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Lindstrom Family Marks 125 Years of Climate Records in one Family



Pictured from left, **Neil, Charles and Gilbert Lindstrom**, of Leroy, CO, The Family Heritage Award was presented by Meteorologist in Charge (MIC) **Nezette Rydell**, Boulder, CO.

In 1889, the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad reached Lake City, CO, Denver established its first public library and the Lindstrom family began taking weather observations in Leroy, CO, for the National Weather Bureau.

Over the past 125 years, the Lindstrom family has taken timely and accurate weather observations. They have been diligent over these years and have endured blizzards, floods, hail storms and the terrible dust bowl years.

The National Weather Service would like to recognize the following Lindstrom family

members for their dedication through the years and for their invaluable contribution to the nation's climate history over the following years:

- **Charles Green**, father-in-law of Albert Lindstrom, April 1889–April 1939
- **Albert Lindstrom**: May 1939–April 1962
- **Gilbert Lindstrom**: May 1962–Dec. 1970
- **Neil Lindstrom**: Jan. 1971–May 1999
- **Jerry Sonnenberg**, Cousin of Neil Lindstrom: May 1999–April 2006
- **Charles Lindstrom**: June 2006–May 2014

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*The following is excerpted from "An NWS History of the Signal Corps," the predecessor of the National Weather Service. **H.B. Boyer** was one of our country's weather pioneers.*

Fort Myer! What a flood of memories that name brings! Memories gay and grave, painful and pleasant. But I can truthfully say my memories of the place are mostly gay and pleasant.

On a hill overlooking the Potomac River and Washington, Fort Myer was laid out in the regular military post style of a quadrangle with the officers' quarters facing the Potomac on the east side, the hospital, quartermaster's and commissary buildings on the west side, and guard-house and observatory on the south side, and near the wall surrounding beautiful Arlington, the old Lee Estate, the nation's "bivouac of the dead."

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Upon first arriving in Washington, DC, missing the last trip of the ambulance, I negotiated the distance from the end of the car line in Georgetown to the Fort on foot, crossing the Aqueduct Bridge and trudging up the long road to the post carrying a heavy "grip" and a heavier heart, for as this was my first separation from home and all that word means, nostalgia had already attacked me.

Nor was my dark outlook of life materially brightened by the howl that greeted me from the barracks when the men caught sight of me. With hilarious yells of "Fre-s-h fish! Fr-e-s-h fish!" they surrounded and accompanied me

to Top Sergeant Michael Mahaney, a product of the old military school of non-coms, to whom I reported.

I shall gloss over the "settling down" process which, in my case I am sure was rendered less difficult by reason of my being the "kid" or youngest boy at the Fort at that time. In the adjustment that followed, I was kept quite busy for several days drawing my allotment of clothing, uniforms, bedding, blankets, etc., from the quartermaster, and in drilling in the awkward squad.

I shall always remember that I arrived immediately before "retreat" (sunset) and shortly thereafter the men were marched to the mess hall in column of twos. My long walk had given me an exceptional appetite, notwithstanding my homesickness and dejection, and I viewed the coming repast with pleasurable anticipation.

On a long bare table I found a cup of black coffee, a piece of bread, and a plate containing five prunes! Yes, I counted them: five, no more, no less. And on timid and anxious inquiry, I learned that a second helping was not permissible. While I would find no mention made of such a procedure in either Upton's Manual or Army Regulations, it was taboo in polite Army circles, and Truman, the chef, would justly feel horrified and hurt at such a display of vulgarity! The world, indeed, looked dark, dank and dismal to me.

Signal Recruits Better Candidates

On the death of Gen. Myer, in 1880, a new policy was inaugurated under the new Chief Signal Officer, General W. B. Hazen. General Hazen, recognizing that the meteorological work of the Corps demanded men of higher educational attainments, began reaching out into high schools, universities and colleges.

The glittering bait was commissions. In view of the feeling against the Army in the South at that time, the number of recruits obtained from southern universities and colleges was remarkable but of the 71 recruits who were at Fort Myer with me, only two obtained commissions.



Ft. Myers, VA, the home of the Military's Signal Corps in the late 1800s.

The parting of the ways came on June 30, 1891, when the meteorological work of the Signal Corps was taken over by the Weather Bureau in the Department of Agriculture on July 1. With comparatively few exceptions, the personnel of the Signal Corps elected to go into civil life.

The Army, of course, protested vigorously, and it is rather amusing, now, to note the keynote of the protest was that only Army rules and regulations could hold together the far-flung stations and make the men efficient and amenable to discipline. This was found not to be true because under civil administration, all the laxness that undoubtedly existed under military administration abruptly ceased.

I cannot, and will not attempt to explain this sudden transition to a higher moral plane as regards the work of the personnel, but I am free to state that this uplift took place immediately, and the work of the Bureau carried on with greater efficiency, conscientiousness and enthusiasm.

Telegraphing Weather

In my telegraph test, I had a rather amusing experience with the Signal Service sergeant in charge of the telegraph division.

For some reason which I do not recall, I failed to take the test with my class and was

later ordered to appear at the Signal Office for an individual examination.

On reporting to the sergeant, he placed me at a table containing the usual telegraph instruments, which he connected, locally, with a set at the far side of the room.

"I'll first test you out in receiving," he said. "And remember, I'm in Washington and you, theoretically, are in Baltimore."

Picking up a newspaper, he proceeded to his table, placed his watch before him, and began to send, gradually increasing the speed from about 15 words per minute. Without break I smoothly followed the clicking instrument to 20 words per minute, 23, 25 and then hurriedly jumping up, I called, "Hey sergeant!" Robinson continued sending, apparently not having heard me.

"Say, sergeant, you're going to fast," I called in a louder tone. Robinson sat unmoved and unhearing, the sounder clattering on with increasing speed.

Hastily running across the room, I tapped Robinson on the arm and said, "Sergeant, slow down; you're going too fast for me."

Dropping the key and whirling around, Robinson gave me a long, steady look and grunted, "When did you arrive? Darned fast trip that!"

"Fast trip?" I stammered, "I don't quite understand what you mean, sergeant."

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"I mean just what I said," he came back at me with a rasp in his voice. "You were supposed to be in Baltimore weren't you? If you had actually been there, under the same circumstances," and here his tone took on fine sarcasm, "you would have dropped your key, grabbed your hat and coat, and lit out for Washington, I suppose. Fine operators they're turning out up at Fort Myer! Do you understand now? If so we'll try it again," this in a kindlier voice.

I did understand, sheepishly and in all humility, I returned to my table.

A Plague of Bed Bugs

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Entrenched in the walls of the barracks, these entomological pests resisted every effort to dislodge them, and at last we capitulated and retreated with our bedding to the porch where we slept in comparative comfort.

Before surrendering, however, we put up a stiff fight. Incessant stalking, sniping, and use of gas bombs in the form of kerosene, failed to relieve the situation, and we had about given up, when one of the old Army veterans suggested throwing our blankets over the cots and sleeping on them, the idea being that the insects would find great difficulty in crawling over the blankets, the fuzzy wool offering such obstacles to their activities that they would become discouraged and disgusted and abandon the siege.

The suggestion was adopted, but we had met with defeat so many times that we were not optimistically enthusiastic. Our assailants had caught us in the rear and on the flank so often that we had reached the stage of doubt as to our ability to meet the unforeseen attacks of our enemy, which gave every evidence of thorough organization and control.

But what a relief the first night! The second night we began to twist and squirm and scratch, punctuating the darkness with exclamations more or less explosive and descriptive in character until finally one of the group yelled, "Boys, it's of no use. The damned things are dropping on me from the ceiling!" and grabbing his bedding he made

for the porch followed by a scrambling line of boys driven to desperation.

Yellow Fever Fears

One of my assignments was at the New Orleans Signal Service office, and I must confess that the assignment caused me no little alarm. In view of the fact that although 4 years had elapsed since the terrible yellow-fever epidemic of 1878 had swept the lower Mississippi Valley, it was still the topic of conversation, and there was an epidemic of the disease then at Pensacola.

On the way to New Orleans, our train stopped at Pensacola Junction where I saw men patrolling the station platform with shot guns on their shoulders, and was informed that it meant a "shot-gun quarantine" against Pensacola. Naturally, this incident failed to cheer my faltering and depressed spirits.

I was stationed at New Orleans about 3 years, including 6 months in charge of the station at Port Eads, where I had the pleasure of meeting James B. Eads, the great engineer who constructed the St. Louis Bridge and the Mississippi jetties. The Port Eads station was discontinued under me, and while awaiting instructions, I received a note from a friend who informed me that orders would soon be issued for me to proceed to Key West, FL.

I was nearly panic stricken. It should be understood that at that time Key West was commonly looked upon as being a hot-bed of yellow fever which, I was told, was endemic at that place and that to the unacclimated, death was certain.

On learning of my probable assignment, my friends gathered around me with lugubrious and sympathetic faces and recounted the most horrifying tales of the great 1878 epidemic, stories that congealed my blood, and at night, made me spring up in bed and cry out in terror with nightmare. And they denounced in unstinted terms a government that would heartlessly and cold-bloodedly and brutally send its servants to certain death!

In consternation I hastily composed a long telegram to my father in Washington, D.C. Through the influence of Senator Don Cameron of Pennsylvania, my orders were revoked and I remained at New Orleans.

Look for more insights into early weather service history in the next National Observer.

Thomas Jefferson Award



Nancy Taylor receives her Thomas Jefferson Award from NWS Spokane, WA, MIC **John Livingston**.

Nancy Taylor received the Thomas Jefferson Award for exemplary reporting of meteorological observations from her station in LaCrosse, WA. Her highly accurate and detailed temperature and precipitation records are a valuable resource to the nation's climate and weather programs.

Her 45 years of extraordinary public service will make a lasting contribution to the communities who work to advance agriculture, transportation and commerce.

This award was presented at the NWS Spokane, WA, open house event in September 2014. Photo by Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM) **Andy Brown**.

John Campanius Holm Award

From left, **Tim Dorgan**, Observer at Winchester, ID, accepts a John Campanius Holm Award from OPL **Mark Turner**, NWS Spokane, WA, and **Dan Johnson**, Idaho State Senator. Photo by **Colleen Dorgan**, Tim's daughter.

The award was presented during a ceremony at the Winchester Town Office and was attended by members of Tim's family, Winchester town officials and other area citizens who rely on Tim's weather reporting.



John Campanius Holm Awards



Alfred Glover, left, of Bridgton, ME, receives a John Campanius Holm Award from MIC **Hendricus Lulofs**, NWS Gray, ME. Alfred has faithfully taken high quality observations for 30 years in Bridgton and also received at 30 Year Length of Service Award. Photo by Observing Program Leader (OPL) **Nikki Becker**.

From left, Service Hydrologist **Thomas Hawley**, NWS Gray, ME, presents a John Campanius Holm Award to **Charles P. Sanborn** of Epping, NH, with help from MIC **Hendricus Lulofs**, NWS Gray, ME. Charles has faithfully taken high quality observations for 41 years in Epping, NH. Photo by OPL **Nikki Becker**.



John Campanius Holm Awards



From left, MIC **Hendricus Lulofs**, NWS Gray, ME, congratulates Holm Award winner **Maynard Webster** of New Sharon, ME, with assistance from Service Hydrologist **Thomas Hawley**. Maynard has faithfully taken high quality observations for 40 years in New Sharon, ME. Photo by OPL **Nikki Becker**.

Since May 1987 **Harold Weisbrook** has been faithfully taking NWS weather observations. Over that time, during harsh and inclement weather in northeast Colorado, Harold has never missed an observation. Over the past 5 years, Harold has been calling in his observations to the office. His calls are always timely and his observations exceptionally accurate. He is one of our best observers. During travel restrictions, Harold emptied the Fischer-Porter Rain Gauge so that it would not overflow and recharged it so that it would not freeze or evaporate. On one occasion, Harold donated some gas so an NWS Intern could drive to the nearest town to fill up. Harold has also served as a weather spotter over the years and has relayed severe weather and snow reports on several occasions.



Pictured are **Harold Weisbrook** and his wife, **Elaine**. Presentation by MIC **Nezette Rydell**, NWS Boulder, CO.

100 and 75 Year Honored Institution Awards

The **Pacific Gas and Electric Company** in Canyon Dam, CA, near Lake Almanor, received a 100 Year Honored Institution Award from NWS Sacramento, CA. Canyon Dam in Plumas County has an elevation of 4,560 feet. The Dam averages about 40 inches of precipitation a year along with copious amounts of snowfall due to its elevation. **Phil Woodward** accepted the award in behalf of PG&E. Canyon Dam is the fourth oldest Coop site in the Sacramento Region, accumulating data since 1914. The three oldest sites are Hetch Hetchy in Yosemite National Park, 1910; Davis, 1908; and the grandfather, De Sabla, dating back to 1904.



NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard presented the **San Gabriel Fire Station** with a 75 Year Honored Institution Award. OPL **Bonnie Bartling** and MIC **Mark Jackson** made the presentation at Fire Station 51. Division Chief **Derrick Doehler** officially accepted the award for the station.

Also attending were Station 50 and 51 firefighters and staff. Unfortunately, Observer **Elizabeth Mendoza** was not able to attend the presentation. The San Gabriel Fire Station has been collecting observations since May 1, 1939. Several staff members who attended the presentation recall the old days when they recorded temperatures with the old sling psychrometers.

From left, members of the **San Gabriel Fire Station**: **Captain Alex Robbins**, **Firefighter David Milligan**, **Division Chief Derrick Doehler**, **Firefighter Monte Mitchell**, **Captain David Pacela**, **Firefighter Eric Calisher**, **Auxiliary Kyle Kolb**, **Engineer Eric Walton**, and NWS OPL **Bonnie Bartling**.

75 Year Honored Institution Awards



Brush Creek Ranger Station, about 26 miles east of Oroville, CA, received a 75 Year Honored Institution Award from NWS Sacramento, CA. Brush Creek is 3,560 feet above sea level and averages about 60 inches of rain a year due to its location along the main storm track entering California during the rainy season. Ranger **Jared Smith** accepted the award on behalf of the Ranger Station. Brush Creek has been providing rain data since December 3, 1937.

The **Honolulu Board of Water Supply** was presented a 75 Year Honored Institution Award. From left are staff members **Amy Tsuneyoshi**, **Kaimana Wong**, **Ron Lee**, **Ken Tom**, NWS Honolulu Senior Service Hydrologist **Kevin Kodama**, **Darwina Griffin**, **Nancy Matsumoto**, and NWS OPL **Mark Farnsworth**. Photo by NWS Intern **Ioasa Tuu**.



Mel Purrington, Chief Record Keeper at **Murphy Dam**; accepted a 75 Year Honored Institution Award for the NH Water Resources Division at Murphy Dam in Pittsburg, NH. Mel has been the Chief Record Keeper of the Weather for the last 41 years. From left are **Pete Castine**, staff at Murphy Dam, NH; **Daniel Mattaini**, Operations Engineer of NH Water Resources Division; **Mel Purrington**; **MIC Hendricus Lulofs**, NWS Gray, ME; and **Alan Williams**, Dam Operator of Murphy Dam. Photo by OPL **Nikki Becker**.

Ruby Stufft 70 Year Award



NWS MIC **Larry Ruthi** and Ruby Stufft Award Winner **Ella Mae Julian**.
Photo by **Scott Reiter**, NWS.

Ella Mae Julian, a Coop Observer near Big Bow, KS, was presented with the Ruby Stufft Award for an amazing 70 years of service to the NWS. The award was presented by MIC **Larry Ruthi**, NWS Dodge City, KS. Ella Mae's husband, **Theodore**, was the primary observer since 1944 until his passing in 1999. Ella Mae was his backup before taking over the primary duties. Back in 2000, the Julians were honored with the John Campanius Holm Award, the second highest award that a Cooperative Observer can receive. Only 25 observers across the country receive this prestigious award each year. Ella Mae is the longest serving cooperative weather observer in southwest Kansas. She received letters of congratulations from Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran, Representative Tim Huelskamp and NWS Director **Louis Uccellini**. Also representing NWS at the ceremony were WCM **Jeff Hutton**, Information Technology Officer **Scott Reiter**, and OPL **Jesse Lee**. Vaughn Lorenson, Emergency Manager for Stanton County, also attended.

Edward R. Stoll 50 Year Awards

Wilma and Harold Hoyt of Rock Hill, NY, were presented the Edward H. Stoll award for 50 years of dedicated service. The award was presented by OPL **Elvis Gilt**, Binghamton, NY.



50 Year Honored Institution Award



NWS Oxnard, CA, presented the **Lompoc Water Treatment Plant** with a 50 Year Honored Institution Award. From left are OPL **Bonnie Bartling** and plant staff **Joe Torres, Rob O'Brien, Gene Margheim, Carrie Wilder and Bob Wetzel**. The staff present represented the administration, operations and maintenance sections of the plant. One member of the group remembered when they had the Maximum and Minimum Thermometers in the Cotton Region Shelter. Since then, the plant has upgraded to the MMTS and Nimbus, which they find much easier.
Photo by MIC **Mark Jackson**.

From left, **Ian Oliver**, Head Caretaker, **Nate Hurlbut**, Utility Worker and **Donal McCreer**, Caretaker, accepted a 50 Year Honored Institution Award on behalf of **Denver Water** in Dillion, CO. The presentation and photo was by OPL **Jim Kalina**, NWS Boulder, CO.



The **Eaton Rapids Wastewater Treatment Plant** (WWTP) staff were presented a 50 Year Honored Institution Award. The staff formally began participating in 1964 with daily precipitation measurements and river stage readings on the Grand River. Beginning in 2007, a Nimbus MMTS was installed to add temperature reporting capability. The plant has been proactive in notifying the NWS of any equipment related issues and maintains a good relationship with NWS Grand Rapids. Joining in the ceremony was the new superintendent, plant operators who take observations, and the original primary observer from the mid-1970s through 2000. From left are **Calvin Halsey**, Observer from 1978-2000; **Fred James**; **Scott Perry**; **Greg Hughes**, Interim Superintendent; **Jon Truscott**; and **Wayne Verhelle**.



50 Year Honored Institution Awards 40 Length of Service Award

NWS Sioux Falls, SD, honored the **Sioux Center Iowa Waste Water Treatment Plant** with a 50 Year Honored Institution Award. OPL **Brad Adams**, left, presented the award to **Sean Berkenpas** of the plant.



The **California Department of Forestry and Fire** in Stirling City, CA, received a 50 Year Honored Institution Award from NWS Sacramento, CA. Stirling City is in Butte County at an elevation of 3,520 feet. The city averages more than 50 inches of rain a year at its location in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The fire station has been recording precipitation since June 1, 1962. The award was accepted by Fire Chief **Art Salinas**, center, and staff members **Daniel Owens** and **Michael Lenard**.



From left, NWS Gray, ME, MIC **Hendricus Lulofs** presents a 40 Year Length of Service Award to Observer **Maynard Webster** of New Sharon, ME, with help from NWS SH **Thomas Hawley**.
Photo by OPL **Nikki Becker**, NWS Gray, ME.



40 and 35 Year Length of Service Awards

Jim and Marilyn Benovic of Montague, MI, were honored with a 40 Year Length of Service Award from NWS Grand Rapids, MI. The station history dates back to 1950. In 1974, Jim noticed an ad in the local newspaper requesting a volunteer weather observer for Montague because the previous observer had retired. Jim and his wife Marilyn signed up. In 1978, Jim and Marilyn accepted a Fischer & Porter gauge to add accumulated precipitation capability to their weather station. The Benovics have copies of all their observations going back to 1974. They have observed through many weather extremes, including the Blizzard of 1978 when they recorded 24.1 inches of snow. A former U.S. Postal Service employee, Jim enjoys maintaining his classic pickup truck and classic camper, which he displays in the local car show. He and Marilyn also enjoy visiting their children in New York and Arizona.



James Blaess, right, was presented a 35 Year Length of Service Award by MIC **Stephan Kuhl**, NWS Davenport, IA. James is the longest serving Observer for this historic site, surpassing Observer **Luke Roberts** who served 33 years from January 1879 to March 1912. In all, the Blaess family has logged 56 years of volunteer service dating back to June 1958. Photo and presentation by NWS Hydrometeorological Technician (HMT) **Tom Olsen**.

Clint Dietz, the Observer at Plevna, MT, shows his 35 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented and the photo was taken by NWS Billings, MT, HMT **Vickie Stephenson**.



30 Year Length of Service Awards



George Bomar, center, of Dripping Springs, TX, accepts a 30 Year Length of Service Award from Austin/San Antonio, TX, HMT **Patrick McDonald** and MIC **Joe Arellano**. George is also the author of the book entitled: "Texas Weather."

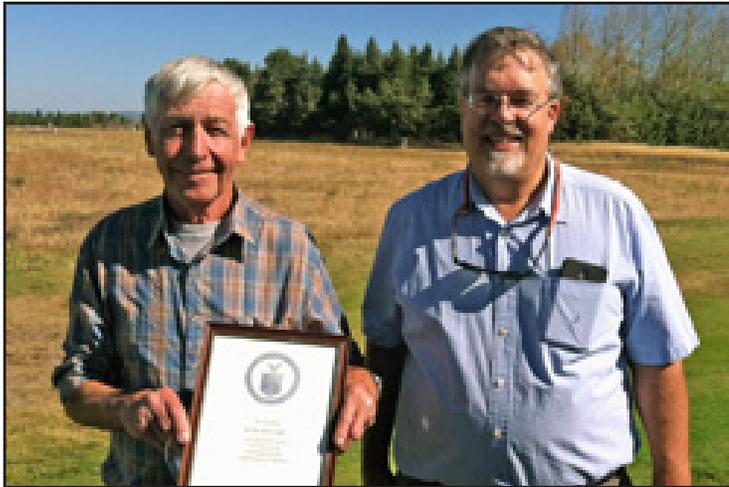
Photo by Science Operations Office (SOO) **Jon Zeitler**.

Joan Smith was presented with a 30 Year Length of Service Award by OPL **Steve Smart**, NWS Austin/San Antonio, TX, left and HMT **Patrick McDonald**, right. Joan is a valued member of the town of Watson and of Burnet County. Joan began taking weather observations back in 1968. She started taking official NWS weather observations in 1984.

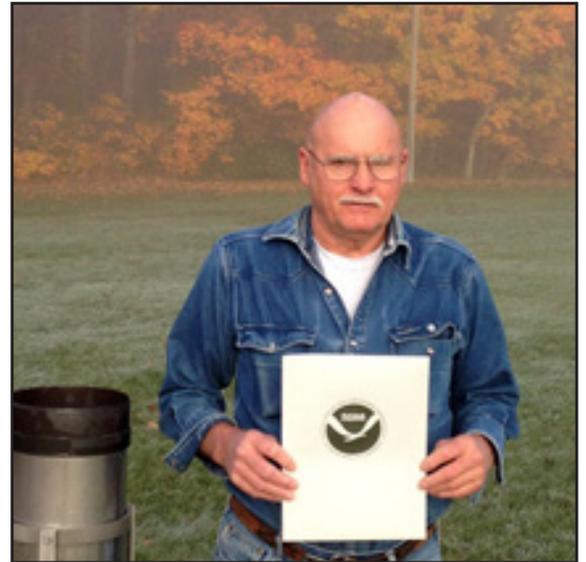


Jean Stanley, the Observer at Volborg, MT, received a 30 Year Length of Service Award at the Volborg Post Office and General Store in rural Montana from NWS Billings, MT, HMT **Vickie Stephenson**.

25 and 20 Length of Service Awards



From left, **Hank Odegard**, Observer for Prichard, ID, shows his 25 Year Length of Service Award presented by MIC **John Livingston**, NWS Spokane, WA. Hank maintains a remote recording rain gauge/river gauge 4 miles north of Prichard. Recently, NWS set up a full Coop "A" station at Hank's residence. Photo by NWS WCM **Andy Brown**.



Leonard Steward, of Garrett, IN, accepted a 25 Year Length of Service Award. Photo taken and award presented by OPL **Brentley Lothamer**, NWS Northern Indiana.



From left, **Laurie and Thomas Howell** of Eliot, ME, show Thomas's 20 Year Length of Service Award and pin. Photo and presentation by HMT **James Brown**, NWS Gray, ME.



The Observers at Clearmont, WY, **Bob and Connie Moore** (not pictured) received a 20 Year Length of Service Award. The awards were presented and the picture was taken by NWS Billings, MT, HMT **Vickie Stephenson**.

20 and 15 Year Length of Service Awards



Lorraine and Joe Reynolds of Montrose, PA, were presented a 20 Year Length of Service Award by OPL **Mitch Gilt**, NWS Binghamton, NY. The Reynolds are continuing over 100 years of precipitation data from the Montrose area.



Richard Sourdiff of Long Grove, IA, shows his 20 Year Length of Service Award. In addition to taking daily precipitation readings, Richard also reports river conditions on the Wapsipinicon River, which flows 50 yards from his back door. During the flood season, it sometimes flows into his house! Photo and presentation by NWS Davenport, IA, HMT **Tom Olsen**.

Jerry Simon of Jeddo, TX, received a 20 Year Length of Service Award from HMT **Patrick McDonald**, NWS Austin/San Antonio, TX.



Jim F. Wirshborn, the Observer at Fort Collins, CO, was presented with his 20 Year Length of Service Award by OPL **James Kalina**, NWS Boulder, CO.



Larry Acker, of Polo, IL, was presented a 15 Year Length of Service Award by OPL **Bill Nelson**, NWS Chicago/Romeoville, IL. The NWS weather records for Polo began when Larry moved to Polo but previously he observed at the family site started by his great-grandfather, **William Edward Acker**, in 1883.

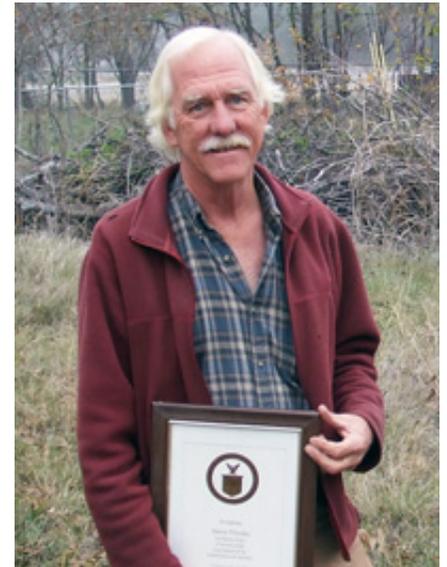
15 Year Length of Service Awards



Shannon Currier of Collbran, CO, received a 15 Year Length of Service Award from NWS Grand Junction, CO. Shannon and her family have been dedicated weather observers since December of 1999.



Patsy Austin of Bucklin, KS, was presented with a 15 Year Length of Service Award by OPL **Jesse Lee**, NWS Dodge City, KS. Patsy's husband, **Keith**, was the primary observer before he passed away in 2009. Keith took the site over from **Tom Luft**. The station has been in existence since **1888**.



Steve Flocke of Wimberley, TX, accepts a 15 Year Length of Service Award from the HMT **Patrick McDonald**, NWS Austin/San Antonio, TX. Steve has been taking official weather observation in Wimberley since July 1999.



The Observers at Bridger, MT, **Clinton and Clayton** (not pictured) **Giesick** and **Mark** (not pictured) and **Diane Giesick** received 15 Year Length of Service Awards. Presentations and photos by NWS Billings, MT, HMT **Vickie Stephenson**.



The Observer at Clyde Park, MT, **Joyce Sarrazin**, shows her 15 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented and picture taken by NWS Billings, MT, HMT **Vickie Stephenson**.

10 Year Length of Service Awards



Observer **John Paul Falk** of White Lake, SD, displays his 10 Year Award presented by **Tim Masters**, NWS Sioux Falls, SD. Though retired, John still drives an agriculture delivery truck a couple times a week and enjoys gardening and visiting with his grandchildren.



Derek Gordon, of the **Niles, MI, Wastewater Treatment Plant** accepts a 10 Year Length of Service Award presented by OPL **Brentley Lothamer**, NWS Northern Indiana.



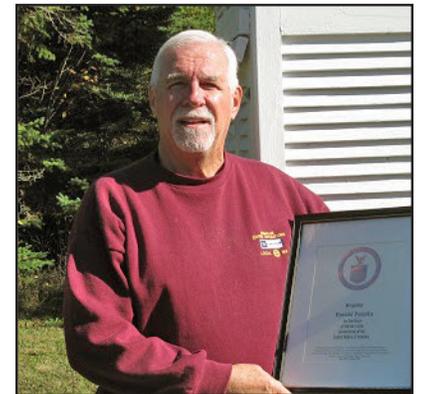
The Observers at Roundup, MT, **Doug and Shirley Parrot**, received a 10 Year Length of Service Award from NWS Billings, MT, HMT **Vickie Stephenson**.



John Klose of Bertram, TX, accepted a 10 Year Length of Service Award from HMT **Patrick McDonald**, NWS Austin/San Antonio, TX.



From left, **Tony Wright** and **Josh Caldwell** of the **Van Wert, OH, Water Treatment Plant** show their 10 Year Length of Service Awards. Photo and presentation by OPL **Brentley Lothamer**, NWS Northern Indiana.



Ron Peterka, Observer at Moran in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, shows his 10 Year Award. Ron is very active in his local community and enjoys amateur radio, electronics and woodworking. Photo and presentation by Cooperative Program Manager **Scott Rozanski**.



From left, **Gary Nussbaum**; **Bill McKean**, Mayor of Berne; **Kurt Dailey**, **Brandon Alberson**, and **Terry Kongar** of the Berne, IN, Wastewater Treatment Plant. The staff accepted 10 Year Length of Service Awards from OPL **Brentley Lothamer**, NWS Northern Indiana.

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