

Hatfield Twp.

Multiple shoplifting attempts reported

Hilltown police reported several shoplifting attempts at the Walmart at 1515 Bethlehem Pike in June.

- Police allege the following:
 - Gabrielle Bucceroni, 19, of Hatfield, was cited after trying to steal \$44 worth of merchandise June 30.
 - Michael Higgins, 21, of Souderton, was cited after trying to steal more than \$900 worth of merchandise June 26.
 - Teresa Harvey, 23, of Philadelphia, was cited after trying to steal \$23 of merchandise June 27 at about 5 p.m.
 - Gary Farrell, 37, of Lansdale, was cited June 27 at

7:30 p.m. During that incident, John Healy, 19, of Lansdale, was also cited for possessing a small amount of marijuana.

- Wendy Seitz, 39, of Hilltown, was cited after trying to steal \$200 worth of merchandise June 26 at about 1:30 p.m.
- Chelsea Spolar, 27, of Hatfield, was cited after attempting to steal \$114 worth of merchandise June 26 at about 9:30 p.m.
- A 17-year-old Lansdale girl was cited after trying to steal more than \$94 worth of merchandise June 26 at about 11:30 p.m.

Police News

Hilltown

Drug charges: Andrew Mason, 21, of East Greenville, was charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana after police investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle at Civic Park just before midnight June 25.

Police investigating thrown bottles: In the early hours of June 24, police received two separate reports of bottles being thrown from a vehicle at oncoming traffic on Hilltown Pike that resulted in damaged windshields.

Simple assault: Jose Guiterrez, 23, of Hilltown, was arrested for simple assault and harassment after police investigated a disturbance at his residence in which he allegedly assaulted a female.

Milford

Theft reported: State police are looking for what appears to be an unpatented burglar who stole a large quantity of bicentennial quarters from a resident in Milford over the Fourth of July weekend.

According to police, a resident on the 1300 block of Sleepy Hollow Road reported someone stole the coins between 4 and 10 p.m. Saturday.

Anyone with information is

urged to contact state police at Dublin at 215-249-9191.

Criminal trespass: Justin Allen Grimes, 20, of Quakertown, was arrested for criminal trespass Sunday at about 4 p.m. after entering a residence on the 2000 block of Weiss Road and threatening the occupants.

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Hit-and-run: Police are asking for help identifying the driver of an older looking white pickup truck that hit a vehicle on the Pennsylvania side of the Frenchtown bridge on Friday at about 9:30 p.m.

The truck was reportedly towing a black trailer.

The driver of a 20000 Dodge Intrepid told police she was traveling west on the bridge when the truck struck her car and fled toward New Jersey.

Anyone with information about the accident is urged to call state police at 215-249-9191 and reference incident #MO2-1294411.

Underage drinking: Casey Bechtel, 20, of Upper Black Eddy, was cited for underage drinking after police stopped him for faulty equipment in the area of Route 309 and Hilltown Pike on June 20 at about 11:30 p.m.

Area youth to benefit from grants

Foundations Community Partnership announced awards of more than \$90,000 to help area nonprofits deliver services to at-risk children.

BY COLLEEN BOYLE
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For a group of local nonprofit organizations, the key to improving Bucks County today is focusing on its future: young people. These organizations recognize today's youth, from autistic children struggling to learn in class to high school students facing a culture centered on drugs and alcohol.

However, providing support for these young people is a daily struggle because of a lack of steady funding. Grants to 11 nonprofits from the Foundations Community Partnership will help.

The nonprofit Doylestown Township foundation announced \$92,500 in funding last month. The organization supports behavioral health edu-

cation and research, provides grants and awards scholarships to high school seniors in Bucks County, among other works.

The Community Conservatory of Bucks County is among the organizations that are the latest to benefit from the charity.

"It's been a wonderfully rewarding experience," said Cindy Ruenes, program coordinator for the Conservatory's Neighborhood Notes program, which introduces underserved children in Bristol and Plumstead to different types of art.

"We do not receive any income from the program," she said. "Grants are completely how the program is run."

The Foundations Community Partnership chose recipients based on current work as well as future goals.

"We are very excited about this group of grantees," said Ron Bernstein, executive director of The Foundations Community Partnership. "I think they're all doing really important and innovative work with at-risk youth in our community."

Central Bucks School District's Autism Support

Program, which uses unique technology to teach young autistic students, received a \$10,000 capital grant.

In addition, 10 local organizations received Bucks Innovation and Improvement Grants, competitive grants awarded to organizations that work in unique ways to improve the lives of local youth. BIGs that were approved range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and will help the organizations expand and develop programs.

Berstein said that grants like these are becoming more important as federal, state and local governments continue to cut back funding.

In addition to Neighborhood Notes, the BIGs were awarded to:

- Aark Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Inc. of New Britain Township, which helps teenagers with special needs to develop compassion for others by caring for wounded animals.

- Links Inc. of Doylestown, to sponsor its "Keeping it Real" 2011 annual conference for teenagers focusing on issues such as bullying and prejudice.

- The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, to

expand its "Breaking Boundaries" program, allowing teens to express themselves through art and to develop leadership skills.

- Central Bucks Family YMCA in Doylestown Township and YWCA in Trevose, to support programs for local children.

- The Comprehensive Learning Center in Southampton, to assist autistic children.

- Neighborhood First in Bristol, to expand its after school, Saturday and summer intervention and prevention programs.

- Bucks Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence and Vita Education Services, both based in Doylestown, will also receive aid.

These grant-supported programs help young people who often have little support at home and may struggle in school.

"They gain self esteem, and they can express themselves," said Ruenes. "The most important thing is they can be children. They have so much responsibility at such young ages."

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Kayaker finds 46 stolen military grave markers

ALLENTOWN (AP) — An Allentown kayaker has some detective work in store after finding a cache of military grave markers in the Lehigh River.

Joe Brozowski says he found 46 of the small markers in shallow water near a Catasauqua bridge last month.

Veterans groups and local governments usually place the markers to honor military service. But in recent years they have become an all-too-common target for thieves eyeing the value of their metal.

Brozowski hopes to return the markers to their rightful place. But his task is complicated by the fact they do not bear the names of individual soldiers.

He says some appear to honor service dating back to the Civil War.

There are no signs of corrosion, suggesting they were dumped recently.



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