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#### VANCE ANDERSON RECEIVES MAURICE KREMER GROUNDWATER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

LINCOLN, Nebraska - Vance Anderson of Hastings was honored at his home on Tuesday morning with The Groundwater Foundation's Maurice Kremer Groundwater Achievement Award. The Kremer Award was established in 1985 to recognize Nebraskans who have made a substantive contribution to the conservation and protection of Nebraska's groundwater.

The 99-year-old's life has been dedicated to the prudent irrigation development in Nebraska. Jim Goeke, a research hydro geologist with the University of Nebraska Conservation and Survey Division and a member of the selection committee, said Anderson has always been a kindred spirit, enthralled and always curious about the wondrous nature of Nebraska's water resources.

Anderson headed up pump sales for Western Land Roller Company (WLR) from 1940 until he retired in 1979. He is a past secretary of the Nebraska Water Resources Association and a former chairman of the public advisory board to the Nebraska Department of Water Resources. He is an honorary life member of the Nebraska Well Drillers Association (NWDA) and served 25 years on the NWDA board of directors. He is also a past board member of the State Irrigation Association, was the first chairman of the Nebraska Water Conference Committee and was a board member for the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District.



Groundwater Foundation President Jane Griffin presents the Maurice Kremer Groundwater Achievement Award to the 2009 recipient, Vance Anderson of Hastings.

The Kremer Award is chosen by a selection committee appointed by The Groundwater Foundation Board of Directors. Selection committee members include: Goeke; Jane Griffin, President of The Groundwater Foundation; Don Kraus, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District; Bob Kuzelka, University of Nebraska Environmental Studies and Susan Seacrest, Founder and Former President of The Groundwater Foundation.

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The Groundwater Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Lincoln, Nebraska with a mission to educate and motivate the public to care about and for groundwater. Since its inception in 1985, the Foundation has offered various educational programming for youth and adults. To learn more, visit [www.groundwater.org](http://www.groundwater.org).

#### Past Maurice Kremer Groundwater Achievement Award Recipients

1986: Vincent Dreeszen	1998: Les Sheffield
1987: Maurice Kremer	1999: Richard Harnsberger
1988: Eugene Reed	2000: Wayne Madsen
1989: Val Kuska	2001: Jim Goeke
1990: Warren Fairchild	2002: Eugene Haarberg
1991: Ralph Marlette	2003: Chris Beutler
1992: Ted Filipi	2004: Darrell Watts
1993: Robert B. Crosby	2005: Roger Patterson
1994: Virginia Smith	2006: Senator Ed Schrock
1995: Fred Salmon and Family	2007: Jim Cook
1996: Frank A. Smith	2008: Ann Bleed
1997: Robert B. Daugherty	