



Ray Tipton "Ray Boy" took advantage of the beautiful day on Saturday to fill up some water jugs at the Tipton Ridge Spring. Tipton says he has been drinking water from the spring all of his life.

# Lineman Scholarship Is Available

Wanted – Reliable workers who don't mind heights or working in inclement weather. Job benefits include job stability, good pay and a rewarding career of helping people in need. If this job description fits you, then consider applying for Jackson Energy's Lineman Scholarship and get on the fast track to working as a utility lineman - a career with increasing job openings as baby boomers in the industry hang up their hard hats.

The \$3,500 scholarship provides potential line workers with the training they need to fill those vacancies. The scholarship winner will attend classes at the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center. The deadline to apply is May 23.

The median salary for a

lineman working in Kentucky is over \$62,000 a year, according to state salary compensation data. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that job openings in the industry will increase 13% by 2020 as experienced linemen retire.

"Line workers are an essential part of our industry," says Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright, "and it's also a job that offers a rewarding career. Our line techs are first responders when natural disasters strike and play an important role in keeping the power flowing to homes and businesses."

Wright has seen the number of linemen retiring from Jackson Energy increase in recent years, and serves as Chairman of the Lineman Training Center Advisory Committee at Somerset

Community College. The program was spearheaded by electric utility representatives who were looking for ways to deal with the industry's growing retirement rate.

Jackson Energy began the scholarship four years ago to help aspiring line workers pay for the training program. The scholarship covers the cost of the eight-week course. After successfully completing the program, graduating students will be qualified to work as apprentice linemen.

Eight Jackson Energy line techs have completed courses at the training center, which has a better than 90 percent placement rate for its graduates. The successful placement record is another reason Wright wants to offer the scholarship. "Line tech graduates are in demand,"

she says, "and with our area's high unemployment rate, lineman training is an excellent career choice."

To download an application for the lineman scholarship, visit [www.jacksonenergy.com/scholarship.aspx](http://www.jacksonenergy.com/scholarship.aspx).



**Easy Clean**  
When I purchase a bird feeder, it's important that it can be easily cleaned, meaning it shouldn't have a zillion pieces to take apart and put back together. Right now, my favorites are tray feeders. I just hose them off and air dry. Simple! And birds love tray feeders!  
E-mail: [birdingbits@efl.rr.com](mailto:birdingbits@efl.rr.com)  
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**The Garden Bug**  
Direct sunlight will burn the fronds of an indoor fern; adjust your window coverings to create the right light, or move the fern away from the window. For watering, fill a saucer with pebbles, place the fern on top of it, then fill the saucer with water; it will seep into the root system from there. To remove any pests, wash the fronds gently with soapy water, or spray with a natural insecticide such as neem oil.  
Source: [www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu)

**Fern care**

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### USDA Announces Sign-Up Date For Disaster Assistance

Enrollment Began April 15 for Livestock, Honeybee, Farm-Raised Fish Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced recently that farmers and ranchers can sign-up for disaster assistance programs, reestablished and strengthened by the 2014 Farm Bill, beginning Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

"For farmers and ranchers who have been awaiting disaster assistance, help is on the way."

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Enrollment also begins on April 15 for producers with losses covered by the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) in 2011, when the programs expired, through 2014.

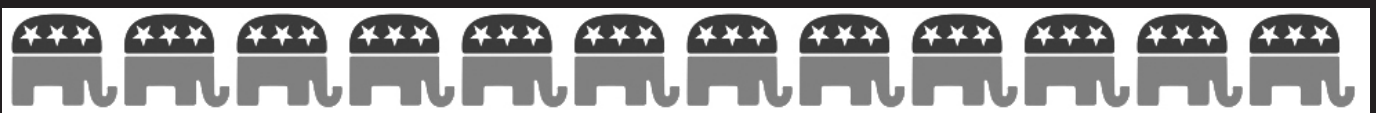
"These very important disaster assistance programs will help Kentucky producers that have been adversely affected by the extreme cold winter and past years drought," said John W. McCauley, State Executive Director.

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as wildfires. TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters. LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire.

"To expedite applications, all producers who experienced losses are encouraged to bring records documenting those losses to their local FSA county office," said McCauley.

Producers also are encouraged to contact their county office ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

For more information, producers are encouraged to review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, check out the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online or visit any USDA Service Center. Additional information can be found on the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) website, [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov), or visit your local FSA office at 1024 Ival James Blvd., Ste A-2 in Richmond at 859-624-1980. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.



# Spring Rally

Sponsored by the Estill County Republican Party

**Friday, April 18, 2014**  
**Estill County Fair Barn**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**POTLUCK & FRIED CHICKEN**  
**Door Prizes: Two \$50.00 Gas Cards**  
**LIVE AUCTION!!!**

*Get campaign material for your favorite candidate!*

- ✓ Sherry Fox candidate for County Clerk
- ✓ Wallace Taylor candidate for County Judge Executive
- ✓ Gary Powell candidate for County Judge Executive
- ✓ Rodney Davis candidate for County Attorney
- ✓ Ken White candidate for Sheriff
- ✓ Randall McIntosh candidate for Jailer
- ✓ Beverly "Bo" Morris candidate for Jailer
- ✓ Chris Rader candidate for Jailer
- ✓ Tony Murphy candidate for Coroner
- ✓ Gerald Rader candidate for Magistrate District One
- ✓ Earl Young Jr. candidate for Magistrate District Two
- ✓ Charlie Fauste candidate for Magistrate District Two
- ✓ Gerry Flannery candidate for Magistrate District Two
- ✓ Melvin Fields candidate for Magistrate District Three
- ✓ Russell "Rusty" Price candidate for Magistrate District Three
- ✓ Ronnie Means candidate for Constable District One
- ✓ Danny Conrad candidate for Constable District One
- ✓ Paul "JP" Barnes candidate for Constable District Two
- ✓ Charles "Junior" Spicer candidate for Constable District Three
- ✓ Tommy Jo "Tobo" Bryant candidate for Irvine City Council
- ✓ Billy Dean Arthur candidate for Irvine City Council
- ✓ Glenwood "Woody" Tipton candidate for Irvine City Council
- ✓ Tim Burkhart candidate for Irvine City Council
- ✓ William Harold Friend candidate for Irvine City Council
- ✓ Nelle Williams candidate for Irvine City Council
- ✓ W J Noland candidate for Irvine Mayor

PLUS...

Candidates for Circuit Judge

- ✓ Heather Combs, ✓ Michael Dean, ✓ Thomas "Tom" Smith

**Candidates are invited to speak.**

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