Robert Lee Vision meeting held

by Nancy Arthur and Janie Munoz.

A group of Robert Lee merchants and citizens met Thursday, November 3, 2011, to explore ways to promote the city of Robert Lee and create "Unity in the Community."

The group met at Noel & Co., where delightfully delicious snacks and hors d'oeuvres were served. Mayor John Jacobs, Pastor Irving Smith, Nancy Wilson, Marshall Millican, Debbie Childers, Jonathan Torres, Juan Rangel, Sean Gajera, Phelan Wrinkle, Betty Smith, Beverly Hawkins, Jack Scott, Todd Smith, Beth Prather, and Lee Dempsey shared their hopes and vision for the city of Robert Lee.

The group wants to promote "Vision with a Purpose" to encourage a sense of community pride and support for the city of Robert Lee.

There were discussions about removing dilapidated and abandoned buildings, encouraging an ATV trail that would draw tourists to the area, creating a Welcome packet for new residents and businesses, displaying new signs to publicize nature areas and bird sanctuaries, encouraging or seeking ordinances to require upkeep of unused buildings, and, of course, the water situation was also discussed.

The group of 34 local citizens had many ideas for creating a fresher, more beautiful, more interactive community. There were proposals to create a city Business Directory to promote shopping and trading within the community. New brochures to advertise city businesses and attractions were proposed. The group agreed to meet regularly on the 1st Thursday of every month to continue the effort.

A drawing was held at the end of the meeting for a beautiful Fall Centerpiece created by B's Blossoms 'N Bloom and the winner was Juan Rangel of Rangel's Mexican Restaurant.

Ideas and volunteers are needed by the group and everyone is invited to join in the effort.

If you have any ideas and/or would like to be included in the Business Directory, please contact one of the following: Debbie Childers at 432-528-8782, Leta Caston at 453-2453 or Janie Munoz at 453-4707.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election Tuesday, January 10, 2012, for the purpose of electng two directors.

Directors filing for re-election are Jack Corley and Bob Ragsdale. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, December 9, 2011.

New Vision for Robert Lee! *On November 3, thirty-four Robert Lee citizens met to organize a new "Vision with a Purpose" for Robert Lee. One of the group's organizers, Debbie Childers (right), welcomes the crowd. Winners of the evening's drawing for a centerpiece from B's Blossoms 'N Blooms were Mr. and Mrs. Juan Rangel (above).*

4-H Fundraiser underway

The Coke County 4-H clubs are participating in their annual fundraiser. 4-H members from Bronte and Robert Lee are now selling Radde Knives and Gifts. Anyone who would like to place an order should contact any 4-H member in Robert Lee or Bronte. Deadline for orders is Monday, November 21, which will ensure that orders will be delivered in time to use as Christmas gifts. So make sure and get those orders in.

If you need more information, please contact the AgriLife Extension office at 453-2461.

IRS offers farmers and ranchers extension

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently announced an extension of replacement period for livestock producers who have been forced to sell animals due to the drought.

"The livestock industry has suffered $2.06 billion in loses, as ranchers have sold off cattle due to lack of forage and escalating supplemental feed expenses," said Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. "This tax extension will help ranchers rebuild their herds."

If livestock (other than poultry) held for any length of time for draft, breeding or dairy purposes is sold because of weather-related conditions, the capital gain on the sale does not have to be recognized if the proceeds are used to purchase replacement livestock.

"This year's drought has forced a lot of cattle out of Texas," John Ross Copeland said. "Every little bit will help when it rains again and ranchers begin to restock."

Please consult a tax specialist for more information or full details can be found at the IRS website, http://www.irs.gov/irb/2010-41_IRB/ar08.html.

New Medicare open enrollment dates

Medicare open enrollment began Saturday, October 15, and will continue through Wednesday, December 7.

Assistance is available from benefits counselors. Call (325) 223-5704 for an appointment.

Noel & Co.

will be offering Smoked Meats for Thanksgiving.

Smoked Turkey, 12-14 lb. average $35

Smoked Ham 7-8 lb. average $35

Orders will be ready for pick-up between 1 & 5 pm November 23.

Orders must be in by 5 pm November 18.

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Community Thanksgiving Service

All Churches are Welcome!

Sunday, November 20 • 7:00 pm

Hosted by Robert Lee Baptist Church

22 W. Eleventh Street - Robert Lee

Please bring finger foods for the fellowship to follow in the RLBC Fellowship Hall!

Rev. Steve Peyton will bring the message.

A love offering will be taken to help benefit the Coke County Food Pantry.

For more information contact Robert Lee Baptist Church at 453-2724.