



## Energy Efficiency Programs for 2009

In 2008, Cedar-Knox PPD participated in Energy Efficiency Programs such as, CFL (compact fluorescent lamps) giveaway, electric heat pump rebates, commercial industrial lighting rebates, and promoted the old refrigerator replacement program, where you would be paid \$35 by JACO Co. for your old refrigerator when they pick it up. This year we want to expand our programs and offer:

- **Irrigation Efficiency program** – Incentive that covers the cost of pump efficiency tests up to \$350.00 allowed. Financial incentives to defray improvement costs associated with energy efficiency improvements to electric irrigation systems (payments equivalent to up to 20 cents per kilowatt-hour saved.) Funds will be limited for this program.

- **Residential Cooling System Tune-up** – a homeowner incentive of (\$25-\$30 – final value yet to be determined) will tentatively be available in April to those who have their cooling system (heat pump or air conditioner) tuned up. This incentive should help offset 30-50% of the cost of a tune up and help the unit be more efficient.

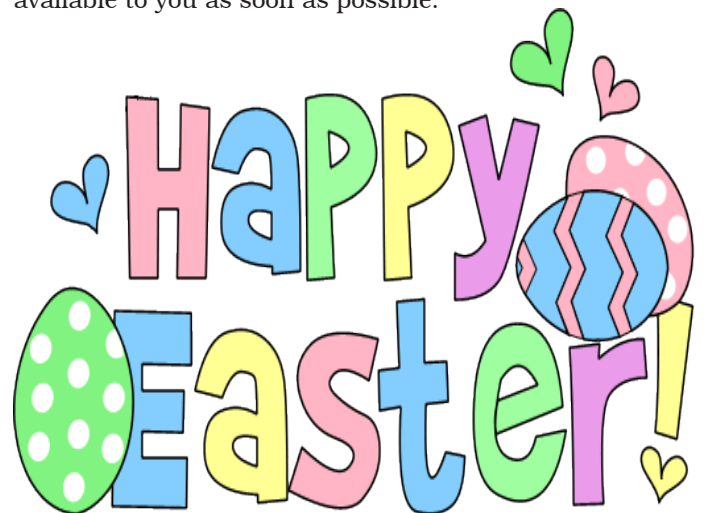
- **ENERGY STAR Window Air Conditioner** – Incentive amount of (\$25-\$30 – final value yet to be determined) will tentatively be available in April also. This incentive will help offset a share of the cost of upgrading to a more efficient ENERGY STAR unit.

Cedar-Knox is taking other programs under consideration that will help you save energy and money. We are committed to being your partner in saving energy which in the long run will keep power costs down. Please contact us if you have any questions, and remember we will make updated information available to you as soon as possible.

## Take a load off....

Pictured above is the 62 ton transformer that will be installed in the substation serving the TransCanada oil pipeline pumping station. The transformer required a special crane to unload it at the CKPPD warehouse, where it will stay until moved to its permanent location in the new sub-station. The investment for the sub is being funded by the TransCanada Company. The pumping station will be located about 4 miles northwest of Hartington and the tentative date for going on-line is September 1, 2009. The pumping station will include four 5,000 HP motors, running at a desirable 73% load factor.

In a related action, the Hartington 115 kV Transmission Substation southwest of Hartington has been taken off-line and some Cedar-Knox customers are being "back-fed" temporarily from other substations near Wausa, Coleridge and Bow Valley while NPPD makes some necessary transmission upgrades to accommodate the TransCanada service. The temporary situation at the Hartington Sub-station is expected to last through April. If an outage occurs on a service that is normally fed by the Hartington Sub, it could take a little longer to restore power because of the temporary back-feed situation. We apologize for any inconvenience and we will do our best to keep any outage time to a minimum.



# Electrifying experience for high-school students

The rural Electric Youth Energy Camp involves about 75 highly motivated high-school students from Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota and Colorado. The camp offers educational and recreational experiences, leadership training, environment awareness, character building and social interaction. Most important --- it is FUN!

The camp is at the State 4-H camp in Halsey Nebraska July 13-17. There is no charge to you to attend this camp, and travel accommodations are provided. This camp is an invaluable experience, and you have a chance to win a trip to Washington, DC. To be eligible you must currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, and your parents or guardians residence served by Cedar-Knox PPD.

Please fill out the form and return to our office no later than May 15, 2009, or stop and inquiry or fill out the form at our office.

## 2009 Youth Energy Camp RSVP Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of parents or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsoring rural electric system \_\_\_\_\_



CKPPD Manager, Dan Leise, presents retiree, Mitch Miller with a farewell gift.

## Gene "Mitch" Miller retires from CKPPD

HARTINGTON — A retirement party was held in Mitch's honor on January 24, 2009.

Mitch's family, friends and fellow employees were well represented to enjoy and evening of fun and reminiscing. Mitch started work at Cedar-Knox PPD on August 1, 1990 and his last official day at work was January 30, 2009.

The main focus of Mitch's duties was meter reading, but he also did locates and helped the crew in numerous other areas. We will miss his experience and his gift for communicating. We wish him well, and hope that he and his wife, Mary, will enjoy the special times they will have with retirement.

## First aid for electric shock victims

1. Don't touch them!!
2. Unplug the appliance or turn off the power at the control panel.
3. If you can't turn off the power, use a piece of wood or broom handle to separate the victim from the power source.
4. Do not try to move a victim touching a high voltage wire. Call for emergency help.
5. Keep the victim lying down. Unconscious victims should be placed on their side to allow drainage of fluids. Do not move the victim if there is a suspicion of neck or spine injuries unless absolutely necessary.
6. If the victim is not breathing, apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If the victim has no pulse, begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Then cover the victim with a blanket to maintain body heat, keep the victims head low and get medical attention.

Electric Shock occurs when an electric current flows through the body. The human body is made up of 60 to 70 percent water. This makes it a good conductor of electricity. Burns, damage to internal organs, heart rhythm problems, and death can result from electric shock.

Concerned about the costs and availability of your future energy needs? Go to [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) and learn how you can get involved.

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