

Time is ripe to repeal estate tax

It looks like the time is ripe to begin repeal of the estate tax, said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland.

“More than half of the House of Representatives are cosponsoring Rep. Kevin Brady’s (R-Texas) Death Tax Repeal Act, HR 2429, which would repeal estate taxes and maintain stepped-up basis,” John Ross Copeland said.

He said the estate tax burden falls heavily on local farmers because it takes more capital assets, such as land and equipment, to generate the same level of income as other types of businesses.

Although permanent law was enacted in 2012 that provided significant estate tax relief, John Ross Copeland said repeal is the best solution to protect all farms and ranches from the estate taxes.

If Congress fails to permanently repeal the estate tax, surviving family members could be forced to sell off parts of the farms and ranches, jeopardizing their livelihoods.

“Local land values are skyrocketing,” John Ross Copeland said. “As its value increases, the chances of surviving family members having to sell substantial acreage to pay estate taxes increase with it. This devastates not only families, but also rural communities and businesses that agriculture supports.”

Rodriguez graduates military training

Air Force Airman Johnathan M. Rodriguez graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland in San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Rodriguez is the son of Santiago G. Rodriguez of Bronte, Texas and Maria V. Torres of Live Oak, Texas, step-son of Veronica Rodriguez of Bronte, Texas and William A. Torres of Live Oak, Texas, and brother of Pedro C. Rodriguez of Killeen, Texas.

He is a 2011 graduate of Robert M. Shoemaker High School, Killeen, Texas.

Absentee Landowner Initiative

Morgan Runyan 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 have limited 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 to help absentee landowners reach their goals and also improve the management of agricultural lands.

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.

1. Absentee landowners increase their awareness of AgriLife Extension programs and resources, including the name and contact information for AgriLife Extension agent(s).
2. Provide absentee landowners the opportunity to give input on how they wish to receive information, including preferences on educational methods.
3. Develop new resources that meet the needs of absentee landowners.
4. Conduct programs that target specific areas and ecosystems across West Texas.

Agents will secure absentee landowner contact information prior to September 1, 2014. Additional information on this initiative will be available soon

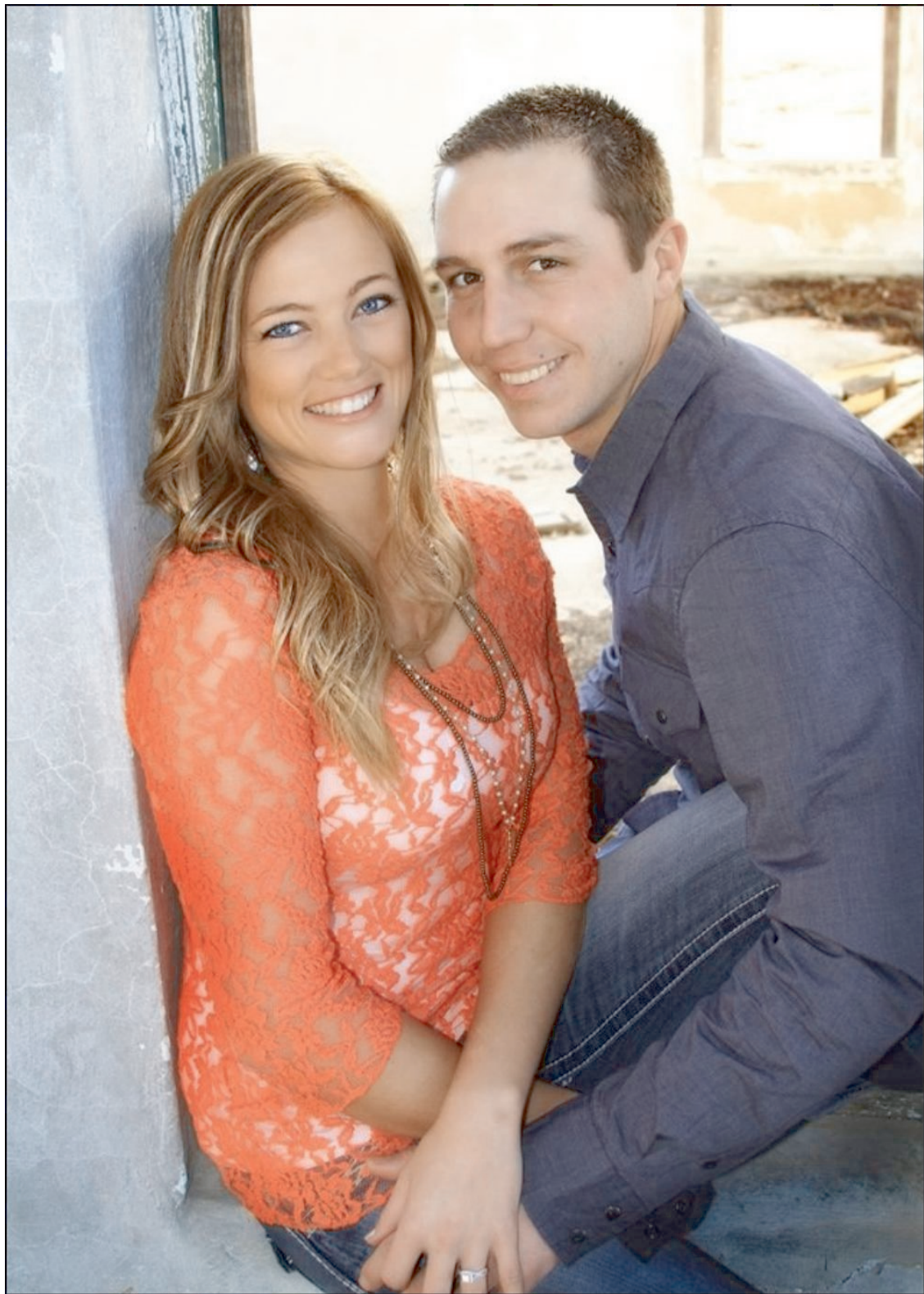
EPA extends comment period on Clean Water Rule

Coke County farmers and ranchers should make their voices heard on new and highly burdensome clean water rules, according to Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has extended the time available to comment on their “Waters of the U.S.” proposal until Oct. 20, and until July 7 to comment on the accompanying interpretive rule.

“The regulated community has been misled by EPA about the rule’s impact on land use,” John Ross Copeland said. “Local farmers and ranchers will be outraged when they find out regulators want to require permits for everyday activities on dry land, or penalize farming families for not getting them.”

John Ross Copeland said the latest rule broadly expands federal jurisdiction and threatens local land-use and zoning.

“It’s time to ditch this rule,” John Ross Copeland said. “Farm Bureau, together with dozens of



Engagement Announcement! Brandon Hall and Chandra Alexander are to be married August 16, 2014, in San Angelo. Brandon (B.J) is the son of Donna Hall-Berryhill and husband Shawn, and Kerry

Hall and wife Shalon all of Bronte. His grandparents are Sonny and Nora Hall of Coleman; the late Jeanette Arnold of Bay Ark; and Richard and the late Beth Hamilton of Winters. B.J. graduated from Bronte High School in 2004 and received his college education at San Diego Golf Academy. Chandra is the daughter of Steve and Tonda Alexander of Boerne. Her grandparents are the late Minnie and Frank Williams of San Angelo; and Dayton and Eleanor Alexander of San Angelo. Chandra graduated from Southlake Carroll High School in 2006 and the University of North Texas in 2011.

The couple will continue to work and live in San Angelo after the wedding.

other farm and industry groups, is fighting this EPA overreach.”

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 (325) 473-3291
 Preacher John V. Driggers
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everett Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Coke County
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
 www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, Young Houston, Minister
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am
 Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2360
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
 Jordan Arnold, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Table Time • Tuesday evening

Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm



FORGIVEN MINISTRIES
 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
 Russ Frasier, Preacher