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Kansas Family Chronicles More Than 100 Years of Weather Observations

By Pat Slattery, John Orgler and Larry Ruthi, Dodge City, KS

NWS Dodge City, KS, honored four generations of Herlan S. Jennison's family in a ceremony marking the family's 104 years of volunteer weather observations. The Jennisons were recognized as "Heritage" volunteer observers for their more than 100 years of service at Healy, KS.

"The millions of bits of weather data collected by volunteer observers around the country have enabled weather scientists and researchers to analyze U.S. weather and climate records vital to short and long term forecasting," said Brig. Gen. (Ret.) David L. Johnson, Director of NOAA's National Weather Service.

"Before we can understand how the world's climate functions, we have to know how the climate functions in our own country. The availability of information collected for 100 years and more is a prime example of the determination and spirit Americans have demonstrated since the country was founded by a group of forefathers that included weather observers," said Johnson.

Larry Ruthi, NWS Meteorologist in Charge (MIC) and John Orgler, Data Acquisition Program Manager (DAPM), NWS Dodge City, KS, presented the Family Heritage Award to the Jennison family at a ceremony held on December 6.

"Volunteers like the Jennison family are crucial to NWS operations," Ruthi said. "Of the more than 10,000 volunteer observers around

the country contributing to the daily collection of weather data needed to maintain forecasting parameters and climatological records, only a select few have been in operation for 100 years or more. That is a small amount of time when compared to the planet's existence, but covers a significant portion of North American history."

Since 1901, Herlan S. Jennison and his descendants have provided the nation's weather forecasters with precipitation/temperature data for the Healy observing station. Since the station was created, some 16 family members have taken part in the volunteer program to maintain an unbroken record



Heritage Award presentation for Jennison Family. From left: NWS MIC Larry Ruthi, Arron Von Schrlitz, Yvonne Jennison, Karl Jennison, Lois Fenster and Stephen Fenster.

of weather observations. Jennison established the original observing station in 1901 at Farnsworth, about 4 miles northeast of Healy, and kept records until August 1903.

Herlan, then 24-years-old, ceded duties to his brother, Charles Jennison, from 1903 to 1914. Charles remained in Farnsworth while Herlan moved to Healy to help establish the First Bank

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What's It Take to Win a Dick Hagemeyer and Thomas Jefferson Award in One Day?

By Billy Ousley, DAPM, and Chris Geelhart, HMT, WFO Lincoln, IL

Price has not missed a single observation in his more than 45 years as a cooperative observer.

Dr. Dalias Price, observer at Charleston, IL, for the past 45 years, was presented the Thomas Jefferson Award and the Dick Hagemeyer Award by NWS Lincoln, IL, MIC Ernie Goetsch. The presentation was made at Cooperative Observer Appreciation Day this fall with many fellow observers and family members in attendance.

Price, 92, has operated the Charleston observing station since April 23, 1960, recording daily precipitation and temperature data. An instructor of meteorology, climatology and geography at Eastern Illinois University, Price has not missed a single observation in his more than 45 years as a cooperative observer.

Weather records retain their importance through time. Long and continuous records provide an accurate picture of a locale's normal weather and give climatologists and others a basis for predicting future trends. These data are invaluable for scientists studying floods, droughts and heat and cold waves.

The first extensive network of cooperative stations was formed as part of the newly established U.S. Weather Bureau, created in an 1890 act of Congress. Many of the stations have even longer histories. John Campanius Holm's weather records, taken without benefit of instruments in 1644 and 1645, were the earliest recorded U.S. observations.

Many historic figures maintained weather records, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Jefferson maintained an almost unbroken record of observations between 1776 and 1816. The Holm and Jefferson Awards are named for these weather observation pioneers. **Z**



Dr. Dalias Price, of Charleston, IL, was presented with the Dick Hagemeyer and Jefferson Awards for his volunteer service. Dalias is pictured with three of his sons.

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of Healy. Herlan resumed observations when the station was moved back to Healy in 1914. Herlan's wife Katherine and his six children served as backups.

In 1944, Herlan's son Robert took over the station with his wife Tillie and their two children as backups. When Robert died in 1977, Tillie agreed to be the primary observer with Robert's brother Harold as substitute. In 1980, Tillie passed the job on to Harold's son-in-law, Stephen Fenster. Stephen's wife Lois and son Kurt served as assistants.

Vowing to continue the family's record-setting volunteer service, Stephen and Lois are the current volunteer observers at Healy, reporting daily temperature, precipitation and snow data. Copies of all the family's weather observations, dating back to 1902, are stored at the First Bank of Healy.

Stephen and Lois received their 25 Year Service Award with their Family Heritage Award. Aaron Von Schrittz, Lois's cousin, received his 15 Year Award as a back-up observer. Aaron is keeping weather data collection history in the family. **Z**

Butch Morgison Hits 55 and 100

By Bill Newman, DAPM, NWS Topeka, KA

Lorenzo D. (Butch) Morgison of Clifton, KS was presented with the Benjamin Franklin Award for 55 or more Years of service. Butch started as the Clifton cooperative observer on November 1, 1950 while working as postmaster for the town.

The award ceremony was held at the Clifton Senior Citizens Center on November 2, 2005. Butch was joined by about 40 friends and family members. The award was presented by NWS Topeka, KS, MIC Curtis Holderbach; DAPM Bill Newman; and Administrative Services Assistant Amanda Ming.

Butch has received numerous awards including the Thomas Jefferson and John Campanius Holm awards for outstanding and distinctive achievements as a cooperative observer.

Butch turned 100 years old in early 2005, but continues on with NWS as a secondary observer. Butch provided a detailed description of the standard rain gage equipment and observation procedures to those attending the ceremony.

Family member, Joyce Rand, took on the job of primary observer because Butch was having a little trouble reading the standard rain gage stick.



Chickweed.
Photo by
Mary Ellen Harte.
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Weather Instruments Broken? Try Chickweed

Contributed by Ray Helenek

The following article was published in the Orleans Sentinel Standard, July 11, 1856.

Natural Barometers: Chickweed is an excellent barometer. When the flower expands fully, we are not to expect rain for several hours; should it continue in that state, no rain will disturb the summer's day. When it half conceals its miniature flower, the day is generally showery; but if it entirely shuts up, or veils the white flower with its green mantle, let the traveler put on his great coat. The different species of Trefols always contract their leaves at the approach of a storm; so certainly does this take place, that these plants acquired the name of the husbandman's barometer.

The tulip, and several of the compound yellow flowers, all close before rain. There is a species of wood sorrel, which doubles its leaves before storms. The Bauhinia, or mountain ebony, capital and sensitive plants, observe the same habits. **Z**



Lorenzo D. (Butch) Morgison earns a unique 100th birthday present, a 55 Year Length of Service Award from the National Weather Service. Pictured from left are Topeka, KS, DAPM Curtis Holderbach, MIC Bill Newman, and Butch.

Butch has received numerous awards including the Thomas Jefferson and John Campanius Holm awards for outstanding and distinctive achievements as a cooperative observer.

Thomas Jefferson Award

The Thomas Jefferson Award was presented to Raymond “Swede” Crosier of Oakdale, NE. More than 100 family members and friends gathered at Swede’s “Mad Dog” vacation retreat outside of Oakdale for a pig roast and an afternoon of great food and fun. Omaha, NE, MIC Steve Schurr made the presentation. Bob Bonack, Cooperative Program Manager, NWS Central Region Headquarters, and Terry Landsvork, Observation Program Leader (OPL), NWS Omaha assisted in the presentation.

Swede’s son Steve acted as master chef. Steve supervised the slow-roasting of more than 100 pounds of pork, turkey and beef in a covered pit for 11 hours.

Swede is a retired Oakdale postmaster and has been the cooperative observer at Oakdale for more than 48 years. For more than 50 years, he has served selflessly on numerous committees and held several elected offices in his community. **Z**



From left: NWS Omaha MIC Steve Schurr, Raymond “Swede” Crosier and Omaha OPL Terry Landsvork. At left, are the more than 100 party guests at the award barbecue celebration.



Thomas Jefferson Award

Recognizing almost 58 Years of service, NWS has named Seymour, IN, resident Ruth E. Everhart a recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award for outstanding service in the Cooperative Weather Observer Program. This award is the agency's most prestigious. In 2005, only nine Jefferson Awards were presented to volunteer weather observers across the country.

MIC John Ogren, NWS Indianapolis, presented the award to Ruth at her home. In attendance were Ruth's husband Bud and her entire family, along with NWS Indianapolis staff members Michael Shartran and Albert Shipe. Albert has worked closely with Ruth since early in his career and nominated her for the award.

Ruth, 85, established the Seymour station on November 1947, recording daily precipitation and temperature data as well as providing stage levels on the East Fork White River when needed. Known as the area weather expert, Ruth has provided weather information to generations of Seymour area residents. **Z**



Jefferson Award winner Ruth Everhart and MIC John Ogren.

Thomas Jefferson Award



Recognizing superior performance and 28 years of service to America, NWS named Tipton, IN, resident Warren Baird a 2004 recipient of the agency's Thomas Jefferson Award. The award recognized outstanding service in the NWS Cooperative Weather Observer Program.

In attendance were NWS Indianapolis MIC John Ogren, Hydrometeorological Technicians (HMTs) Roger Kenyon and Ed Terrell, and Service Hydrologist Albert Shipe.

Warren began taking observations at Tipton in 1976. He records precipitation, temperature, soil temperature and humidity data for the agricultural network in Indiana. At his request, instruments for recording frost, wind and evaporation were added later to make the data more complete. **Z**

From left, Gary Foltz, deputy directory of the NWS Central Region Headquarters and Jefferson Award winner Warren Baird.

John Campanius Holm Award

Jay Bunyard has been a cooperative observer for 22 years at De Queen, AR. Jay is president and CEO of Bunyard Broadcasting, Inc., which owns 15 radio stations including KDQN AM/FM in De Queen.

Jay is a past president of the Arkansas Broadcasters Association and a recipient of the Association's Silver Mike Award for service to the broadcast industry. He is also a past president of the De Queen Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served on the Sevier County Library Board, Historical Museum Board, the De Queen-Sevier Chamber of Commerce Board, the Cossatot Community College Foundation Board and the National Bank of De Queen Board.

Locally, Jay serves as chairman of the Annual Col-lin Raye Benefit Concert Committee, which has raised more than \$400,000. Governor Mike Huckabee recently appointed Jay to the Arkansas State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission.

Jay was named Citizen of the Year by the De Queen /Sevier County Chamber of Commerce in 1988 and 1997, and by the Sweet Home Masonic Lodge in 1993.

Jay is married with two sons. He is a lifelong resident of Sevier County, AR, with a degree in accounting. **Z**



The Holm Award was presented by the Shreveport NWS Forecast Office to Jay Bunyard (center) of De Queen, AR. From left are NWS MIC Armando Garza, Holm Recipient Jay Bunyard and DAPM Marion Kuykendall. *Photo by WCM Mark Frazier.*

John Campanius Holm Awards

From left in front are
MIC Armando Garza
and Holm Winner
Wayne W. Ward.
In the back are DAPM
Marion Kuykendall,
Wayne's daughter,
Melissa King, and City
Employee
James White.
*Photo by WCM
Mark Frazier.*



John Campanius Holm Awards



James Jansky,
(center) the observer
for Towner, ND, was
awarded the prestigious
John Campanius Holm
Award by OPL Len
Peterson, of NWS
Bismarck, ND, (right)
and Jim Fors, MIC,
Bismarck, ND.

John Campanius Holm Award

Pictured on the far right are John Campanius Holm Award winner Edwin Engel and his wife Loretta. Present at the ceremony were NWS Central Region DAPM Bob Bonack, Kansas District 10 Rep. Dan Johnson, Eric Depperschmidt, Representing U.S. Congressman Jerry Moran; and Dodge City MIC Larry Ruthi.



Special Act Service Award



Jack St. John, cooperative observer at Wellston, MI, was presented a Special Act Award. Also shown is Jack's wife and backup observer, Mary Kay. The award was presented by Denny Fruehauf, NWS Gaylord, MI

50 Year Edward H. Stoll Awards



Jim Lane (left) of Moultrie GA, shows his 50 Year Length of Service Award. The presentation was made by Mike Vise, DAPM, NWS Tallahassee, FL.
Photo by HMT Alan Baker.

The 50 Year Length of Service Award was presented to Claudine Woodard of Winnsboro, TX, from NWS Shreveport, LA.

From left are NWS Shreveport HMT Steve Griffin, Claudine and husband H.L. Woodard, and DAPM Marion Kuykendall.
Photo by Lisa Farrar, Administrative Support Assistant.



50 Year Edward H. Stoll Awards



The Edward H. Stoll Award, recognition for 50 years of of service, was presented to Estes Bozeman of Winnfield, LA.

Pictured from left are Shreveport, LA, NWS DAPM Marion Kuykendall, HMT Steve Griffin, Estes and Peggy Bozeman and MIC Lee Harrison.

Morran D. Harris, observer at Osceola, MO, was presented the Edward H. Stoll Award for 50 Years as a Cooperative Weather Observer by NWS DAPM Paul A. Murphy.



50 Year Institutional Length of Service Award

Don Gober (right) accepted a certificate in recognition of the Corps of Engineers 50 years of service as Cooperative Observers. The award was presented by OPL Mark R. Wilson, NWS Jackson, MS.



The Muncie Indiana Cooperative Station, run by Indiana American Water Corporation (IAWC), receives a 50 Year Institutional Award.

Pictured from left are NWS Indianapolis Service Hydrologist Albert Shipe, HMT Ed Terrell, and IAWC staff members Mike Jones, Bruce Johnson and Larry Wood.

50 Year Institutional Length of Service Award



NWS Green Bay, WI, awarded a 50 Year Institutional Award to the Brillion Wisconsin Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Pictured from left are Brillion Mayor Bob Mathiebe, Green Bay MIC Gary Austin, Brillion City Administrator Lori Gosz, Plant Operators Bill Drumm and Geoffrey Weinreis, and Green Bay HMT Pat Hein.

Staff at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park in Medora, ND, show off their 50 Year Institutional Length of Service Award.

Pictured from left are Park Ranger Beth Card and Park Superintendent Valerie Naylor.



45 Year Dick Hagemeyer Length of Service Award

Archie C. Thomas of Moravia, OK, (left) receives a Dick Hagemeyer Award for 45 years of service as a NWS weather observer from Steve Smart, HMT NWS Norman, OK.



Clarence Cheney (right), a Georgia Centennial Farm Award recipient, has faithfully submitted weather observations for 45 years from Morgan, GA. He holds up his Dick Hagemeyer Award with help from Mike Vise, DAPM, NWS Tallahassee, FL.
Photo by HMT Alan Baker.

Observer Mary Wilson was presented the Dick Hagemeyer Award for her 45 years of dedicated service for the Lincoln, KS, area. Presenting the award was MIC Richard Elder, NWS Wichita, KS. Also in attendance from NWS was NWS DAPM Joe Rosner. Mrs. Wilson has provided precipitation and temperature readings for the Lincoln area for the past 45 years.



40 Year Length of Service Awards



Bill and Sandra Speiden have shown their dedication to the U.S. weather observation program by providing excellent precipitation and maximum/minimum temperature reports daily for 40 years. These reports have been vital to the NWS, particularly in Orange County, VA, where flooding sometimes occurs along the Rapidan River. *Photo by Sterling WCM David Manning.*



George Umbarger (center) and wife of Genoa, NE, are joined by Steve Carmel of NWS Hastings. George is holding a personal Letter of Appreciation from NWS Director D.L. Johnson. George is a former winner of both the Holm and Jefferson Awards.



Robert Zollman of Medora, IN (right) shows his pleasure in getting his 40 Year Length of Service Award. The certificate was presented by NWS Indianapolis HMT Phil Gray.



Randall V. Hennigh was awarded a 40 Year Length of Service Award, pin and letter of appreciation from NWS Director D. L. Johnson, for his time as an observer in Englewood, KS. The award was presented by DAPM John F. Orgler, NWS Dodge City, KS.

40 and 35 Year Length of Service Awards



NWS Wichita, KS, staff presented a 40 Year Length of Service Award to Billie J. Heitzenrater for her work in the Beaumont, KS, area. Picture from left are MIC Dick Elder, Billie and HMT Leon Wasinger.



The Romsdals show off their 40 Year Length of Service Award for serving as volunteers in the NWS Cooperative Observer program.

Observers Vernon and Betty Hickman of Barnard, KS, were presented a 40 Year Length of Service Award. Offering the award was NWS Wichita, KS, HMT Joe Rosner and MIC Richard Elder. The Hickmans provide precipitation and river readings for the area. *No photo available.*



Wayne Lang of Dawson, ND, displays his 35 Year Length of Service Award. Wayne has been maintaining the Fisher-Porter weighing rain gage at Dawson since May 1970. Sandra Wiche, CPM, Bismarck, ND, presented the certificate and pin.



Marie E. McCracken, NWS Observer at Flemington, MO, was presented a 35 Year Length of Service Award for her outstanding service by NWS DAPM Paul A. Murphy.

35 Year Length of Service Awards



Betty Borg accepts the 35 Year Length of Service Award for her husband, John, of Eagle, AK.



Wilford Martin of McDonald, KS, received his 35 Year award from OPL Larry Boyd, NWS Goodland, KS.



Through their dedication and perseverance, Tim Thomas and his family have provided excellent temperature and precipitation reports daily for 35 years in Allegany County, MD. These reports are key because flooding can occur along the north branch of the Potomac River. Pictured from left are Mickey Brown, Eastern Region Deputy Director, Tim, and NWS Sterling MIC James Lee. *Photo by NWS OPL John Darnley.*



Brenda Brock, MIC, NWS Des Moines, IA, presents a 35 Year Length of Service Award to Donald Wilson (center) of Colorado, IA. CPM Brad Fillbach, NWS Des Moines, joins the celebration.

35 and 30 Year Length of Service Awards



Shirley Diedrich shows her 35 Year Length of Service Award. Shirley operates her milk cow farm in Byers, CO. She also aided a weather research program operated by PROFS, providing wind speed and rainfall reports from 1970 to 1998. Shirley has no plans to retire from either weather reporting or milking her herd of cows. Her award was presented by HMT William Ray, NWS Boulder, CO.



A 30 Year Length of Service Award was presented to Robert L. Smith (right) of Calhoun Research Station in Calhoun, LA, by NWS Shreveport, LA, MIC Lee Harrison.
Photo by DAPM Marion Kuykendall.



Larry Rothbauer, (right) observer at Hallettsville, TX, received a 30 Year Length of Service Award from Joe Baskin, NWS San Antonio, TX, HMT.



Karl Menzel, right, received his 30 Year Award from NWS North Platte, NE, OPL Mark Byrd.
Photo by Christina Hannon, Meteorologist Intern, NWS North Platte, NE

30 Year Length of Service Awards



Mrs. and Mr. Bodyfield, who provided observations at Ericson, NE, hold up their 30 Year Service Award presented by Christina Hannon, NWS coop representative



Herbert Arnold from Ashley, ND, was presented a 30 Year Length of Service Award for his diligent and accurate reporting of rain, snow and temperatures by OPL Len Peterson, NWS Bismarck, ND.

25 Year Length of Service Awards



M. Burton Sprole (left) of Allison, IA, shows his 25 Year Length of Service Award presented by Brad Fillbach, CPM, NWS Des Moines, IA

John Irving (left) of Columbia, IA, sits on his Moped, which gets him back and forth to the Fisher Porter instruments. John is receiving his 25 Year Length of Service Award from Brad Fillbach, HMT, Des Moines, IA.



Glen A. Mitchell and wife Janet, long time residents of Sheridan County, NE, were honored by the National Weather Service for 25 Years of Service.

25 Year Institutional Length of Service Awards



Larry Smith, Natural Resource Specialist and Observer at Truman Dam and Reservoir, Warsaw, MO, accepts the 25 Year Institutional Award presented to the staff by DAPM Paul A. Murphy.



A 25 Year Institutional award was presented to KZZJ Radio, Rugby, ND, by OPL Len Peterson, NWS Bismarck, ND. Receiving the award is Lyla Brossart, Station Manager at KZZJ.



John Walek (left) of the LSU Pecan Research Station in Robson, LA, accepts the 25 Year Institutional Award presented by Marion Kuykendall, DAPM, NWS Shreveport, LA.



A 25 Year Institutional Award was presented to Pam Fisher of the Gorum Fire Tower in Natchitoches, LA, by Shreveport, LA, HMT Christian Stapleton.



Southwest Purdue Ag Center in Vincennes, IN, receives its 25 Year Award. From left are Melborn Lang, Station Manager, HMT Phil Gray, NWS Indianapolis, and Angie Thompson, of the Ag Center staff.

25 Year Length of Service Awards



Rindall and Mamie Dunston (right) receive their 25 Year Length of Service Award for station Americus, GA. Presenting the award is NWS Atlanta, GA, DAPM Frank Taylor.



A 25 Year Institutional Award was presented to Wade Wright (center) of the Louisiana Office of Forestry for Sailes Fire Tower in Minden, LA. NWS intern Brandi Richardson and DAPM Marion Kuykendall, NWS Shreveport, LA, present the award.

20 Year Length of Service Awards

Phyllis B. Hohnholz, Hohnholz Ranch, CO, holds her 20 Year Length of Service Award. Phyllis is pictured here with her husband Robert. Presentation was made by James Kalina, Intern, NWS Boulder CO.



Albert Dobitz of Regent, ND, receives a certificate and lapel pin for 20 Years of volunteer service as a Cooperative Observer. Presenting the award were OPL Len Peterson, and Jon Chamberlain MIT, NWS Bismarck, ND.



Ruth Blaschke receives a 20 Year Length of Service Award from NWS for serving as the Cooperative Observer for Three Rivers, TX. Pictured from left are NWS OPL Larry Maifeld, Ruth, Calvin Blaschke and MIC Scott C. Cordero. *Photo by WCM John Metz.*

20 Year Length of Service Awards



A 20 Year Length of Service Award was presented to Robert H. McGee of New Summerfield, TX, by Pat Omundson (not pictured), meteorologist, from NWS Shreveport, LA.



Frank Taylor, DAPM, NWS Atlanta, GA, presents Betty S. Longino of Woodbury, GA, with her 20 Year Length of Service Award.



Steve Sands (right), observer at San Marcos, TX, received a 20 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by HMT Pat McDonald, NWS San Antonio, TX.



A 20 Year Length of Service Award was presented to Roma Skidmore (right) of Hagansport, TX, by NWS Shreveport, LA, DAPM Marion Kuykendall.

Charlotte McDaniel reached 20 Years as an NWS Cooperative Observer. Charlotte routinely monitors precipitation amounts near Newport, MS, in Attala County. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a pin. Charlotte's family began recording precipitation in Attala County in 1966, when Lyndon B. Johnson was President. Records for her station date back to 1959. *No photo available.*

20 Year Length of Service Awards



Marvin and Ella Kraut receive a 20 Year Length of Service Award for the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company. Marvin is the dam tender for Buckatabon Lake in Vilas County, WI.



NWS Wichita, KS, presented a 20 Year Length of Service Award to Norma Jean Patton for taking precipitation readings for the Peabody area. Pictured from left are DAPM Joe Rosner, Norma Jean and MIC Dick Elder.



Observer Richard Robbison and his staff were presented a 20 Year Length of Service Award for the Halstead, KS, area. Presenting the award was DAPM Joe Rosner, NWS Wichita, KS.



A 20 Year Length of Service Award was presented to Wilmer Ray Bailey at his farm in Jena, LA, by NWS Shreveport, LA, HMT Christian Stapleton.

15 Year Length of Service Awards



Observer Charles Campbell keeps those snow measurements coming as he holds up his 15 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by Brad Fillbach, CPM, Des Moines, IA.



David Simmons of New Madrid, MO, receives his 15 Year Length of Service Award with a little patriotic present.

15 Year Length of Service Awards



NWS honored Covington, IN, and Tom Edwards with a 15 Year Length of Service Award for taking daily river level readings on the Wabash River and monitoring the river for flood conditions. Tom is the Sewer Plant and Water Pumping Superintendent for Covington. Greg Meyers, another city employee, serves as his backup. Pictured from left are Edwards and NWS Indianapolis HMT Calvin E. Terrell.

Lynette Klimpel of Velva, ND, was presented a 15 Year Length of Service Award. The Klimpel family has been observing in this remote area since 1990. The award was presented by Sandra Wiche, CPM, Bismarck, ND.



Roger and Lynette Kessel, Fairfield, ND, receive their 15 Year Award. Roger and Lynette have recorded daily maximum and minimum temperatures, rainfall, snowfall and snow depth since October 1990. The award was presented by OPL Len Peterson, Bismarck, ND.



The Le Fevres (left) receive their 15 Year Length of Service Award with the enthusiasm they have shown for this volunteer effort

Ms. Billie Kite was presented with her 15 Year Length of Service Award by NWS Jackson, MS. Ms. Kite routinely monitors precipitation amounts and the temperature in northern Grenada County, MS. Records for Ms. Kite's station date back to 1909. *No photo available.*



The Peabodys of Hay Springs, NE, are still swingers, porch swingers that is, as they show off their 15 Year Length of Service Award.

10 Year Length of Service Awards



Dwayne Beaver, observer at Carthage, MO, was presented with a 10 Year Award by HMT Larry Dooley and DAPM Paul A Murphy.



Dennis and Tracy Banka receive their 10 Year Award for service at Carthage, TN. The award was presented by NWS Nashville, TN, DAPM Ralph Troutman.



Observer Danny Blaylock (right) and wife Judy show off their 10 Year Award for Deputy, IN. NWS Louisville, KY. CPM Rick Lasher helps out.

A 10 Year Length of Service Award was presented to Wiley Butler of Grand Ecore, LA. From left are NWS Shreveport, LA, DAPM Marion Kuykendall; Hydrologist Craig Ross; and MIC Lee Harrison.



Roger Bodtke, (left) cooperative weather observer from near Shelby, NE, receives a 10 Year Length of Service Award from Steve Carmel, NWS Hastings, NE.



Observer June Carsons plainly knows wind! But her main job for NWS is providing river observations for the Parsons, KS, area. Presenting the 10 Year Award was Leon Wasinger of NWS Wichita, KS.

10 Year Length of Service Awards



Paula Dreith, observer for Lawson, CO, was presented with a 10 Year Award by HMT Frank Benton, NWS Boulder, CO.

Louise Logston from Polk, NE, receiving her 10 Year Length of Service Award, at the Polk Library.



With folks so spread apart in Alaska, Observers are truly appreciated. George Jacobs of Tok, AK, receives his 10 Year Length of Service Award.



Paul Holle from New Salem, ND, receives a 10 Year Length of Service Award.

Ruth Flanagan (left) of Chalk Hill Utilities in Longview, TX, accepts her 10 Year Length of Service Award from NWS Shreveport, LA, DAPM Marion Kuykendahl.



David McHone has taken readings from the Fischer Porter. station at Maxwell, IA, for the past 10 years.

10 Year Length of Service Awards



From left, John Darnley, Observing Program Leader, presents Bill Pancake with a 10 Year Service Award. Pancake goes above and beyond his duties by using homemade weather equipment.

Fred Shoals of rural Foreman, AR, received his 10 Year Service Award from NWS Shreveport, LA, DAPM Marion Kuykendall.



This mother-daughter duo rack up a 10 Year Award for their shared service. Joy L. Cudney, (left) is the primary observer at Trousdale, KS. Her Mom, Shirley, serves as backup.



John A. Plock, observer from 4 miles south of Shickley, NE, shows his truck, certificate and pin. The award was presented by Steve Carmel, NWS Hastings, NE.

Marian Schneider of Inter-Canyon, Morrison, CO and dog Lizzie earn their joint service award. NWS Boulder, CO, Intern Kyle Fredin presented the award.



Jerald R. Popejoy (right) accepts his 10 Year Length of Service Award and pin for his volunteer service at Johnson, KS, from NWS Dodge City, KS, DAPM John F. Orgler.

10 Year Length of Service Awards

Jerry Tripp-Addison, right, the observer for Morrison, CO, gets help holding up his 10 Year Award from Meteorological Intern Kyle Fredin, NWS Boulder, CO.



Scott Tester, right, from Sperryville, VA, near the Shenandoah Mountains, accepts his 10 Year Length of Service Award presented by OPL John Darnley, NWS Sterling, VA.



Rose Doxon, Wakeeney, KS, shows off her 10 Year Length of Service Award.

Rose is the back-up observer for her daughter, Mary Cunningham. Rose and Mary have been the Wakeeney coop observers for more than 30 Years combined.



Janet Lindstrom of Rockwell City, IA, receives her 10 Year Award for her help near the Rockwell City Airport. Presenting the award is NWS Des Moines, IA, HMT Steve Teachout.

Mike Schultz of Delta Junction, AK, shows off his forest bound station and his 10 Year Length of Service Award.



Toy Neal, observer at Sarepta, MS, has been changing the tape on an automated paper tape, punch type rain gauge located near his home in Sarepta every month for the past 10 Years.
Photo by Buzz Merchlewitz.

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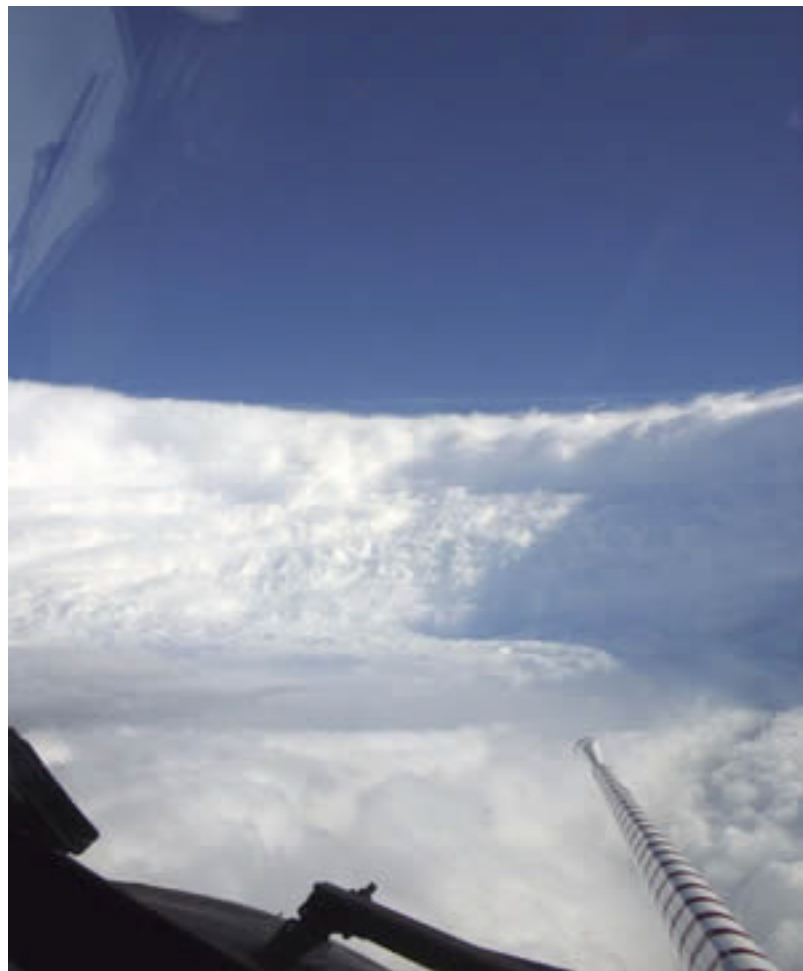
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