

## County Meeting Set For Tuesday

The Yankton County Commission will have a lot to discuss when they meet Tuesday afternoon.

Among the topics of discussion are discussions on a study of the county-wide radio frequency in conjunction with the City of Yankton.

The commission will also discuss a new road district, an assessment freeze, a memorandum of understanding for the rail authority agreement and an executive session.

The commission will meet at 3 p.m. for a public budget session with the regular meeting set to begin at 4 p.m. The commission meets in the commission chambers of the Yankton County Government Center.

## Car

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case” by those that deal in older vehicles.

“You put it in a basket and carry it home,” Tramp chuckled.

The pickup needed a lot of work but he was excited to start the restoration.

“I did all the work myself, including replacing the motor,” he said. “I even had to make new motor mounts.”

Looking at the Ford today, it is difficult to imagine it was ever lost in a grove of trees.

This was Tramp’s first restoration project, but it would not be his last.

“A friend wanted me to find a Chevy sedan for him from the same year he was born—which was 1938,” Dale said.

He found just the right vehicle on the Internet and his friend bought it. While riding in the Chevy, Tramp was smitten and decided, “I have to

have my own ‘38.”

So, he began his own search and eventually saw what he was looking for: “For Sale: 1938 Chevy”—the same year, make and model of his friend’s car.

At a car show in Minnesota, his search ended. It was just what he wanted.

The Chevy needed a little work, but restoring cars was his hobby.

“This is something I can tinker with in the garage,” he said. “You get behind the wheel and you get a different feeling.”

So, whether in the garage or on the road, these old classics bring enjoyment.

Vehicles like these spark conversations and generate memories, he said. People reminisce about the vehicles that were popular in their own youth, intertwining past and present and creating friendships.

“Every car person is nice. I haven’t found a bad one yet,” he said.

status is not revoked.

“There were some arguments made by (Verrilli) that basically went contrary to the long and established recognition of freedom of religion,” Jackley said. “(The 15 attorneys general) simply were concerned that, based upon his comments and philosophy, he was more than just suggesting that the IRS would affect the exemption status of certain religious groups that wanted to exercise their freedom of religion.”

It was necessary for South Dakota to be recognized in the letter on the basis of the statewide practice of religious freedom, according to Jackley.

“You have to start with the premise that, every legislative session our state opens up with a prayer (as well as) most governmental settings, whether it’s city council or county commission, they have that freedom and right to entering by prayer. So freedom of religion is really strong here in South Dakota,” he said.

The other state’s attorneys general signing the letter were from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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include another county employee issuing the marriage license.

“The marriage license is still being issued and it’s being issued without infringing on other well recognized constitutional rights,” Jackley said.

He also said that in the unlikely event that there is no other county employee available, South Dakota law allows any county to issue a marriage license, in which case, LGBT couples could obtain them in an adjoining or nearby county.

Issuing more than 30 same-sex marriage licenses since the Supreme Court decision without any issue or concern within the state indicates that the approach is working, Jackley said.

“This has been working well in South Dakota,” he said. “(The approach) is balancing both the constitutional rights of the same-sex couples with the constitutional right to the freedom of religion.”

Additionally, Jackley recently signed a letter with 14 other state’s attorneys general to Congress, addressing comments made by Solicitor General Donald B. Verrilli Jr. during the Obergefell v. Hodges case.

Jackley and the other attorneys general addressed their concern regarding the fate of tax-exempt religious entities and non-profit organizations after the Supreme Court’s ruling and urged Congress to modify the IRS code to ensure their tax-exempt

ing natural resources, Jeff has followed in his father’s footsteps.

For many years, Jeff served on the university extension board and is currently on the board of directors of the Lewis and Clark NRD. He is a member of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association.

In addition, Jeff has served on the Cedar County Pork Producers as well as the Fordyce Farmers Co-op boards.

Four years ago, he was appointed to the Nebraska Natural Resource Commission which oversees funding for soil and water conservation projects throughout the state.

Because of that role, Jeff was selected for the water sustainability task force which held meetings across Nebraska. The task force discussed issues related to water quality and quantity in the state, he said.

During his time on the task force, Jeff learned about northeast Nebraska’s plentiful rainfall and water supply compared to some other regions.

“It made me appreciate our little corner of the state,” he said.

Besides their work on the farm, the Steffens and their children have been involved in 4-H and community organizations. In addition, the Steffens are active members of St. Joseph’s parish of Constance, Nebraska.

Jolene expresses her love for the beauty of nature through paintings of her surroundings.

For 25 years, she and Jeff have taken her artwork on the road where they meet people from all walks of life. In the process, the Steffens promote the local area and the rural lifestyle.

“We really like going to the art shows,” Jolene said. “Many times, when you’re in a city and showing your art work, you come across a lot of people who (aren’t familiar) with ag and farm life. It’s great fun to share that.”

Jolene admitted she stands out from the crowd when it comes to many art shows.

“I’m the only one with farm scenes and cattle. I’m

the only farm artist,” she said. “It’s my chance to share agriculture.”

As they pass on their own legacy, the Steffens said they are grateful they could raise their children on the farm.

Jenna and Cole developed many memories and learned many valuable life lessons, Jolene said.

“They grew up with the work ethic and with appreciating our land and our food sources that come from the land,” she said. “They are appreciating all the natural resources that we are surrounded by.”

Jenna and Cole remained active in 4-H and FFA, holding offices and participating in the leadership program, Jolene said.

“They had so many opportunities. Their lives have been so full of learning,” she said. “We really push learning and educating ourselves on everything we can.”

The Steffens expressed their appreciation for the Farm Family of the Year award and sharing the program with Lt. Gov. Matt Michels, a Yankton native, and South Dakota Agriculture Secretary Lucas Lentsch.

By sponsoring the Ag Gala, the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce is showing important support for farmers and their contributions, the Steffens said.

“It brings awareness to agriculture, and it’s obviously important to those farm families, their work ethic and way of life,” Jolene said. “It’s a way of appreciating them for their hard work.”

Jeff echoed those sentiments. The Ag Gala – and the Farm Family of the Year Award in particular – recognize producers’ contributions both on and off the farm, he said.

Regardless of the year’s recipient, the Farm Family of the Year award celebrates all producers and the important role of agriculture, Jolene said.

The Steffens emphasized they would feel that way even if they weren’t this year’s winner.

“There are so many families who deserve (the award), that when someone else gets it, you’re happy,” Jolene said.

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# 2015 4-H Dog Show



## 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 Pine Acres Fairgrounds, 709 Whiting Drive, Yankton

**The 2015 Yankton County 4-H Dog Show will feature a dozen area youth competing with their four-legged friends in the following categories:**  
**On Leash Agility, Off Leash Agility, Excellent Agility, Novice Showmanship, Open Showmanship, Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B, Rally Advanced A, Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent, Basic A Obedience, Basic B Obedience and Pre-Open Obedience.**



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Cimpl's- Sheboygan Sausage Co.  
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Days Inn  
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First Dakota National Bank  
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Hair AND Beyond  
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Walmart  
Wilson Trailer Co.  
Yankton Ag Service  
Yankton Livestock Auction Market  
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## Marriage

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The question the attorney general’s office has received since is how the Supreme Court’s decision can be abided and upheld without infringing on the officials’ constitutional rights, such as speech and religion.

“Under the law, constitutional rights are required to coexist,” Jackley said. “Federal requirements mandate that reasonable accommodations be put in place to protect the constitutional rights of all individuals, which would include government employees.”

Oftentimes, it is a common misconception that a register of deeds that rejects to administer a marriage license to a same-sex couple on its bona fide and sincere religious objection is not adhering to the their duties or the Supreme Court’s decision, according to Jackley.

“The hypothetical question has been: What would South Dakota do in balancing these rights?” he said. “I as attorney general have taken the position, that based upon the law ... we would take a common-sense approach in South Dakota, and in the event that a register of deeds had a bona fide and sincere religious objection, that we would find a common-sense and reasonable way to issue the marriage license.”

Such an approach would

## Farm

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graduated from Crofton High School and will attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City this fall.

Also this year, Jenna is completing her final year of medical residency.

“Overall, the Steffen family (members) are very generous people that love making people smile with acts of kindness,” Wagner said. “This award is just a small token of our appreciation for their hard work over the years.”

The Steffens have farmed southeast of Crofton since they were married in 1984. Their farm is a diversified operation of row crop, livestock and certified seed production.

The farm has been in continuous no-till for almost 20 years. In recent years, Jeff has been raising cover crops for soil health and seed production.

Love of wildlife has always been an influence, the couple said. More than 40 acres of the farm’s riparian and woodland acres are devoted strictly to wildlife.

In addition, Jeff has actively promoted soil, water and wildlife conservation. As part of that work, he has served on local and state boards and commissions.

Jolene has shown a passion for farming and gardening. She has also captured the rural life in her artwork, which has drawn national attention.

“Jolene donates an ag-related print every year that is often a highlight of our auction at the Ag Gala,” Wagner said.

Jeff and Jolene Steffen were both raised in northeast Nebraska. The Steffens consider their love of the farm life as continuing the legacy they learned from their parents.

Jeff’s father, Wally Steffen, was very active in the Soil Conservation Service in the 1950s and 1960s. Wally was a director on the newly-formed Cedar County Natural Resource District (NRD) in the 1970s.

When it comes to promot-