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Local Benefit
Reaches Out
To Help Young
Cancer Patient

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Several Yankton area residents are gathering this weekend to show that the community's helping hand reaches well beyond its borders.

A musical benefit variety show and auction will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium for Tyjuan Sharron, the 12-year-old nephew of Scott and Lynell Kooistra of Yankton.

Sharron, who currently lives in Omaha, Neb., was diagnosed shortly before last Christmas



Sharron

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Aid Sought For West River

Counties Declare Disasters After Being Hit By Up To 4 Feet Of Snow

RAPID CITY (AP) — Western South Dakota counties affected by last weekend's snowstorm are seeking help from the federal government.

Commissioners in the counties of Pennington, Meade, Lawrence and Butte all have declared disasters, the first step toward getting federal assistance. Requests must first go through the governor. It is unclear how the

federal government shutdown might affect the aid process.

Pennington County Commission Chairman Lyndell Petersen said he is confident the region will get help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, "because of the amount of the snow and size of the area."

"It definitely fits the parameters that FEMA

maintains," he told the *Rapid City Journal*.

The storm that began Friday and lingered through the weekend dumped up to 4 feet of snow in western South Dakota's Black Hills, cutting power to about 30,000 customers, killing tens of thousands of cattle, damaging numerous

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Continuing The Fight
Against Domestic Violence

3rd Annual Vigil
Focuses On
Awareness,
Teen Dating

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Victoria Crompton-Tetter's daughter Jenny would've been 42 this year. But, at the age of 15, Jenny was stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend, Mark Smith. It was a relationship she left because Smith had turned abusive, but there was no escape.

Ever since, Crompton-Tetter has shared her story across the country about the dangers of domestic violence within teenage relationships.

Speaking at the third annual Silence Hides the Violence Candlelight Vigil at the Dakota Theatre Wednesday night, she told the audience that it's become too easy for people to distance themselves emotionally from crime and violence.

"It's easy to become desensitized to the reality of crime and victimization," she said. "We read so much of it in the papers and hear so much of it on the news, it's difficult to remember from one week to the next which crime and which victim."

The event was hosted by the Yankton Community Response Team (CRT)/Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), which includes members of the Yankton Police Department, Mount Marty College, the Yankton Federal Prison Camp and Emergency Medical Services among



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Victoria Crompton-Tetter was the featured speaker during Wednesday night's Candlelight Vigil to Honor Victims of Domestic Violence, held at the Dakota Theatre in downtown Yankton. Crompton-Tetter's daughter, Jenny Crompton, was killed by her abusive boyfriend in 1986, and her mother now speaks across the country on domestic violence and teen dating violence.

others. The CRT/SART program started in 2011 as a way of connecting resources in the Yankton area to deal with domestic and sexual abuse.

Desiree Warren-Johnson, executive director of the Yankton Women's and Children's Center and SART

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Families
Fret As
Food Stamp
Boost Ends

BY RIK STEVENS
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — A temporary increase in food stamps expires Oct. 31, meaning for millions of Americans, the benefits that help put food on the table won't stretch as far as they have for the past four years.

Food stamps — actually the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — go to 47 million Americans a month, almost half of them children and teenagers.

"Every week is a struggle as it is," said Heidi Leno, 43, who lives in Concord with her husband, 9-year-old daughter and 5-year-old twins. "We hate living paycheck to paycheck and you have to decide what gets paid."

Starting in 2009, the federal stimulus pumped \$45.2 billion into SNAP, increasing what would have been a monthly benefit of \$588 a month to \$668 for an average household of four. In November, that same family will start getting \$632 a month, about a 5 percent cut.

The benefits, which go to 1 in 7 Americans, fluctuate based on factors including food prices, inflation and income.

Families and providers worry the expiration of the stimulus

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Record Harvest Lifts Pumpkin Giveaway

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For hundreds of youngsters, the Great Pumpkin has arrived early.

Three Yankton Minimum Unit (YMU) inmates have raised more than 1,000 pumpkins, which tip the scales at more than 20,000 pounds. This week, more than 700 of the orange orbs are headed to area elementary schools and other sites.

Last year's drought devastated the prison's two-acre garden on the Human Services Center (HSC) grounds, said Department of Corrections/YMU case manager Bruce Fisher. However, this year has produced a bountiful harvest.

"We started the garden in 1998, and we started the pumpkin patch in 2002. The pumpkin project just keeps getting bigger and bigger," Fisher said.

"This is one of our better years. I'm guessing we have 30,000 pounds of produce, that we donate to area non-profit agencies, in addition to the pumpkins to give us over 50,000 pounds."

The pumpkins are being delivered this week to the Yankton School District, Sacred Heart School and St. John's pre-school; the Scotland, Freeman and Bon Homme school districts; and the adolescent unit at the Human Services Center (HSC).

At Wednesday's first stop, Beadle School third graders each chose a new friend, "Jack O'Lantern," from the selections on the front lawn. Then came the difficult part — lifting the prized yet portly pumpkins.

Unfortunately, a fatality occurred even before one youngster made it to the sidewalk



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Beadle School third graders Cassandra Witte (left) and Hayden Hupertz show off their newly-selected pumpkins grown at the Yankton Minimum Unit (YMU) garden. After last year's drought destroyed the garden, this year's record crop has produced more than 1,000 pumpkins.

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