

SDNA honors two Clark County native sons -

▲ *Jim Moritz is inducted into newspaper Hall of Fame*

▲ *Jerry Lohr receives Distinguished Achievement Award*



Friday's banquet at the 134th annual South Dakota Newspaper Association Convention saw two Clark County natives receive noteworthy awards for life-long endeavors.

Jim Moritz was inducted, along with three other individuals, into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Jerry Lohr received the Distinguished Achievement Award. This award recognizes a non-newspaper person who has distinguished themselves in achievement in or for South Dakota.

Clark County Courier publisher Bill Krikac is the 2015-2016 SDNA president. His presidency came to a close at the convention last weekend, in Mitchell.

Both Moritz and Lohr grew up in Clark County and what follows is their respective biographies which introduced them to the audience, at Mitchell.

Jim Moritz

There are many family businesses represented here tonight, but few, if any, with roots as deep as the Moritz family business.

Jim Moritz is a fourth generation weekly newspaper publisher. His great-grandfather, Theodore Condit, published a newspaper in Clinton, Minn. His grandfather, Jeff Condit, published the Traill County Tribune in Mayville, N. D., before moving to Clark in 1948 to operate the Clark County Courier. His mother, Helen, married Bert Moritz and they joined the business around the time of Jim's birth in 1949.

Jim grew up in the Courier's print shop at Clark, dusting the floors, sweeping up the lead filings from the Linotype and eventually running the letterpress and doing commercial job work.

After he graduated from Clark High School in 1967, he enrolled at South Dakota State University in



Clark County was very well represented at the South Dakota Newspaper Association annual convention last weekend, at Mitchell.

Jim Moritz, left, was inducted into the SDNA Hall

Brookings, majoring in print management and history. He enlisted in the Air Force during his junior year at SDSU. Eventually he was stationed at Brentwater RAF in England where he worked in supply.

of Fame. Jerry Lohr, middle, received the Distinguished Achievement Award and Clark County Courier publisher Bill Krikac, right, presided over the convention.

Honorably discharged in 1974, he returned to SDSU where he earned his degree in history. He returned to Clark to join the family business and marry C. Jody Moritz, a teacher at Clark High School.

In October of 1977, Jim left the Courier, his parents and his brother David who ran the print shop, to purchase the Faulk County Record in Faulkton. In Faulkton, Jim and Jody raised two sons, Garrick and Paul.

In 38 years at the Record, Jim has seen a wealth of changes in the way his newspaper is published. He also spent 38 years walking the tightrope that weekly publishers know so well, balancing community leadership with journalistic integrity.

Jim not only followed his father and grandfather in the family business, but into industry leadership. All three men served as presidents of SDNA and now all three are enshrined in our hall of fame. Jim was SDNA president in 1994-95.

The Clark County Courier was eventually sold to Bill Krikac. Jim and Jody sold the Faulk County Record to longtime employee Val Ramsdell and her husband, Dan.

But, have no fear, the Moritz name lives on in newspaper publishing. Jim and Jody's son Garrick and his wife, Carrie, own and operate the Garretson Gazette. They're the fifth generation in the Moritz family business, continuing Jim's legacy and a family tradition in South Dakota newspapers.

Jerry Lohr

The hallmarks of Jerry Lohr's life are hard work, success and generosity. He has been a champion for his industry, his employees and South Dakota.

The oldest son of a Clark County farm family, Jerry earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at South Dakota State University. He followed that with a master's degree at Stanford University.

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"Be nice. Say hi to people. Help out when you can." These were words of advice from Tia Felberg's mother, Rhonda Michalski. Patience is another attribute that Felberg admired about her mother that she emulates in her motherhood role with the next generation.

Shown above are, clockwise from the front, Kaplan,

Sullivan, Trigg, Tia and Archer. Family pets Spike and Malcom were not to be excluded. Tia and her husband Jim live in Willow Lake.

Mothers Day typically would probably be church, dinner out, visiting Arlene Felberg - Jim's mother in Watertown and hopefully a relaxing afternoon at home for this busy mother of four boys.

Tia Felberg's advice for busy mothers

▲ "Don't fret over the small stuff"

With Mothers day coming up on May 8, area mothers and grandmothers reflect on how they are blessed and their cherished families.

"Someday - my house will be empty and clean and I won't know what to do with myself," says Tia Felberg with a smile.

She realizes that although her household is now busy and full of

active boys and all their stuff, time goes by fast and someday that will not be the case.

Tia and her husband Jim are the parents of four boys, Kaplan, Sullivan, Archer and Trigg. The younger three are triplets and entered kindergarten this year. Kaplan is in the fifth grade.

"People think my youngest are alike because they are triplets but

that is not the case at all. They are all very individual people. Sullivan is more the protector of everyone. He'll finish the others' sentences if need be. He's the oldest of the three and reminds us, 'Kaplan and I are the big brothers'."

"Archer is very bright and will

Felberg

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McHenry Financial Services now located at the corner of Commercial and US 212

The move is complete. Kathy McHenry has moved McHenry Financial Services into the corner building, at the southwest corner of US Highway 212 and Commercial Street.

The financial advisor stated, "(husband) Larry and I got married and I worked at home for five years. Heather (Johannsen) was nice enough to lease the front half of the corner building," at 125 1st Avenue East.

McHenry started as a financial advisor, in 1999, in Lincoln, Neb., after working in a law office. "As I needed flexibility for myself and clients, I became an independent advisor in 2004.

"I enjoy working for myself and I enjoy not being tied to one com-

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Kathy McHenry owns McHenry Financial Services and she recently moved into her new office at 125 First Ave. E., in Clark. "I really like this location and within the office, there are big windows on both sides, allowing it to be nice and bright," she said of her new office.

May is the month for mayoral appointments

Clark Mayor Larry Dreher began May's meeting of the city council, Monday night, by commenting that it is a priority of his, with law enforcement and finance office help, to help beautify the city.

"The junk piles and eyesores need to go away," stated the mayor, and he pledged to enforce the ordinances on the books, regarding cleanliness of residences. "We need to stay on top of this and keep enforcing these abatements," he said. Dreher said that he and policeman Jeremy Wellnitz will continue to make routine visits throughout the community to keep things clean and tidy.

Louann Streff was re-elected president of the council and Kerry Kline was re-elected as vice president. Both were on unanimous ballots.

May is the month when the Mayor's appointments are approved. Mayor Dreher's appointments include: Streets, alleys, sidewalks - Dennis Larson; American Disabil-

ities Act - Belinda Hanson; Pool - Andrew Zemlicka; Rubble Site - Dennis Larson; City Parks - Vicki Orris; Water and Sewer - Andrew Zemlicka; Fire Dept. and Emergency Management - Andrew Zemlicka; Zoning Officer - Kerry Kline; Finance Dept. - Belinda Hanson; Liquor Officer - Kerry Kline; Med Van - Louann Streff; Recreation Director, Softball and Baseball Complex - Vicki Orris; Government Buildings - Louann Streff; Code Official - Jackie Luttrell; City Attorney - Chad Fjelland; Health Officer - Joie Steffen; Police Chief - Jeremy Wellnitz.

Library Board: (3 year term), Robert Heim, 2019 (renew);

Tara Thomas, 2019 (new); Patty Rosenau, 2018; Rae Jean Flora, 2017; Christina Flora, 2017; Vicki Orris, council representative.

Park Board: Rae Jean Flora, Deb Schlagel, Vickie Dreher.

Clark Housing and Redevelopment Board: (5 year term), Bruce Brekke, 2019; Bill Krikac, 2018; Sandy Altfillisch, 2017; Bob Schlueter, 2021 (renew); Jerry Jacobsen, 2020; Teresa Kaufman, secretary.

Golf Course Board: (3 year term), Larry Dreher, 2017; Jackie Luttrell, 2017; Kerry Kline, 2019 (renew); Jerry Hartley, 2019 (renew).

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Dollar General to open

If one drives past the new Dollar General Store on US Highway 212, in Clark, one sees activity.

According to the corporate office,

a 'soft open' is planned for this Sunday with a grand opening to take place toward the end of May. Sales associates are still being hired.

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