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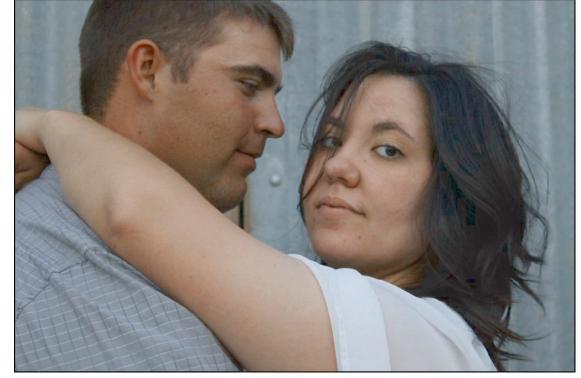
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Texas AgriLife Agent Ownership of agricultural lands and land use is rapidly changing in West Texas and throughout the state. The number of new and absentee landowners continues to grow and many have different goals than the previous landowners, which were primarily in production agriculture.

Many of the new and absentee landowners limited have experience or knowledge in managing natural resources or agricultural lands. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service can provide the science based information and resources needed help to absentee landowners reach their goals and also improve the management of agricultural lands.



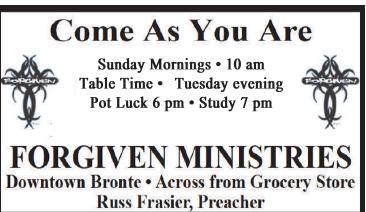
**Engagement Announced!** Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dee Blair would like to announce that Garrett Wade Blair and Sara Paige Berry will be wed on July 19 in Denver City, Texas at Veronica's Ballroom.

Sara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Berry of Denver City and is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Berry of Denver City and the late Ms. Grace Galvan and Mr. C.T. Garcia. Sara has a beautiful 4 year old daughter, Kameron Grayce. Sara attended Denver City High School and graduated in 2010. Sara graduated from New Mexico Jr. College and attained her certification in cosmetology. Sara is employed by Hollylocks Salon & Gifts in Denver City.

Garrett graduated from Robert Lee High School in 2009. He attended Western Texas College and Angelo State University, and is currently employed by Indian Fire & Safety/DXP. Garrett is the grandson of Dean Kinsey of San Angelo and the late John Wesley Kinsey, and the late Curtis and Charlie Blair.

We are currently challenged with the fact that this targeted audience is not familiar with AgriLife Extension programs and resources. The recently approved Absentee Landowner Initiative is designed to address this challenge and will begin this fall. The goals for the initiative were presented during the West Region ANR Program Update on June 4.

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