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## DHS students to hear Sandusky appeal trial

### Is it a learning opportunity or not? Parents wonder

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Convicted child sex offender Jerry Sandusky will NOT be present at his appeal court hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and Wednesday, Sept. 18 in the auditorium at Dallas High School, according to PA Superior Court president Judge Jack Panella.

Nevertheless, parents are questioning why the school was selected as the site for the trial in the first place

and how appropriate the choice of a high school is as a courtroom location.

Having appeal trials, which are argued only by attorneys, in public schools has been done in Luzerne County before — in 2003 at Hazleton High School and in 2010 at MMI Preparatory School in Freeland.

The idea is to bring court proceedings out of major cities (Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh) so the general public might have a chance to

see the judicial process at work. The idea was the initiative of Corrae Stevens, a Supreme Court Justice from Luzerne County.

"The purpose is to better understand the court process," said Stevens. "None of the defendants will be there. The Sandusky case just came up routinely on the docket. This will be a better, less damaging and realistic presentation than what kids see on 'NCIS' or the 'Law and Order' show."

But others aren't completely convinced. Dr. Joan Gruelick, an area pediatrician, complains that horrific offenders are given too much publicity and notoriety for their offenses.

"The whole thing is sickening. What's to appeal here?" she asked. "Why make rock stars out of these criminals?"

Gruelick wants public officials and the press to act more judiciously when presenting criminals and their cases to the public.

And, considering the nature of the crimes in the Sandusky case, there is the question of how appropriate it is

to have the case appealed in a high school auditorium with students listening.

"It's fascinating that they would pick a high school to hear this case," Gruelick adds.

Judge Panella insists that "All discretion and professionalism will be exercised by the court and attorneys and that any inappropriate material will be omitted."

Elizabeth Martin, a mother of a Dallas High School student and a Dallas Township

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## Back to school in style



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Four-year-old Katie Esposito, shopping with her grandmother, Kate Olsen, of Shavertown, finds eye-opening, sparkling and shiny shoes at Gino's Shoe Store in Dallas that she can wear for her first day at school. Classes in the Lake-Lehman School District begin Monday, Aug. 26 while students in the Dallas School District return to classes on Tuesday, Aug. 27.



The Brass Ring Fund Committee put in an appearance at the Joe Nardone/Eddie Day & the Starfires Reunion Concert at Irem Pavilion on Saturday, Aug. 17 to initiate a fundraising campaign to secure the Wintersteen Carousel from the family that has maintained ownership since 1915.

## Bring it home

### Campaign under way to secure vintage carousel

The Brass Ring Fund Committee put in an appearance at the Joe Nardone/Eddie Day & the Starfires Reunion Concert at Irem Pavilion on Saturday, Aug. 17 to initiate a fundraising campaign to secure the Wintersteen Carousel from the family that has maintained ownership since 1915.

The organization also hopes to build a pavilion to house the century-old carved wooden animals that once thrilled children and adults alike at Hanson's Amusement Park at Harveys Lake.

Since the spring of this year, the Brass Ring Fund Committee (the group that flew to Florida in 2008 in an attempt to save the carousel from being auctioned to the highest bidder) has made great strides in securing a location that would provide the best visibility to families in the Back Mountain.

Active Committee members Rev. Roger Griffith, Liz Martin and Carol Wall, all of Dallas, met with Doug Ayers, chairman of the board of The Lands at Hillside Farms, and members of the board of directors who voted unanimously to grant preliminary approval to the group to erect a pavilion on the site of The Lands' Victorian Park, located across Hillside Road from The Cottage. While the carousel may be operational at The Lands, it will be maintained, operated and funded by the Brass Ring Fund.

Meanwhile, the committee continues to work behind the scenes to secure necessary permits and approvals, construct a footbridge across Huntsville Creek and come up with a design for an

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## Kingston Twp. intersection now 4-way stop

### New signs to be installed Aug. 30

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors approved the installation of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of East Center Street and North Main Street in Shavertown.

After holding several public meetings to hear public comments on the issue, the board retained the services of Borton-Lawson Engineering to conduct a traffic study to

address concerns raised by the public and to evaluate stop sign warrants for the potential installation of a multi-way stop condition based upon the criteria in PennDOT's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD, 2009 Ed.).

The traffic study was conducted during peak hours of the morning and afternoon.

Due to the limited sight distance and crash history, the intersection fell under the MUTCD requirements for a 4-way stop.

Motorists are advised that the intersection of East Center Street and North Main Street in Shavertown will be a 4-way stop.

New stop signs will be installed Friday, Aug. 30.

## Plaques presented to Mathers family



The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors presented plaques to Mrs. Chris Mathers, wife of the late Supervisor Gary Mathers, daughter Nina Mathers Van Mater and granddaughters Mia and Clair Van Mater in memory and in honor of Mathers' service to the township as a supervisor from January 2012 to December 2012. From left, Supervisor Sam Barbose; daughter, Nina Mathers Van Mater; granddaughters, Mia and Clair Van Mater; Vice-Chair Shirley Moyer; Mrs. Chris Mathers; Chairman Jeffrey Box and Supervisor Jim Reino.

