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pensive prizes," he said at last week's meeting of the township supervisors. "I don't know that extravagant prizes are teaching our students anything."

Albrecht said the event costs \$26,000 in donated time, services and supplies and over \$10,000 in cash and that is an "awful lot of money." The township has figures that coincide with Albrecht's and those figures break down to approximately \$140 per child.

Two years ago the board committed to a \$500 donation to the lock-in and intend to do the same this time around. It is believed that poor decisions are often made by young adults on graduation night and both

the Kingston Township police chief and board chairman Paul Sabol have seen many drunk driving deaths as a result.

"It's a dangerous night," said Jones. "Because these kids feel liberated and they need to know there's a limit to freedom."

Jones also said that before the lock-in came into effect most open areas in the Back Mountain were used for "pot parties."

"There were several O.D.'s," said the solicitor. Supervisor Chris Yankovich said he felt better knowing where his daughter was on such a potentially dangerous evening when she participated in the lock-in a few years ago.

Albrecht made clear that he is

not against the lock-in but rather feels it can be done without the overabundance of prizes and cash that are used, in his opinion, to "convince these kids to come."

Vice-chairman J. Carl Goodwin made a motion that along with the board's donation, they also require the group to make a detailed registry of exactly where the money will go and what it will be used for.

"I tend to agree with Mr. Albrecht's statements," said Goodwin. "But when I hear the police chief and Mr. Yankovich say there have been no accidents over the last few years I find the donation to be justified."

Land

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John Manzoni, went door to door to sign up land owners interested in working together to create an extra layer of protection to preserve their farmland.

Every seven years since then, the area has been renewed with the number of participating acres nearly constant. The township supervisors approved its latest renewal in January.

By adding additional levels of review for possible state projects in the area, restricting radioactive and hazardous waste materials and making the area eligible for the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Program, the township preserves what it has deemed its most important attribute — its rural character.

"The heart and soul of Jackson Township has always been rural," said Paul Niezgoda, a member of the Jackson Township Planning Commission. "This area will continue to support and promote the rural character and the agricultural activities that constitute an important part of our community and lifestyle."

Niezgoda said types of farming in the township vary. They include Christmas tree, vegetable and hay farming, some orchards and commercial nurseries. Part of Hillside Farms is in the township as well as the Manzoni

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Jackson Township

family dairy farm.

Ray, who has all of her 81 acres protected, said her participation is about preserving what those before her created.

She said her land was originally purchased by her late husband's grandfather, a purchase, she said, that dates back to the Revolutionary War period. "The security area provides a degree of protection," she said.

"If you own land and you have had it for years and perhaps your family has had it for years, you want to hold on to it," she said.

Ray remembers several instances where had she not been a part of the security area, her property may have been forcibly bought, through right of eminent domain, by different governmental bodies for anything from a waste site to a school.

She said participation in the area prevents her land from being taken for uses such as

schools or roads. "PennDOT cannot come through here without my consent," said Ray.

"Three different times this land was looked at to be taken. We all have known of places that have been sold without them wanting it to be — just to have them taken without them wanting it to be," she said.

Ray said it costs nothing to be a part of the security area and she can withdraw from it at any point. If the land is sold, however, it stays part of the security area until the next renewal.

The home Ray lives in was built in 1840 out of trees cut from the property.

She said she and her late husband used to raise Black Angus cattle. Now in her eighties, she grows hay and different varieties of trees. "At Christmas everyone of my grandchildren and friends comes in to get a tree," she said.

Ray said her land is worth much more than its monetary value. It is her connection to those that came before her. To allow something to happen to the land, she said, would be to let her ancestors down.

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Art and color

Lake-Lehman High School students held an exhibition of their projects prior to the presentation of the school play earlier this month. In photos, clockwise from above: Victoria Cabrera, Vanessa Wengen and Melissa Robinson posed around their painted canvas; Kris Fink and Cece Candeliero held their colorful creations; Jordan Van Scoy with her painted chair.

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Legion collecting items for troops

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Post Office Easter contest

The Dallas Post Office is sponsoring an Easter jelly bean guessing contest. The contest is open to children ages 3 to 12. The child who guesses the closest amount to the number of jelly beans in the glass egg, without going over, will win a prize, the jelly beans and the container they come in. The winner will be called April 18 to claim the prize. For more information call Postmaster Kristen Tucker at 675-0131.

Lehman Township tax rebate deadline

Peggy Moyer, Lehman Township Tax Collector reminds property owners and residents that Tuesday, April 1 is the last day to pay county municipal property and per capita taxes at the 29 percent rebate value. All taxes received and/or post-marked on or before the April 1 deadline will be accepted at rebate value. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if a paid receipt is requested. Office hours for the end of rebate are March 28, 31 and April 1, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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