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Two Nebraska Families Reach 100 Year of Cooperative Observer Service!



Ryan, Victor, Jim and Yvonne Bodyfield are presented with their Family Heritage Award by Brian Hirsch, North Platte MIC.

Family Heritage Awards recognizing 100 years of continuous family observations were presented to two Nebraska families in August. These signature honors helped set standards that will be difficult to match.

To present Family Heritage Awards within a week of each other, to families that live little more than 80 miles apart, is an NWS first.

The awardees were the **Stufft family** of rural Elsmere and the **Bodyfield family** of rural Ericson.

Four generations of the Stufft family have served as observers for the Elsmere site since it was started by **George "Curt" Stufft**

on June 1, 1911. Since **James Bodyfield** began the Ericson site on June 21, 1911, five generations of the Bodyfield family have kept that tradition going.

The Bodyfields, a farm and ranch family, and the Stuffts, a ranching family, have independently been tracking weather every day since 1911.

"It's been passed down, and it's something the family has always done," said **Yvonne Bodyfield**.

"It's worth its weight in gold" said Bob Bonack, NWS Central Region Cooperative Program Manager (CPM) until his retirement in 2010. "The work they do grows more

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Lester Stufft, left, receives a Family Heritage Award from North Platte, NE, Meteorologist in Charge (MIC) **Brian Hirsch**.

valuable every year, especially in Nebraska. The Stufft ranch is really in the middle of nowhere, and we don't get a lot of data from remote areas."

Lester Stufft likes to describe his Sandhills ranch as "in the middle of God's own cow country."

Lester and his mother, **Ruby**, are the only family duo to have won the Coop program's highest honors: the Holm and Jefferson Awards. In addition, the NWS 70 Year Length of Service Award was named for Ruby, the first and one of the only Observers to reach that amazing milestone. Ruby received the award named after her in 1992. Ruby passed away in 1995, just a month shy of 75 years of monitoring the weather southwest of Ainsworth.

The Stufft family is well known and highly respected throughout the Observer program for its accomplishments over the years. Ruby Stufft became the official observer just a few days after she married **Foster Stufft** in 1920, and held the position until her death in 1995.

Former Central Region CPM Tom Sinclair marveled for years about an experience with

Ruby Stufft on a scheduled site visit. Told that a Siberian elm tree would probably have to be trimmed in a couple of years so it wouldn't interfere with accuracy of the site's standard rain gauge, Ruby spoke briefly with son Lester, who showed up a few minutes later with a chain saw. Within minutes, the tree was no longer a problem.

The Bodyfield family Coop tradition goes back to James Allen Bodyfield, who established the site and served as the primary observer for 45 years.

James' son, **Marcus Bodyfield**, took over in 1956 and continued to take observation until 1975. Marcus' son, **Victor**, and his wife, **Julianna**, were primary Observers from August 1975 to April 2006. Their son, **Jim**, and his wife, **Yvonne**, became the primary Observers in 2006. Jim and Yvonne's son, **Ryan**, is their back-up observer and heir apparent to the family coop legacy.

The Bodyfield family has earned considerable recognition for its efforts along with numerous length of service awards. Victor and Julianna Bodyfield received the John Campanius Holm Award in October 2000. ❄

Old Fashioned Wheat Harvest Becomes Regional Event

By NWS Meteorologist **Joseph Guerrero**,
NWS Hastings, NE

Clifford Roach of Alton, KS, records daily temperature and precipitation readings from NWS equipment. During a recent site visit to meet Clifford at his farm, NWS Meteorologist **Shawn Rossi** and I got to experience the family's annual, "Old Fashioned Wheat Harvest" on July 9, the 16th celebration of this annual event.

At the event, Clifford, his four sons and his daughter showcased how wheat farming was done in the past. They used old fashioned techniques such as mules, old combines and tractors.



Clifford Roach and his daughter-in-law, **Deanna Roach**, at the Old Fashioned Wheat Harvest, July 9, 2011



Clifford Roach, age 89, driving and pulling an antique combine. "I didn't expect to live this long, but I'm not going to complain."

Clifford and his sons drive the old combines and harvest what is now 5 acres of wheat—approximately 450 acres was the peak before Clifford retired. After harvesting, Clifford anticipated about 20 bushels of wheat per acre; however, on a good year, one without hail damage, the family could get about 60 bushels of wheat per acre. Unfortunately, thunderstorms rumbled through the Alton area on June 1, causing damage to the Roach farm, which yielded roughly 20 bushels per acre from this harvest event.

What's special about the Roach event is that this equipment isn't sitting in a museum. Visitors can see these machines in action. Almost as impressive as the old farm equipment, is the amount of people who come out to take part in a little bit of history.

Clifford is 89 years old, but he still finds time as a retired farmer to deliver valuable information to the NWS through the Coop program and to get out in the fields with his tractors. Four different generations of the Roach family were represented at this year's event, including five grandchildren and seven of his great grandchildren.

What started as a family event in 1996 to bring the kids and relatives together, quickly turned into an annual event, not only for the Roach family, but for all the people around Osborne County in north central Kansas. Starting in 2000, people in the area noticed the event and started stopping by to watch what was going on with the old farm equipment.

It soon became a community event for people all over the local area to enjoy. Word got around and people started coming from further and further away to the event.

Three states were accounted for at the Roach family farm this year: Nebraska, Kansas and Illinois. In all, the event attracted more than 150 people. ❄

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John Campanius Holm Awards



Lewis Black, center, accompanied by his wife **Claudia**, was given the John Campanius Holm Award. The award was presented by MIC **Doug Crowley**, right, and **John Kyle**, Data Acquisition Program Manager (DAPM), left, from NWS Grand Junction, CO, during the Commissioner's meeting at the San Juan County, UT, Courthouse. Lewis has been a dedicated Observer from his home in Blanding, UT, since 1989. Along with his regular observations, Lewis records aviation observations every 3 hours, which he calls in day or night.

John Edgecombe, Jr., Observer for **Geneva, NE**, was presented with the **Holm Award** at a ceremony attended by his family members and friends. John's interest in weather began in his childhood years when he watched his grandfather, **Tyler Edgecombe**, record the weather using the old max/min thermometers. His grandfather was the Observer for Geneva from March 1919 until he passed away in April 1972. John's father then took over the weather reporting duties. When **John** senior started traveling, John junior stepped in and took responsibility for the observations. He became the official Observer in August 1978 at which time the equipment was moved to his house. He said it was just like being handed a family heirloom. For many years it was the same equipment his grandfather used. The observation site has remained within a one block radius of the original site for 92 years. The family has gone from transmitting observations via telegraph to ROSA to WxCoder, but all three generations have used the max/min thermometers.



From left, MIC **Steven Eddy**, WFO Hastings, NE; **John Edgecombe Jr.**; and DAPM **Marla K Doxey**, NWS Hastings, NE.

As a family, the Edgecombes have measured over 2,578 inches of liquid precipitation. John is already up to almost 1,000 inches, enough to cover a 21-story building. He says the wettest year was 1993, the year of the "Big Flood" with 42.63 inches. The driest year was 1936 with only 14.85 inches. The family also has measured more than 1,600 inches of snow; the most snow, 61.6 inches in the winter of 1970-71; the least, 5 inches in 1980-81.

John Campanius Holm Awards

From left, MIC Brian Hirsch, State Senator **LeRoy Louden**, Senior Forecaster Mitch Power, and Observing Program Leader (OPL) **Steve Carmel**.

Photo courtesy of Chabella Guzman from the *Scottsbluff Star-Herald*.



State Senator **LeRoy Louden** received a Holm Award from MIC **Brian Hirsch**, of NWS North Platte, NE. LeRoy has taken rainfall, snowfall and snow depth measurements at his ranch in Ellsworth since 1968. The site dates back to June 1943 when Observer **George Brown** started it.

LeRoy was appointed to his senate seat in the Nebraska Legislature and has been twice reelected to his largely rural district. He is the owner and operator of a 16,000 acre cattle ranch in the Sandhills of Nebraska. As a rancher, he understands how critical weather observations and climate history are. LeRoy is married to **Sharon Ann**, and has six children: **Lynn, Bryan, Dalene, Jon, David** and **Jennifer**.

LeRoy also writes articles for local newspapers about the latest happenings in the Nebraska Legislature. Before being appointed to the Senate, he served as a School Board Member for 30 years, served as the Director of the Panhandle Rural Electric Members Association, and as a member of the Sheridan County School Reorganization Board and the Area 11 Nebraska Stockgrowers Association. He was president of the Stockgrowers Association in 1986. He is a charter member of the Highland Bowling Club and organized the South Sheridan Independent Collection Membership, an organization that addresses waste issues and recycling costs in southern Sheridan County.

The weather incidents through the years that really stick out for LeRoy were the 1949 and 1975 blizzards that killed so many cattle and the stark winter of 1978-1979. After the winter of 1978-1979, LeRoy purchased an 8-foot snow blower that fits on the back of a tractor. By using the snow blower, he could plow roads 30-40 feet wide, allowing him to keep the roads open in the area. He also remembers a thunderstorm in 1980, when lightning struck his home in the middle of the night, frying a television set and other appliances.

As a longtime member of the Heart of the Hills Volunteer Fire Department, LeRoy was influential in getting fire trucks positioned nearer to railroad right of ways, allowing firefighters to respond faster to where most grass fires occurred. Daughter Dalene Louden said, "We used gunny sacks, shovels and brooms on the upwind side of the fire." LeRoy made a point of instilling weather safety in all his children.

Son Jon Louden recalled his father telling him as a child, about "Devil Snowballs or Devil Balls." What LeRoy had described are known as snow rollers, a rare phenomenon where snowballs form naturally by a very strong wind blowing across a snow covered field when the snow is easily compacted, snow temperature near 32 degrees F.

Thank you LeRoy for your years of service.

John Campanius Holm Awards



From left, NWS Aberdeen MIC **James Scarlett** holds a Holm Award presented to **Avis and Walter Brandenburger**.

The award was presented at the Annual Rosholt Threshing Bee in Rosholt, SD. Avis and Walter are the Grand Marshals in the 23rd year of the event.

Shown below is their car featuring a sign showing the Avis family's history of support for the NWS since 1920. The Brandenburgers have always entered a Weather Service Float in the parade.

The John Campanius Holm Award was presented to **Doris Thompson** of Stockville, NE, recognizing more than 36 years of dedication. The population of Stockville after the last census was 36 people but almost 60 friends and family came from nearby towns and farms to attend the reception held in honor of Doris. In 2010, Doris endured two back surgeries, but persevered through the pain to take observations. Her son, **George**, has helped as her back-up observer. She has also published information about climatology in local newspapers. Doris is tremendously respected in her community for her selflessness.



In addition to being an Observer, Doris is one of the founding members of the Woman's Club—a community service group she is still active in. Doris continued her husband's legacy after he passed away, staying on the farm, overseeing all the planting and harvesting along with the cattle feeding and calving, She runs a profitable cattle and ranch operation. Doris still lives by herself and in addition to all her outside activities enjoys cooking for friends and family, gardening, bird watching, puzzles and knitting. She preferred to let the cake be her picture.

75 Year Honored Institution Awards



The **Corvallis Water Bureau** in Corvallis, OR, receives a 75 Year Honored Institution Award. Accepting the award from left are Plant Operators **Jon Boyd** and **Mike Hinton**. Presenting the award is MIC **Steve Todd**, NWS Portland, OR.

Wayne Carroll, left, accepts a 75 Year Honored Institution Award on behalf of the power plant crew at Leaburg, OR. The electric plant is operated by the **Eugene Water and Electric Board**. Presenting the award is OPL **Gerald Macke**, NWS Portland, OR.



Shauna Wood, left, accepts a 75 Year Honored Institution Award on behalf of the **Police Department Employees of Seaside, OR**. The award was presented by NWS Portland, OR, MIC **Steve Todd**.



65 Albert J. Myer Year Award



Joseph L. Bridges, right, accepts the Albert J. Meyer Award for 65 years of service as a Coop Observer. Joe took over precipitation observations near Dilley, OR, in October 1946 when he returned from service as a pilot during WWII. He flew a B-24 Liberator bomber, completing 40 combat missions in the Pacific Theater. Joe recalls in detail his many harrowing experiences during the war and his good fortune to have survived all those missions without a scratch. He also recounted several unusual weather events he remembered from his six decades as an observer. The award was presented by NWS Portland MIC **Steve Todd**. Photo taken by OPL **Gerald Macke**.

50 Year Honored Institution Award

Antero Reservoir in Park County, CO, was awarded a 50 Year Honored Institution Award by NWS Denver/Boulder MIC **Nezette Rydell**. From left are Hydrometeorological Technician (HMT) **Frank Benton**, and Antero Reservoir caretakers **William George** and **Eric Hibbs**. Also present but not pictured are **Greg East**, Assistant District Foreman for South Platte District; and **Bob Steger**, Denver Raw Water Manager. **Christian Kingsford**, Fairplay Flume, witnessed the presentation and compiled a news story for the Fairplay newspaper.



Larry Crye, left, accepts a 50 Year Honored Institution Award on behalf of the power plant crew near Belknap Springs, OR. The electric plant is operated by the **Eugene Water and Electric Board**. Presenting the award is OPL **Gerald Macke**, NWS Portland, OR.

45 Year Dick Hagemeyer Service Award

Mona G. Coonrod accepts the Dick Hagemeyer Award for 45 years of service as an Observer. Mona took over hourly precipitation recordings near Blackbutte, OR, in March 1966. The award was presented during a volunteer recognition ceremony at VFW Post 3473 in Cottage Grove, OR, by NWS Portland, OR, MIC **Steve Todd**. Photo taken by OPL **Gerald Macke**.



40 Year Length of Service Awards

Dick Clothier and his canine assistant, **Fritz**, right, of Pocatello, ID, received a 40 Year Length of Service Award certificate, a personal letter of thanks from NWS Director **Dr. Jack Hayes**, and a lapel pin. The award was presented by MIC **Rick Dittmann**, NWS Pocatello, ID, presents. Photo by **Gary Wicklund**.



Richard V. Gosse, center, of Wabasha, MN, was presented a 40 Year Service Award by NWS La Crosse DAPM **Randy Breeser**, right and HMT **Tom Stangeland**, left. Richard has a long record of community service including a stint on the Wabasha City Fire Commission and as Vice President of the Wabasha Library Board. Photo courtesy of **Michael Smith**, editor of the *Wabasha County Herald*, who was on hand to report on the occasion.

40 and 35 Year Length of Service Awards



Wayne Lang, of Dawson, ND, shows his 40 Year Length of Service Award. Wayne has been the Observer for this area since May 1970, and would continue in that role had his health not failed him. Wayne has been one of NWS's most trusted Observers. We are very grateful for his service. The award was presented by CPM **Sandra Wiche**, NWS Bismarck, ND.

Della Richmond, left, Observer at Natoma, KS, receives a 35 Year Length of Service Award from DAPM **Marla K. Doxey**. Della provides rain and snow measurements. Since 1976, Della has measured over 900 inches of precipitation. Della says the wettest year was 1993, the year of the Big Flood, when she measured 46.92 inches. The driest year was 1988 when only 14.61 inches was measured. Picture taken by Meteorologist **Shawn Rossi**, NWS Hastings, NE.



Pictured from left are NWS Portland, OR, MIC **Steve Todd**, Honoree **Clayton Creech**, former Director of the Hatfield Science Center **Levern Weber**, and Hatfield Science Center Director **Michael Banks**. Clayton accepted a 35 Year of Service Award. As an Observer, Clayton operates a Fisher-Porter rain gauge at Yaquina Bay, OR. The equipment is at the **Oregon State University Hatfield Marine Science Center**. Clayton was employed at the science center for nearly 30 years and still services the gauge almost 10 years into retirement.

30 Year Length of Service Awards



Paul (not pictured) and **Ann Nyren** of Streeter, ND, received their 30 Year Length of Service Award at the **Grasslands Research Center** from CPM **Sandra Wiche**, NWS Bismarck, ND. The Nyrens were the recipients of the Holm Award in 2006. Paul and Ann use the weather data they collect in scientific articles published from the Research Station. They also publish an annual report that encompasses the data.



Charles Haugen of Mondovi, WI, receives his 30 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by DAPM **Randy Breeser**, NWS La Crosse, WI. Also present was HMT **Tom Stangeland**.



From left, NWS Jackson, MS, OPL **Latrice Maxie** presents a 30 Year Length of Service Award and a letter from the governor to Observer **J.L. Blair** of Mendenhall, MS. MIC Alan Gerard shows the award. Photo by Meteorologist (Met) Intern Daniel Lamb.



Richard Bly, Observer at Breckenridge, CO, received an award for his 30 years of dedicated service to NWS Denver/ Boulder, CO, from HMT **Frank Benton**. As you can see, Richard sends in snow measurements as well. Photo courtesy of **Mark Fox**, *Summit Daily News*.

30 Year and 25 Year Length of Service Awards



A 30 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Douglas Zahn** of Crystal Valley, AR, by NWS Little Rock, AR, OPL **John F. Orgler**.



Phyllis Hohnholz and her daughters **Holly Golen** and **Merrilee Hohnholz** of Hohnholz Ranch, CO, were awarded a 25 Year Length of Service Award. The Award was presented by HMT **Frank Benton** NWS Denver/Boulder, CO.



Donald Lesmann, Observer for Westhope, ND, received his 25 Year Length of Service Award. The award and pin were presented by CPM **Sandra Wiche**, NWS Bismarck, ND.



Debbie and Gene Lish received their 25 Year Length of Service Award from MIC **Rick Dittmann**, NWS Pocatello, ID. Photo by OPL **Gary Wicklund**.

25 Year Length of Service Awards



MIC **Alan Gerard**, NWS Jackson, MS, presented a 25 Year Length of Service Award to **Waldine McBrayer** and her daughter, **Dot Adkinson**, back-up observer. Photo by OPL **Latrice Maxie**.



Nancy Townsend shows her 25 Year Length of Service Award for observing rainfall near Waterloo, OR. She recently moved next to her daughter where her granddaughter will be helping as Coop Observer. Photo taken by OPL **Gerald Macke**, NWS Portland, OR.



Edward "Bing" Perko was presented a 25 Year Length of Service Award at his home in Willard, WI. Bing is the recently retired Postmaster of Willard. The award was presented by HMT **Tom Stangeland** of NWS La Crosse, WI.



Randy Wagner, Observer for Max, ND, recently received his 25 Year Length of Service Award from CPM **Sandra Wiche**, NWS Bismarck, ND. Randy takes observations at the Max Grain Elevator. Randy received the Holm Award in 2007. In addition to reporting weather conditions at Max, he is also an official, trained severe weather spotter and is responsible for sounding emergency sirens to alert the residents of approaching tornados.



Neoma Williams of Hart, TX, accepts a 25 Year Length of Service Award from NWS Lubbock, TX, MIC **Justin Weaver** and Senior Service Hydrologist **John Lipe**. The award ceremony was conducted at Neoma's favorite coffee shop in Plainview, TX. Neoma is the owner and operator of the Hart, TX, newspaper, "*The Pulse*." She first approached the NWS office in 1986 looking for weather data for *The Pulse* and soon after became the official reporting site for her community. Photo by OPL **Mike Turner**.

25 Year Honored Institution Awards



From left, **Bob Furnas, Eric Arter, Mike Cook, Rick Kreisler, and Austin Babb** of the **Columbia City Indiana Water Pollution Control Facility** accept a 25 Year Honored Institution Award. Photo by NWS Northern Indiana OPL **Brentley Lothamer**.



Richard Clark accepts a 25 Year Honored Institution Award on behalf of the **Cloverdale Sanitary District** in Cloverdale, OR. Photo taken by OPL **Gerald Macke**, NWS Portland, OR.



The **Postville Iowa Waste Water Plant** was presented a 25 Year Honored Institution award. The award was accepted by **Chris Hackman**. Also assisting was **Opie**, Chris's dog who was "job shadowing" that day. The award was presented by HMT **Brad Adams**, NWS La Crosse, WI.



The **Decorah, IA, Water Department** was presented a 25 Year Honored Institution Award. Pictured from left are staff members **Jeremy Carlon, Jon Young, Todd Ihde, Dennis Myhre** and Water Superintendent **Dave Pahlas**. The award was presented by HMT **Brad Adams**, NWS La Crosse, WI.

25 Year Honored Institution Awards and 20 Year Length of Service Awards



Chris Bunyard of **Pearl River Valley Water District** accepted a 25 Year Honored Institution Award. The award was presented by OPL **Latrice Maxie**, NWS Jackson, MS. Pearl River Valley Water District near Goshen Springs has been taking weather observation since 1948.



Jim Skaar, left, accepts a 25 Year Honored Institution Award on behalf of the **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**. His staff maintain a Fisher-Porter rain gauge at the Trask Rearing Ponds 12 miles east of Tillamook, OR. The award was presented by OPL **Gerald Macke** NWS Portland, OR.



Dean Brunsvold, of Harmony, MN, was presented a 20 Year Length of Service Award. Dean is pictured next to the windmill in his garden, one of his favorite places to be. The award was presented by HMT **Tom Stangeland** of the NWS La Crosse, WI.



Patrick Flanigan of Nix Store, TX, received a 20 Year Length of Service Award from HMT **Troy Marshall**, NWS Fort Worth, TX.

20 Year Length of Service Awards



Guy Gaskill of Winona, KS, is shown with his 20 Year Length of Service Award. Guy reports rainfall and snowfall data. The award was presented by OPL **Michael Lammers**, NWS Goodland, KS.



Kenneth Lesley of Chalk Mountain, TX, holds up his 20 Year Length of Service Award presented by HMT **Troy Marshall**, NWS Fort Worth, TX.



Tim Meers, Observer at Lower St. Anthony Falls, MN, accepts his 20 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by **Shawn DeVinny**, NWS Chanhassen, MN.



A 20 Year Length of Service Award was presented to **Lynda Moore**, Observer at Arches National Park, UT. Presenting the award is DAPM **John Kyle**, NWS Grand Junction, CO. Photo by **Aldis Strautins**, Hydrologist.



Larry Don Moore, Jr., center accepts a 20 Year Length of Service Award from Lubbock, TX, MIC **Justin Weaver** and Senior Service Hydrologist **John Lipe**. **Larry** took over from his father as the primary observer nearly 5 years ago. Larry's father is now the backup.

20 Year Length of Service Awards, Special Service Award



Terry Sherburne received a 20 Year Length of Service Award for his dedication to the Coop Program. Presenting the award was NWS Great Falls, MT, OPL **Jerome Saucier**.



Monty Smith of Brandon, TX, received a 20 Year Length of Service Award from Meteorologist **Matt Mosier**, NWS Fort Worth, TX.



Susan Zellers of Warsaw, IN, accepts a 20 Year Length of Service Award. Photo taken and award presented by OPL **Brentley Lothamer**, NWS Northern Indiana.



Tim Wood, center, the Superintendent of **Lancaster, WI, Agricultural Research Station**, accepts a 20 Year Service Award. Also at the ceremony was **Rita Riley**, left, Office Manager, and **Arin Crooks**, right, Assistant Superintendent. The station is part of the **College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison**. The award was presented by HMT **Tom Stangeland**, NWS La Crosse WI.



Elsie Hesterlee, long standing Coop Observer at Morton, TX, accepts a Special Service Award from NWS Lubbock, TX, Senior Service Hydrologist **John Lipe** and Met Intern **Andrew Pritchett**. Elsie reluctantly retired from observing after almost 19 years of faithful service. Before retiring she recruited her neighbor and friend, Irene Sealy, to continue the site. Photo by OPL **Mike Turner**.

15 Year Length of Service Awards



Fred Harden and **Margie Connolly**, observers in Mancos, CO, received a 15 Year Length of Service Award from CPM **Becky Klenk**, NWS Grand Junction, CO.



Dennis Hafner, the Observer for Sykeston, ND, holds up his 10 Year Length of Service Award. CPM **Sandra Wiche**, NWS Bismarck, ND, presented the award and pin. Dennis generously took over the site from his father-in-law **Edward Sondag**.



Homer E. Hill, Observer at Shaw, CO, was presented a 15 Year Length of Service Award. The presentation was made by Met Intern **Jim Kalina**, Boulder, CO.

Leah Jarrell and **Jim Dendy** accepted 15 Year Length of Service Awards from Met Intern **Jim Fairly**, NWS Jackson, MS. No photos available.



Lyn Ingram, right, shows her a 15 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by OPL **Latrice Maxie**, NWS Jackson, MS. Photo by Met Intern **Anna Weber**.



Todd and Paula Witt of Russell, MT, received 15 Year Length of Service Awards. Presenting the award was NWS Great Falls OPL **Jerome Saucier**.



Observer **Timothy Plett** was presented a 15 Year Length of Service Award for providing precipitation and temperature readings for the Cassoday, KS, area. Presenting the award was OPL **Leon Wasinger**, NWS Wichita, KS.

10 and 5 Year Length of Service Awards



Kerry Siders, center, shows his 10 Year Length of Service Award presented by NWS Lubbock, TX Texas Tech University Volunteer **Jennifer Daniel** and NWS Forecaster **Shawn Ellis**. Kerry, an Extension Agent for Hockley County, TX, provides daily temperature and rainfall data for Levelland, TX. Photo by OPL **Mike Turner**.



Harold Feigel, Observer at Maple City, MI, shows his 10 Year Length of Service Award. Harold served with the U.S. Air Force for 20 years before retiring, where he spent most of his time in the South Pacific working on the Rapid Runway Repair project. Harold grew up in nearby Glen Arbor, part of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Photo by CPM **Scott Rozanski**.



Patty Quisno of Fort Belknap, MT, received a 10 Year Length of Service Award. Presenting the award was NWS Great Falls OPL **Jerome Saucier**.



James E. Riggan of Leola, AR, shows his 10 Year Length of Service Award and pin presented by Met Intern **Julie Lesko**, of NWS Little Rock, AR.



Rod Truax of Parkersburg, IA, receives a Certificate of Recognition for completing 5 years as an Observer from HMT **Brad Fillbach**, NWS Des Moines, IA.

Lance Fink accepted a 10 Year Length of Service Award from OPL **Latrice Maxie**, NWS Jackson, MS. No photo available.

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