



Terry Kaufman, left, manager of the Clark Rural Water System was named Rural Water Manager of the Year by the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems at their annual convention earlier this month, in Pierre.



Center, is Larry Wasland, Spirit of Rural Water Award winner. At right, is Jeff Hoffman of Clark Rural Water Systems with his 25-year award. Not pictured is Arlen Boehnke of Henry, who was recognized for 10 years of service. Boehnke serves on the CRWS board of directors.



## Kaufman named Rural Water Manager of the year

The South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) recently named Terry Kaufman of the Clark Rural Water System (CRWS) as the Rural Water Manager of the Year during the organization's Annual Technical Conference in Pierre.

On September 18, 2000, Terry Kaufman started with Clark Rural Water after several years of farming with his father and owning and operating a machine shop in Clark. According to Kaufman's job summary which helped nominate him for

this prestigious award: "Kaufman was a self-starter, self-motivated, and plowed down each assignment and obstacle before him. GPS mapping of their system, incorporating SCADA, and hands-on involvement in constructing their new treatment plant were some of the first projects he oversaw as an Operations Specialist. When Duane Stokes retired in 2013, the Board felt very comfortable and confident in securing Kaufman as the new General Manager of Clark Rural Water System, and the transition was seamless.

"There have been many upgrades to the system under Kaufman's direction. Most recently is the recent \$2.950 million project, which included upgrades needed to provide bulk water to Willow Lake, installing infrastructure for individuals serving 57 homes in the town of Bradley, and improving the much-needed pressure and capacity to the Crocker booster service area.

"As important as these improvements are to the forward movement of Clark Rural Water, it is imperative to shine a light on and bring

back the importance of a man's good character and spotlight people who serve in their position with honesty, integrity, and humility. People associated with South Dakota Rural Water are "salt of the earth" people. As an industry, we are proud of that quality and continue to project that image within our communities. Terry Kaufman exemplifies qualities, and Clark Rural Water System is incredibly proud and honored to have his leadership within their system and community."

### Spirit of Rural Water

The winner of the South Dakota Spirit of Rural Water is Larry Wasland. As Wasland received his award, these are the words describing why he is deserving of this state award:

"The name, Larry Wasland, has been synonymous with the rural water community since March of 1984. Larry, a farmer from the Wallace area, was selected to serve a three-year term on Clark Rural Water's Board of Directors. At that time, CRWS was serving 521 rural users, four towns and one industry.

In the 37 years that Mr. Wasland has continuously served on our local Board, holding several officer positions, he has been instrumental in helping to make many critical decisions, allowing our system to expand to where we are now serving nearly 1,300 rural users, six towns, several businesses, numerous cattle and swine operations and Dakota Sioux Casino.

"Well known for his leadership

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Today (Wednesday) is the Region 6B One-Act Play Competition, in Watertown. Antigone Now, directed by Clark High School instructor Corrine Kallemeyn will be performed by C.H.S. students.

The cast includes: front row: Maddy Pickrel (Antigone), Chad Kolden (Creon) and Logan Hurlbert (Ismene). Middle row: So'an Manac'h (crew), Brianna Dale (Chorus), Nevaeh Rusher (Chorus), Hannah

Heiman (Chorus), Raigan Flatten (Chorus), Lily Ingraham (crew), and Ryan Thomas (sound). Back row: Ines Arellano Ortiz (crew), Maria Solorzano Peinado (crew), Alivia Gehrke (crew), Heath Hemmingson (lead Chorus), Emma Rahm (lead Chorus), Teagan Ortberg (stage manager), Jordyn Maynard (Student Director/Lights) and Chasity Lewis (crew). Not pictured: Seth Tarbox (crew) and Kaden Janisch (crew).

## Region 6B One-Act Play Competition is today

The CHS Drama Department will perform at the Region 6B One-Act Competition on Wednesday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the DD Miller Auditorium at Watertown High School. This year the theme for B school plays is drama. The play Mrs. Kallemeyn has chosen for the competition is Antigone Now by Melissa Cooper. The play is published and performed with permission by Playscripts. Antigone Now is a retelling of Antigone the classic Greek tragedy by Sophocles.

The play takes place after the death of King Oedipus in Thebes. Antigone's two brothers, Eteocles and Polynices, have agreed to share leadership of Thebes by changing the kingship every two years; however, at the end of his first reign, Eteocles decides not to share the throne with Polynices. Polynices gathers an army of mercenaries and takes Thebes by storm. At the

height of the fighting, the two brothers meet in battle and kill each other outside the walls of Thebes. Creon, the uncle of Antigone, Polynices, Eteocles, and Ismene, becomes the king after the death of the brothers. He declares that Eteocles shall be buried with honor for defending the city, and Polynices was a traitor and will be left to buzzards and dogs in the field.

Antigone pleads with her sister Ismene to help her bury Polynices against Creon's decree. Ismene declines Antigone, but Antigone is determined to bury her brother with honor. While burying her brother Polynices, Antigone is caught by the guard and taken to see Creon. Creon stands by his decree and condemns Antigone to death.

This play is set in a more modern time, but it has all of the classic Greek theater elements, most importantly the Chorus. The Chorus

is represented as a single character in the play, but it is the voice of the people. Whatever the mood of Thebes may be, the Chorus is the voice of the city. They provide the main commentary on the day-to-day happenings.

### One-Act Play

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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer				
	HI	LO	PR	
Jan. 18	43	25	0	
Jan. 19	43	-6	0	
Jan. 20	2	-10	0	
Jan. 21	10	-11	0	
Jan. 22	32	4	.02	
Jan. 23	31	-5	.03	
Jan. 24	32	3	.10	
2022 precipitation to date			0.30	
2021 precipitation to date			0.55	

## As we near the end of January, La Niña could affect the remaining winter weather

Thanks to bountiful fall moisture, northeast South Dakota, at least the Clark County portion, stands in fine shape for spring planting, but the next two months could play a big factor, according to State Climatologist Laura Edwards.

"Looking February through April we see a big La Niña influence,"

said Edwards, "but the location of South Dakota doesn't tell us much. We are kind of in between, temperature-wise as well as moisture-wise. It could go either way," she said.

In terms of her outlook, Edwards said the Central Plains remains in a La Niña advisory, with a 95% chance of it continuing through the

winter season. The weather pattern's continued strong presence marks the second La Niña year in a row for the region, she said.

"We're already seeing a more coordinated atmosphere and ocean (temperature) this year compared

**La Niña**  
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Clark High School senior Hunter Lee stands beside his recently completed senior project.

## Hunter Lee's senior project includes a Chevy pickup tailgate

Last summer, Hunter Lee was in the Peddler's Market in Watertown, just scouting the second-hand items. He saw a rusted out 1962 Chevrolet pickup tailgate, and he bought it. He really had no idea what he'd use it for, he just thought "it looked cool."

Six months later, it has come in handy as Lee created a cedar bench with the Chevrolet pickup tailgate as the bench's back.

All Clark High School seniors

have to do a senior project for graduation, and Lee built this bench with the idea of donating it to the 10th Annual Lee Schlagel Memorial Basketball Tournament, coming up in February.

"I hope it does well at the tournament," Lee stated, as he feels his donation is a high quality item.

Retired shop teacher Dan Whalen was Lee's mentor for the bench project. Made out of cedar, the duo just completed the bench. Before

the bench was assembled, the tailgate had to be sanded and painted and that took the better part of the weekend with mom and dad (Lisa and Chris) pitching in; according to Hunter.

To give it a little more 'class' Lee also found a 1962 South Dakota license plate which is located at the center of the bench. "I like the license plate. It is in excellent condition," he stated.