 4.

The event will bring to life the story of American soldiers at Ticonderoga in March 1777 as they raced against time to prepare for the next British attack on Lake Champlain.

Tours, weapons demonstrations, historic trades, fife and drum performances and other programs will be presented throughout the day.

Meet the American soldiers at Ticonderoga who labored on land and ice to build a strong bridge across Lake Champlain to connect

the big boats of the Royal Navy. Imagine the massive scale of this bridge, as soldiers shape and notch logs to the actual size of bridge timbers from the bottom of Lake Champlain.

Visitors will explore the myriad of military preparations afoot in March 1777: Handle the components of a musket lock as armorers repair these weapons for soldiers in the coming campaign. Hear the sounds of the fifes and drums that regulated the day and the orders issued by Colonel Anthony Wayne to maintain order for this winter garrison. Explore the market, where civilians sold edible essentials and met the

the health of the soldiers. "The bridge across Lake Champlain was a massive undertaking in 1777," said Stuart Lillie, Fort Ticonderoga vice president of public history. "The scale, as well as danger of this work, is impressive, as the piers for this bridge connecting Ticonderoga and Mount Independence remain at the bottom of Lake Champlain to this very day."

Appropriate footwear is highly recommended for undetermined walking conditions. For more information, including a schedule of the day, visit fortticonderoga.org. Fort Ticonderoga is located at 100