



**Stock Shows!** Robert Lee FFA members have been busy showing their livestock at the recent livestock shows around the state. Brody Pitcock (above photo) placed first with his Lightweight American at The Patriot Junior Market Steer Show in Abilene. He also received first place with his Middleweight American at the San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo. Ammileigh Smith (top right photo) placed third with her Brangus at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Abbigayle Smith (right photo) also participated at The Patriot Junior Market Steer Show and placed second with her Exotic.



## Vision with a Purpose holds meetings

Vision With A Purpose held two meetings on Thursday, March 4 at their Austin Street headquarters in Robert Lee.

The first was an executive meeting held at 5 pm, with Beverly Hawkins, Nancy Wilson, Debbie Childers, Jeffie Roberts, Sheri Millican and Dianne Hefner present. Special committees were appointed for the following events: Halloween, Trade Days, Bake Sales, Pralines, Hunter's BBQ, and Small Town Christmas.

It was decided to bring up before the membership the possibility of providing for sale flowers to the community for Mother's Day.

Nancy Wilson will head the Hunter's BBQ this year if it will be held. She will also head the Trade Days event set for Saturday, May 1.

Debbie Childers will chair Small Town Christmas.

It is hoped that the state will be opened back up enough to allow these events to be held.

The second VP meeting was held at 6 pm for the entire group. Eleven people were in attendance, including Robert Lee Mayor Jason Moran. Jason opened with prayer and Sheri Millican read the minutes. There were no changes to the Treasurer's Report. Both were approved.

It was discussed that the Trade Days will be held on Saturday, May 1. This is open to the community and again VP will provide a map with garage sale locations.

On Friday, May 7, VP will have a bake sale at the Robert Lee State Bank. Casseroles and baked goods will be available for Mother's Day weekend. VP will also provide small flower arrangements for sale for Mother's Day. Watch for further information.

Ribbon cuttings for Shenaida's Kitchen, Sorella's Boutique, Texas Sky Boutique, and the new water distribution center had to be canceled because of bad weather in February. These will be rescheduled.

Same as last year, VP will participate in San Angelo Gives on April 24. All proceeds pledged will go to Robert Lee's EMS, food bank, and VFD. Everything pledged will be

divided among these organizations.

Don't forget that EMS is having a "Meet and Greet" Saturday, April 24 at 6 pm. A chicken strip meal will be available and music will also be provided. The new ambulance will be on display.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Debbie Childers. The next general meeting will be Thursday, April 1. All are welcome to attend.

to encourage community leaders to channel the passion of another NBC sitcom character.

"Parks and Recreation" aired from 2009 to 2015 on NBC and is widely available in syndication and on streaming services. It follows the adventures of Leslie Knope, deputy director of parks and recreation in the fictional town of Pawnee, Indiana. Leslie Knope loves Pawnee. LOVES IT. Actually, "love" is a bit of an understatement. She works 24/7 for the betterment of her hometown. She gives 210% at her job even though her co-workers are mostly disinterested (at best). She volunteers constantly. She writes position papers and grant applications that nobody asked for. It is unclear when (or if) she ever sleeps.

Pawnee is meant to be something of an everytown. As Indiana's seventh-largest city, it

has some big-city amenities and many small-town attributes. It may have quaint charm, but it is no Mayberry. Violent raccoons control large portions of the town. A massive sewage overflow left a smell that is expected to linger for at least 40 years. The town has a sordid history with the Wamapoke, the local indigenous tribe, and current relations are not much better. The citizens are deeply unhealthy and are charitably described as...passionately deranged. The city council and mayor are even worse. Early in the series, the state forcibly takes over the city's finances to clean up the incompetence.

Leslie loves Pawnee, but Pawnee does not exactly love her in return. In the first of many instances of citizens ruining a town hall meeting, she optimistically describes yelling citizens as "people caring loudly at me."

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