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## Outstanding Observers: Family Heritage Award



Current observer Thad Willis (left) and SLC MIC Darren Van Cleave (right)

Recognizing 100 years of dedication, NOAA's National Weather Service is proud to honor the Willis Family of Laketown, UT as a recipient of the agency's 2021 Family Heritage Award. Accepting this award is Thad Willis, son of former Laketown observer McKay Willis.

The Laketown COOP station was established in January of 1910, though records for a weather station in the area can be found as early as 1900. The Willis legacy began in 1921, when the station was moved

to the nearby residence of Joseph C. Robinson. Still at the helm in 1954, Mr. Robinson sent a letter to the State Climatologist about a "miniature tornado" he observed that came in violently, flattened a barn, and turned a shed half-way around. He reported devastating damage along a path 4 blocks long and 2 wide.

Joseph earned the John Campanius Holm Award in 1961. A Salt Lake Tribune article noted he hadn't missed a single observation in 40 years of duty.

Joseph finally handed the reins to cousin Mrs. Montry Kearl in June of 1964, completing a 43-year tenure. The station was moved a scant 400 feet, and not a day of observations was missed in the transition. Mrs. Kearl, whose husband and son served as backup observers, continued the record of daily temperature and precipitation for 23 more years.

In August of 1987, E. McKay Willis, cousin to Montry, stepped up to the plate. Again the station was relocated just a few hundred feet. Another family cousin, Clayton Robinson, was on deck as backup observer. One could tell that McKay was gunning for Joseph's record tenure as the decades and accolades mounted. In 2011, he earned the Holm Award. In 2022, he received his 35 year Length of Service Award. McKay was also recently nominated for the highest observer accolade in the country, the Thomas Jefferson Award.

Many of McKay's historical reports contain detailed notes of extreme weather conditions, including blizzards and heavy snowfall with near-whiteout conditions. McKay's observations, taken on time during each extreme event, included the 4 highest snowfall days since the station's inception in 1910. His remarks also note thunderstorms, large hail, flooding, and even an earthquake! One strong wind event he called in to the weather forecast office detailed high winds that blew down his neighbors' trees and removed shingles from roofs.

The Willis' reports over the past century have greatly facilitated the forecast office in producing weather advisories for the numerous travelers that pass through the Bear Lake area into Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming.

## Thomas Jefferson Awards



Raymond Tull from Donnellson, IA was presented the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award by NWS Davenport IA Meteorologist-in-Charge Ed Holicky and NWS Des Moines IA Meteorologist-in-Charge Donna Dubberke. Ray has been a Cooperative Weather Observer for the NWS for 36 years and has provided timely, detailed, and accurate precipitation, snowfall, and temperature observations. During his 36 years, Ray has experienced some extreme weather conditions in southeast IA. For example, during the Ground Hog Day Blizzard in February 2011, Ray measured the snowiest day ever in Donnellson at 14.0 inches of snow, with 50 mph winds creating substantial blowing and drifting. According to Iowa State Climatologist Harry Hillaker (retired), Ray has done 13,418 observations through May 18th, 2023. His dedication has resulted in the measurement of 1,367.40 inches of precipitation and 912.4 inches of snowfall in his 36 years of reporting. He is without a doubt a top-notch weather observer. Only 10 other individuals in the state of Iowa have received the Jefferson Award.

Ray is a past president of the Southeast Iowa Bee Keepers Organization and has taught hundreds of people and students about bees and the impact of weather and pesticides on the bee population. In addition, he has taught weather classes to southeast IA Master Gardeners and is an avid storm spotter. During the county fair, Ray monitors the weather for officials at the fairgrounds and alerts them of incoming storms. Besides having a keen interest in weather, he enjoys working on projects around the house, doing maintenance at the seniors housing in town, helping his kids Dave and Julie with projects, and spending time with his grandchildren Tyler, Jonathon, and Kaidin. He is also a member of the repair board at his church, president of the cemetery board, and a member of the American Legion.

Retired Iowa State Climatologist Harry Hillaker, Representatives from the Offices of Senator Charles Grassley and Rep. Miller Meeks, and NWS employees from NWS Davenport IA and NWS Des Moines IA were in attendance to congratulate Ray on his achievement.

## John Campanius Holm Awards



*From left to right: SLC MIC Darren Van Cleave, WR Director Grant Cooper, and observers Kerry and Annie Lambert*

Observer Kerry Lambert from Kamas, UT earned the 2021 John Campanius Holm Award for 30 years of outstanding weather observations. Kerry has been the longest tenured Coop Observer at this station since its inception in 1948, taking accurate and consistent temperature and precipitation measurements each day.

Kerry's timely reports from this recreation gateway to the Uinta Mountains have been pivotal to the forecast office, particularly during the recently widespread extreme drought and nearby wildfires. With the diligent assistance of his wife, Annie, this team has braved record snowfall to monsoonal thunderstorms each passing year.

Kerry has a long history of civic involvement, readily volunteering his time with his church and the Scouts. His decades of school teaching have brought him respect and reverence among multiple generations of this small community. The Lambert team's three decades of Coop observations are used and greatly appreciated by the NWS, local farmers, ranchers, and the rapidly growing Kamas community alike.



Anthony (Tony) Mondaro of Harrison, NJ founded the Harrison Weather Center in 1982 to collect and coordinate weather reports from across northern New Jersey, working with local emergency officials and the National Weather Service to get this vital information. Tony also collects weather data at his house, where the Weather Center is located, from a large variety of equipment, including no less than 11 anemometers.

Tony has served as a weather spotter for the National Weather Service for over 40 years, dating back to when the NWS operated an office at Newark Airport. In 1996, he became an official cooperative observer at his house in Harrison. Tony's dedication to and passion for the Cooperative Observer Program shine in his complete daily record of temperature, precipitation and snowfall. His interest in weather, data collection, and public safety combined are second to none in North Jersey, and for this he was awarded a 2023 John Campanius Holm Award. Congratulations, Tony!

## John Campanius Holm Awards



SLC MIC Darren Van Cleave (left), observer Debi Stout (center) SLC OPL Lisa Verzella (right)

The National Weather Service would like to congratulate Debi Stout on earning the 2020 Cooperative Observer Program's John Campanius Holm Award for three decades of exemplary weather observations from Boulder, UT.

In 1993, Debi volunteered to take over the Boulder weather station barely a week after the former long-time observer passed away. With a quick training session, she began taking observations and has rarely missed a day since. She trained her husband Sam, and together they've measured and reported countless extreme weather events, including damaging winds and record rain and snow events.

Ms. Stout is no stranger to public service, having volunteered on the Boulder Fire

Department, Planning Commission, and Garfield County Search and Rescue. Former Boulder Mayor Steve Cox proclaims, "Her service has been critical to the public health, safety, and welfare of our community." Boulder Fire Chief Corry Johnson concurs, adding "I make my living outside...I can appreciate accurate and correct weather recording, and I feel like Debi has done an exceptional job of doing that for the 20 years I have known her."



Weather observer Mas Sumida from Perry, UT earned the 2020 Cooperative Observer Program's John Campanius Holm Award for 35 years of exemplary observations. The Perry COOP station was established in 1987 in a partnership between NWS and Utah State University, with Mas at the helm.

Despite his duties as a farmer and owner of an excellent fruit and vegetable stand along the popular Utah Fruit Highway, Mas never fails to submit his precipitation data. He and the many local farmers in this region use this data to adjust their irrigation strategies.

Mas enthusiastically shares his data and his extensive weather knowledge with customers and the agriculture community. He keeps a backup file of each month's data so that he has

a continuous and accurate record of the precipitation falling on his crops each season, keeping these records for his entire tenure. His data is also summarized by Utah State University for their agricultural program.

Mas is a well-respected member of the agricultural community in Perry. As Mas was quoted in a Deseret News article from May of 1993, "As people get to know you and know when you're open, you get loyal customers, and they tell their friends. You have to build on what you can get. But many of your customers become your good friends."

## John Campanius Holm Awards



John R. Bramley of Delhi, NY was selected to receive the prestigious John Campanius Holm award in 2023, as well as a 45 year LOS award. John wished to receive his award at NWS Binghamton, where he could meet many staff members and see the office.

John began observing in 1965, but took a break from 2003-2016 when he moved away from the area. He returned to Delhi in 2016 and took up where he left off as an observer. His consistent and long-term record of observations provide valuable information for a county with the greatest number of disaster declarations in the state of New York, many as a result of devastating flooding and heavy snow. The area is also part of the Delaware watershed system, which provides more than 90 percent of New York City's water supply. At the age of 94, Mr. Bramley has many times throughout the years dealt with adverse and challenging weather conditions to get to his 8 inch rain gauge and to melt and measure precipitation, and he is conscientious in always taking and getting his reports in on time.

Mr. Bramley is the past owner of the Bramley Insurance Agency. He has extensive knowledge about the history of Delhi, is active with the Delhi Historical Society, and provides items for exhibits from his personal collection of memorabilia. His insurance agency is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and has made donations to organizations such as the Delhi Beautification Committee. In his spare time, he is an avid gardener and enjoys riding his antique snow mobile when the winter allows and working on his cabin in the woods.

## 100 Year Honored Institution Awards



The Newark Water Department oversees a network of reservoirs about 25 miles northwest of the City of Newark, NJ in the Highlands Region of northern New Jersey. These reservoirs collect and store drinking water for the state's largest city, Newark. Because they are preserved land, the natural environment is protected. This creates a unique opportunity to record climate observations just outside the nation's most densely populated area in a landscape that remains similar to how it was decades ago.

The Charlotteburg site was initially started on April 1, 1893 at a railroad depot north of the current site in West Milford Township. In December 1921 after the observer passed away, the City of Newark's Water Department took over observations and relocated the site a bit south to the current location, where it has remained. The site is the longest continuously reporting cooperative observer site at any one location in the State of New Jersey and the second longest in any one location in the New York City metropolitan area after Central Park. Since 1893, the site has never missed reporting a month of temperature or precipitation data. With thousands of people dependent on this area for drinking water, tracking how much precipitation falls is important for the Newark Water Department. The site also hosts a weather station that is part of the New Jersey Weather Net mesonet, operated by the Office of the New Jersey State Climatologist at Rutgers. For their dedicated work, the site was presented in December 2023 with a 100 Year Honored Institution Award and with the World Meteorological Organization's Centennial Observing Station Award. Thanks to the Newark Water Department and the City of Newark, NJ for your commitment to the cooperative observer program!



The Central Park weather station, located at Belvedere Castle in New York City, is among the nation's and world's most used weather observations. Starting in 1867, the Central Park Meteorology Department began a system of taking regular weather observations. In 1868, permanent establishment of a Meteorological Observatory at Central Park took place and on December 28th of that year, Dr. Daniel Draper was appointed as the first and only director of the New York Meteorological Observatory. After Dr. Draper resigned his position on July 1, 1911, the task of maintaining the weather station in Central

Park was taken over by the U.S. Weather Bureau's New York City office staff to ensure its longevity. The site moved from the original location at the Arsenal Building to its current location at and near Belvedere Castle on January 1, 1920. The current rocky hill just south of the castle serves as the location of the official temperature equipment. This equipment was first automated at the end of 1960. In 1995, the second generation of automated equipment took over when the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) was commissioned; however, staff from the U.S. Weather Bureau and later the National Weather Service continued to take manual snowfall readings up through December 31, 1995. By that point, the National Weather Service had moved the New York City office out to Eastern Long Island, NY. In order to keep the snow measurement record going, volunteers were recruited to take the readings. Snow measurement readings have been taken by the Central Park Conservancy staff since December 2015 to supplement the ASOS parameters collected for other weather elements. For over 100 years of records at one location and its complete record of data, the site was recognized by the World Meteorological Organization as a Centennial Observing Station back in 2021. This award presentation was delayed in-person due to the COVID pandemic in 2021 and 2022. We proudly recognize the role of the Central Park Conservancy in keeping one of the nation's longest standing and most used snowfall records going! We also recognize the current Electronics Technicians at NWS New York office, James Vessalico, Mike Cox and Tim Dunham, for their hard work in maintaining the ASOS at the site over the years!

## 50 Year Honored Institution Awards



The Hap Cremean Water Plant has been providing weather observations to the NWS for over 50 years. Thank you for your dedication!



The Eaton Wastewater Treatment Plant has been providing weather observations for the past 50 years. Presenting the award was Brandon Peloquin at NWS Wilmington, OH. Photo provided by James Gibson at NWS Wilmington, OH.



The New Carlisle Wastewater Treatment Plant has been providing weather observations to the National Weather Service for 50 years. Presenting the award was Brandon Peloquin at Wilmington, OH. Photo provided by James Gibson at NWS Wilmington, OH.



The Waverly Wastewater Treatment Plant has been providing weather observations for 50 years. Thank you for your dedication and service!

## 50 Year Honored Institution Awards



The City of Greenfield Water Utility was recently recognized for 50 years of service in the National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Program at the Greenfield South Water Treatment Plant located off Baldwin Street. The plant, in one form or another, has been onsite since 1886. We thank all the Water Plant Operators for their daily service recording temperatures, precipitation, snowfall, snow depth, and precipitation types. The data is used near and far for varying time periods by a wide variety of users, including the plant itself, and it will forever be in the national archives alongside those from Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and diaries of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

“It is a great recognition for the Utility, and our operations staff”, said Charles Gill, the Water Utility Manager. “We are proud to continue our service to the city, state, and nation for the next 50 years as we grow and evolve our water operations to ensure our customers have the best water system that we can provide.” Jimmy Griffith, the Assistant Utility Manager, has collected this information for over 13 years. “I have been with the Utility for over 20 years, and this has been a mutually beneficial thing. We use the weather information to help us understand the impacts over time on the aquifer system.”

Our congratulations to the Utility staff for their dedication and service. Here’s to another 50 years!

## 25 Year Honored Institution Awards



Standing next to a Fischer-Porter rain gauge, Tommy Dungan recently accepted the 25 year Honored Institution Award on behalf of the Jackson Alabama Water Treatment Plant. Tommy leads a team of operators at the plant in taking daily weather observations as part their shift duties for the National Weather Service Mobile/Pensacola COOP Program. Presenting the award and providing the photo was Joe Maniscalco, OPL at NWS Mobile/Pensacola.

## 25 Year Honored Institution Awards



The Dayton International Airport has been providing weather observations to the National Weather Service for 25 years. Presenting the award was Brandon Peloquin at NWS Wilmington, OH. Photo provided by James Gibson at NWS Wilmington, OH.



*From left to right: Town Council President Bridget Hayes, Ashley Novak, NWS, Utility Supervisor Tim Ripperger, and Water Works Austin Guy.*

Brookville Water Works has been providing weather observations for 25 years. Thank you to Brookville Water Works for your dedication and service!



Ms. Golden accepted a 25 year Honored Institution Award on behalf of the Florida State Park program in Florida. She has been working for the state park for nearly 30 years, and she has been a COOP site observer at the Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park in South Florida on Biscayne Bay for 25 years.

The John Glenn International Airport has been providing weather observations to the National Weather Service for 25 years. We are grateful for their dedication. Presenting the award was James Gibson at NWS Wilmington, OH.

## Benjamin Franklin Awards



For the past 55 years, rain or shine, in subzero cold or windy conditions, Steve has headed outside with a flashlight around 10:30 PM to take daily measurements of high and low temperatures and precipitation in his backyard. Steve also measures snowfall and snow depth in the winter and records additional observations in his personal journal of pressure, humidity, dew point, sky condition, and winds. He is one of the few remaining National Weather Service COOP observers who uses the historic cotton region shelter and liquid in glass thermometers for his observation, because Steve prefers using the same instruments that have been at his station since he started as a COOP observer in October of 1968. He also volunteers to record the high and low temperature from the electronic COOP temperature sensor next to the historic equipment for comparison.

It is an honor to be able to work with Steve as part of the COOP program, and his attention to detail and passion for weather observing is the “gold standard for weather observers.” You can tell he’s had a life-long interest in watching the weather. He remembers monitoring temperatures and taking rain and snow measurements in a coffee can growing up, and he still has the old Taylor thermometer that his parents gave him in 6th grade. We can’t thank Steve enough for the over 20,000 weather observations he has shared over the years! It was such an honor to have the opportunity to present him with the Benjamin Franklin Award for over a half century of dedicated service in front of the local climate community during their annual seminar at the University of Minnesota. Congratulations Steve!

## 75 Year Family Heritage Awards



Recognizing 75 years of dedication, NOAA’s National Weather Service is proud to honor the Davis Family of Pleasant Grove, UT as a recipient of the agency’s 2021 Family Heritage Award. Accepting this award is the current observer, Dean Richard Davis.

The Pleasant Grove COOP station was established in September of 1946, with Calvin Walker at the helm. Upon Cal’s passing in 1980, his son-in-law, Dean L. Davis, took over the weather observations. The torch was handed to his son, Dean Richard Davis, in 2011. Richard, as he’s commonly called, earned his 10 year Length of Service Award in 2021, which will also be presented today. He has a few more years to achieve the 35 years needed to beat his predecessors, but he hopes to continue the COOP tradition as long as possible. Across three generations and 75 years, the station has remained within a block of its original location!

## 75 Year Family Heritage Awards



Doug Howard of Alpine, IN was presented with the 75 year Family Heritage Award. Doug took over the observations from his uncle, Arthur Mahan, to keep the observations in the family and at the same location.

Thank you to the Mahan-Howard family for your dedication and service!

## 50 Year Family Heritage Awards



Recognizing 50 years of dedication, NOAA’s National Weather Service is proud to honor the Jeffery Family of Delta, UT as a recipient of the agency’s 2021 Family Heritage Award. Accepting this award is current observer Todd Jeffery.

The historical record of Delta COOP weather reports date back to January of 1956, though observations had begun at the Delta Airport in 1940. The station moved from the airport to the Farnsworth residence in 1965. The next move was to the Jeffery farm in 1971. Reed Jeffery began a reign that lasted over four decades years until he handed over observation duties to his son, Todd, in 2017. Reed had earned the 45 year Dick Hagemeyer Length of Service Award in 2016. Todd has a few more years to achieve his 10 year award, but he hopes to continue the COOP tradition as long as possible.

As dedicated farmers, the Jeffery Family has always recognized the importance of climate and weather reports and ensures timely and thorough observations. Todd has often sent pictures and measurements of ongoing hail storms and other severe weather occurring at his station. We commend Todd, his father, and all the Jeffery family members who have delivered continuous, dependable observations for the past 50 years.

## 65 Year Length of Service Award



Though the cooperative weather observation site in Guntersville began back in February of 1900, the site as it is known today began at WGSV Radio Station on the shores of Guntersville Lake on May 1, 1958. Mr. Bruce Underwood has diligently taken daily (early-morning) observations for more than 23,900 days! He's seen his share of wild weather in that time, and here are just a few of the notable weather tidbits from the last 65 years!

The hottest temperature recorded at WGSV occurred in July of 1980, when 106F was observed. In January of 1963, Mr. Underwood observed the lowest temperature ever recorded at the site, with a morning low of -5F on January 24, 1963. In the winter before Mr. Underwood took over taking observations Guntersville had the lowest morning low ever recorded at the site. -11F was measured in January of 1985, just 4 months before Mr. Underwood took the helm. For rainfall data, the wettest year at WGSV occurred in 2013 when 83.95" fell, which is almost double the normal amount of rainfall that the area receives in a typical year. The driest year on record was in 2007, when 32.16" fell, which is about 50-60% of normal for the year. As far as daily records go, 8.95" of rain fell on September 6, 2011, when the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee dumped heavy rainfall across much of Northern Alabama. The 3,200" plus of rainfall observed by Mr. Underwood translates roughly to over 272 feet of rain observed since 1958! When it comes to snowfall observations, January 1988 was the snowiest, with 9.1" of snow observed on January 7th of that year. In total, Mr. Underwood has observed more than 94 inches of snow since beginning observations at WGSV, roughly translating to almost 8 feet of snow over the last 65 years.

While we know that it is definitely a team effort to ensure that the daily observations are taken and entered into the website, Mr. Bruce Underwood and his WGSV Station Manager, Mr. Kerry Jackson, have been an integral part of this process! We want to express our gratitude for Bruce and Kerry's leadership and for their team's willingness to integrate the observations process into their daily workload. The forecasters in the NWS Huntsville Weather Forecast Office look forward to Mr. Underwood's phone call each weekday morning at 5:30 am. His chipper greetings have entertained many a forecaster at a difficult point in their midnight shifts (when they're fighting to stay awake). We appreciate Bruce for taking the time to call us each morning; it means a lot to the Huntsville office. From many a late night forecaster, NWS Director Ken Graham, NWS Southern Region Director Mike Coyne, NWS Huntsville Meteorologist-in-Charge Todd Barron, and local Observations Program Leader at NWS Huntsville Chelly Amin, we congratulate Mr. Bruce Underwood and WGSV Radio Station in Guntersville, AL on 65 years of excellent weather observations! Thank you again, and congratulations on your 65 Year Length of Service Award, Bruce!

## 45 Year Length of Service Awards



Roger Rhonemus of West Union was recently honored for 45 years of weather observations. Roger, his sister Polly Rummer, and their father have been observers for a combined 50+ years.

Presenting the award was NWS Meteorologist Ashley Novak and OPL James Gibson. Photo provided by People's Defender Sherry Larson.

## 35 Year Length of Service Awards



Observer Brad Harvey (left) and NWS OPL Jesse Lee (right)

Brad Harvey, Cooperative Weather Observer of rural west central Trego County, KS south of Collyer, was presented with a 35 year Length of Service Award on Friday, December 8th, by Jesse Lee, Observing Program Leader for the National Weather Service in Dodge City. In attendance for the presentation was Gayla Harvey, Brad's wife. Brad has recorded precipitation and snowfall data for the National Weather Service since 1988. The station began in 1940, with Jerry Dalby as the first observer. Oscar Luce, Mr. Dalby's nephew, took over in 1949 and continued until 1981. Gary Walt was the observer from 1981 until he passed away in 1983. Brad's father, Don Harvey, became the official observer in 1983 until his death in 2005. Brad became the backup observer in 1988 before becoming the primary observer in 2005.



Observer Tim Thomas (left) and OPL James Gibson (right)

Tim Thomas has been providing weather observations for 35 years with the Kenton Times and was presented his Length of Service Award by James Gibson, OPL at Wilmington, OH. Thank you, Tim, for your dedication.

## 35 Year Length of Service Awards



A big congratulations and thank you to National Weather Service COOP observer Steve Sobel for 35 years of service for Farmington, MI! Steve, along with his wife Linda, continue to dedicate their time to taking quality weather observations. Steve continues to be an outstanding observer and has even been awarded the John Campanius Holm Award. Presenting the award was Observation Program Leader Sara Schultz from the National Weather Service in White Lake, MI.



*Pictured left to right: OPL Jesse Lee, observers Bill and Barbara Schreiber, and Lindon Steadman.*

Bill and Barbara Schreiber, Cooperative Weather Observers at Ransom, KS were presented with a 35 year Length of Service Award on Tuesday, November 13th, by Lindon Steadman, Meteorologist-in-Charge for the National Weather Service in Dodge City. In attendance for the presentation were Meteorologist Ray Burgert and Dodge City OPL Jesse Lee. Bill is the primary observer and Barbara is the backup for the Ransom station. They have recorded precipitation and snowfall data since 1988.

The station was started in 1946 by Ira Shellenberger. Fred Yost, Barbara's Uncle, took over in 1958. After Fred passed away in 1975, Barbara's father Ulrich became the primary observer in January 1976. Mr. Schreiber took over the observing duties in 1988. The Yost family has been taking observations for the last 65 years.



Wendell Jenkins has been involved with the COOP program for 35 years and is the point of contact in Piketon, OH. Thank you, Wendell, for your dedication!

## 30 Year Length of Service Awards



Johnny Hoyle at Lincolnton, NC was presented a 35 Year Length of Service Award by OPL Chris Horne from NWS Greenville-Spartanburg, SC. The COOP observing site adjoins Johnny's ancestral homestead, built in 1886 by his great grandfather Lightfoot William Hoyle.



Amos Yost, Cooperative Weather Observer for Montezuma, KS, was presented with a 30 year Length of Service Award on Tuesday, December 12th, by Jesse Lee, Observing Program Leader for the National Weather Service in Dodge City. Amos started the Montezuma station in 1993 and has recorded temperature, precipitation and snowfall data.



## 25 Year Length of Service



Cooperative Weather Observer Ruth Gordon, was presented the 25 year Length of Service Award. Presenting the award was Thomas Olsen, OPL NWS Springfield Missouri.

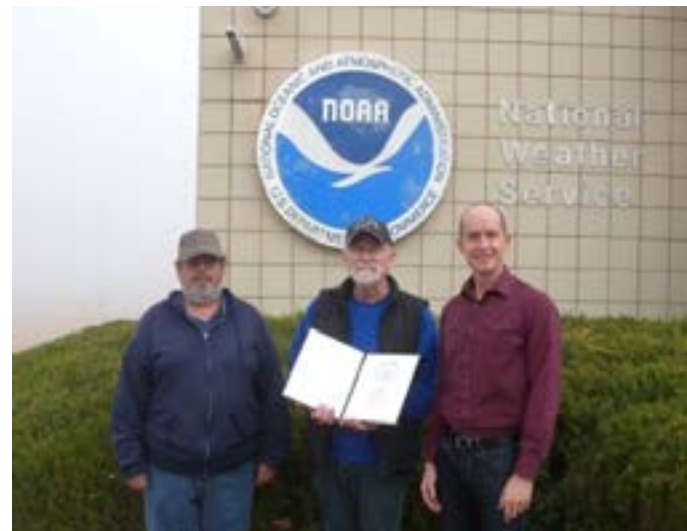
Ruth took over observing duties from her father, Ralph N. Land, who started collecting daily weather for the NWS on April 14, 1949. Thank you, Ruth, for over 25 years and for your family's 70 plus years of service to the NWS. Photo provided by R.D. Hohenfeldt.



Scott Sample of Muscatine IA was given his 25 year Length of Service Award by NWS Davenport, IA Meteorologist Tim Gross.

Scott has been a weather observer since 1998 and continues to report accurate and timely observations to the local NWS office each day. Scott is a retired electrician who helps his local church with their audio equipment each week and grounds upkeep. He is also a Skywarn storm spotter who provides detailed storm reports to the NWS during severe weather. Congratulations, Scott, and thank you for your dedication to providing weather observations to the NWS!

Ralph Rowe from North English, IA accepted his 25 year Length of Service Award from NWS Davenport Iowa Meteorologist Tim Gross. Ralph has been an observer since 1996 and has seen all types of weather extremes that eastern Iowa has to offer. Thank you for your service and dedication all these years!



Dennis Brown, Cooperative Weather Observer of rural northeastern Ford County, KS near Bellefont, was presented with a 25 year Length of Service Award on November 7th. Presenting the award was Lindon Steadman, Meteorologist-in-Charge for the National Weather Service in Dodge City. In attendance for the presentation were Observing Program Leader Jesse Lee and Meteorologist Wesley Hovorka.

Dennis has recorded precipitation and snowfall data for the National Weather Service since 1998. The station was established in 1959, with Delbert Kane as the first observer. Mr. Kane continued until 1983, when Lavonne Nau took over. Dennis took over the observing duties in 1998.

## 25 Year Length of Service Awards



Congratulations and thank you to Sally Brown at our Franklin, IN cooperative observing station for spending 25 years and counting with us! Sally's history in Franklin goes back to her childhood and graduation from Franklin College with a degree in Biology. Her degree has helped with her wastewater laboratory career at Franklin Wastewater Treatment Plant since joining in 1998, at which time she began recording weather conditions for us no matter what the weather.

Sally's long-term connection and service to the community of Franklin and beyond has been immeasurable and greatly

valued. Her background invokes numerous inquiries and conversations with friends and construction crews, particularly farmers and gardeners, about rain and snow totals.

One memorable weather event during Sally's NWS observing tenure was the historic June 2008 central Indiana flooding event that dumped 7.68" of rain in less than 2 days. Franklin had already received 3.50" in the few days leading up to the event. A lightning strike knocked out her temperature equipment. To this day, Sally remembers the measuring tube overflowing and emptying it twice before the rain stopped, keeping the NWS and acquaintances informed of how much accumulated. "The day was surreal!"

She enjoys gardening and yard work, and she plans to make her new granddaughter her new "hobby".

Ted Alexander, Cooperative Weather Observer for rural northwestern Barber County south of Sun City, KS, was presented with a 25 year Length of Service Award on September 29th by Jesse Lee, Observing Program Leader for the National Weather Service in Dodge City.

Ted has provided rainfall and snowfall data to the National Weather Service since 1998.



Tommy Dungan, with the Jackson Alabama Water Treatment Plant, was presented the NWS COOP Program's 25 year Length of Service Award. He was honored for his long-standing partnership with the NWS COOP Program in maintaining the climate period of record for Jackson Alabama, which dates back to October 1961. Tommy oversees the facility's program in gathering the local high and low temperatures and daily rainfall. He also takes the lead in submitting the monthly Hourly Precipitation Data. Tommy said it's a team effort and appreciates providing the service.

Presenting the award and providing the photo was Joe Maniscalco, NWS Mobile/Pensacola Observation Program Leader.



## 20 Year Length of Service Awards



*Peggy McCampbell (right) and NWS Springfield Hydrologist Megan Terry (left)*

Peggy McCampbell, along with her son Samuel and daughter Fairlight (not pictured), of Round Spring, Missouri received the 20 year Length of Service Award from Megan Terry, Hydrologist at NWS Springfield, MO.

Peggy, Samuel and Fairlight are part of a long heritage of volunteers in the Round Spring area. Citizen volunteers like the McCampbell family have taken daily weather readings in the Round Spring area since March of 1940. Thank you, Peggy and family, for your dedication to the NWS Cooperative Observing program.



*Pictured left to right: Observers Dennis and Theresa Howick and Ashley Novak*

Dennis and Theresa Howick have been providing weather observations to the National Weather Service for 20 years. Presenting the award was Ashley Novak at NWS Wilmington, OH. Picture provided by James Gibson at NWS Wilmington, OH.



Wayne Francis accepted his 20 year Length of Service Award for his Ojai, CA Cooperative Observer site. Presenting the award was OPL Joe Sirard, NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard.

Ojai observations date back to May 1, 1905. Wayne has been recording the observations since 2003. Wayne is very involved in the Community as well. He is an active Ham Radio Operator and active member of the Red Cross.

## 15 Year Length of Service Awards



We are celebrating 15 years of public service by our cooperative weather observer Bill Porter. Bill's enthusiasm shines through in his interactions with the NWS. He always greets us during visits, helps us while we are on and off site, and is consistent with timely filing of his observations with helpful supplemental remarks.

Bill was an engineering technician for 34 years at NSWC Crane. His position involved overseeing testing worldwide of the storage of pyrotechnic, chemical, and grenade ammunition. Much emphasis was placed on life saving devices, such as downed pilots using flares, markers at sea, or protecting personnel from enemy forces during training exercises or wartime.

Bill keeps busy in retirement with daily weather observations and more than 20 years of planting trees on his property, consisting of walnut, pecan, oak (red, white, and pin), poplar, white pine, and northern spruce. He probably has at least 300 walnut trees alone!



Mike Canterbury, Dam Tender with the Pine River Irrigation District at Vallecito Reservoir in southwestern Colorado received his 15 year Length of Service Award from DAPM John Kyle. Our thanks to Mike, James, Christy and the rest for all they do for the NWS!

## 15 Year Length of Service Awards



Jeannie Steward, long time resident of Placerville, Colorado, received her 15 year Length of Service Award from Grand Junction DAPM John Kyle. Thanks to Jeannie and family!



Our dedicated observer in the West Manchester/ Eldorado area has been providing weather observations for 15 years.



NWS OPL Chris Horne (left) and observer Baker Perry (right)

Dr. Baker Perry at Flat Springs, NC was presented a 15 year Length of Service Award by OPL Chris Horne. Dr. Perry is a professor in the Department of Geography & Planning at Appalachian State. He is also an authority on snowfall patterns and processes in the Southern Appalachians. An additional claim to fame is his involvement in the installation of the world's highest weather station near the summit of Mount Everest!

## 10 Year Length of Service Awards



Greg Peltier of the Piqua WWTP has been providing weather observations to the National Weather Service for 10 years. Thanks to Greg and all at Piqua WWTP who help provide observations.



David Sundquist, dedicated observer for Lowville, NY, received a 10 year Length of Service Award.

David has done a tremendous job carrying on the legacy of weather observations for Lowville, a location that has weather observations dating back to 1827!



Doug Sweet with the London Fish Hatchery in London, OH has been providing weather observations to the NWS for 10 years. Thank you, Doug, for your dedication!

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