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## Homecoming hopefuls

Students at Lake-Lehman High School will vote this week for Homecoming Queen and King. The queen will be announced before Saturday's game, with festivities beginning at 12 noon. The king will be crowned that night at a homecoming dance, that will be held from 7-10:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The

candidates were announced at an assembly Monday morning. From left, front row: Cindy Morris, Carrie Houssock, Rachel Farley, Jen Frank, Rachel Kasper, Emily Bost. Second row: James Higgins, John Pitcavage, Joah Pickett, Matt Loftus, Tony VanScoy, Giles Moore.

## Back Mountain Land Trust will host hike Oct. 24 at Ricketts Glen

Back Mountain Regional Land Trust will host a geology hike at Ricketts Glen State Park Sunday, Oct. 24, at 1 p.m.

Meet in the Park Office area accessible from the Route 487 entrance north of Red Rock. A shuttle will take people to the Rt. 118 lot and hike back up to the Park Office area. The pace will be like a walk; however, it can be a strenuous four or so miles, and should take approximately three hours. If you prefer a short walk,

leave your car at the Rt. 118 lot but meet at the park office on Rt. 487 first. Hiking boots required.

Dr. Sid Halsor of Wilkes University, Department of GeoEnvironmental Sciences and Engineering will lead the hike. In addition to learning the geology of the area, you will also learn a little about the area's floral and fauna,

and about the Back Mountain Regional Land Trust and its work.

This event is free and open to the public. Participants should bring a container of water and some snacks. Keep in mind that you are responsible for your own garbage. This will be a good-weather-only hike as the terrain can be quite treacherous if condi-

tions are wet. If the weather is questionable, a decision will be made by 11 a.m. and a message will be promptly recorded at the Land Trust office at 696-5545. If you need directions or additional information, call the Land Trust office.

## Late bus

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could be found soon. "We pay \$3,488 in school taxes every year and all I'm asking of that money is busing," said Marilyn Stanks.

The tardiness can be attributed to a recent change in the busing schedule designed to alleviate problems associated with Dallas Middle School students arriving prior to the building opening. "No one is there to supervise the middle school students until 7:30 a.m. and they were standing around in the parking lot prior to the start of the school day," said Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, Superintendent.

Altering the bus schedule to accommodate Dallas Middle School students makes it impossible for drivers to reach Gate of Heaven students in a timely manner. "If the bus isn't leaving the middle school until 7:30 there is no way it can follow that route and get to Gate of Heaven on time," said Karen Kyle, school board member. "Even if it did not stop it couldn't get there before 8 a.m."

Dr. Griffiths said he has been communicating with Mary Tighe, the principal at Gate of Heaven, and that he was under the impression the buses were arriving close to their scheduled time. "I talked with Mary Tighe last Friday and I thought the buses were

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Dallas School director

about 2 or 3 minutes late," he said.

A proposed solution would involve reorganizing the problematic route to make it more efficient. "I'm going to have to look into it myself but it does seem like a long run," said Griffiths. "If we can break the route into two parts, we can make it more manageable."

Aciekewicz said parents are concerned about students waiting at bus stops for extended periods as the winter months are approaching.

"I'm not pressuring the board, but we are getting into the colder part of the year and we'd like to have some resolution as soon as possible," he said.

## Westmoreland

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would discuss each method at next month's work session and decide how to move forward. The Pennsylvania school code requires that proceeds from the sale be used to offset the debt incurred from the construction of Wycallis Elementary School.

The district does not plan to sell the former Dallas Township High School building and adjacent office space. "We have been approached by Head Start about creating an early intervention program which would be housed in that space after the building has

been cleaned up," said Dr. Griffiths. "We are also considering some kind of before-and-after-school program for latch key children."

A survey conducted last year showed strong support for this type of program. "We had more than 200 positive responses indicating families in the district are interested in either a before or after school program," said Griffiths. "I think it would really be beneficial for us and for the community to have that program there."

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