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and Cindy proposed that the Sack Pack Program come up with a community fundraiser idea and they would match the funds raised dollar for dollar to provide meals at Beadle Elementary, as well."

The Sack Pack Program and the Huether family are currently working on what type of fundraiser will take place sometime after the first of the year.

The Huethers are not the only ones who stepped up to become Christmas angels for the program.

Several groups — including Christ The King Church, the Yankton High School "YankTon" Challenge Team and many more — have donated funds to help keep the program in the schools.

"The Sack Pack Program was hoping for Christmas angels to appear and be able to make the type of donation that would allow us to continue our mission, to be able to provide nutritious food to school age children who are at risk of hunger on the weekends," Wermers said. "The Huether family and others have been the Christmas angels we were hoping for."

The Sack Pack programs goal and mission is to be able to expand this program to every elementary school in the city of Yankton. They want to make sure that every child in need or at risk of hunger on the weekends is receiving child-friendly, easy-to-manage, nutritious food on the weekends.

Last year, Yankton had 783 students eligible for the free lunch program with an additional 221 eligible for the reduced portion of this program. This is more than a third of the students in the Yankton school system. The Sack Pack Program is providing 360 of these children with meals for both days of the weekend.

Wermers said the check from the Huethers will be presented to the group in mid-January, by which time the group will have determined what the fundraiser will be for Beadle Elementary.

To contribute to the matching funds for the fundraiser, Wermers said people can contact Deb Overseth at Yankton RSVP at 260-3100, or send gifts to PO Box 7038, Yankton, SD 57078.

She also noted that if people cannot afford to give monetary donations but would still like to help, volunteers are always needed to help prepare the sack packs each week to deliver to the schools.

Pipeline

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TransCanada officials say the company will follow through on its commitment to route the pipeline around the Sandhills. Spokesman James Millar said the new Sandhills map will be useful. "It's a very helpful and positive step," Millar said.

The original Keystone XL route would have entered Keya Paha County near the center of the state and followed a diagonal path southeast to Steele City in Jefferson County. That proposed path crosses a significant section of the Sandhills in Keya Paha, Rock, Holt, Garfield and Wheeler counties.

It's not yet clear how much it will cost TransCanada to re-route the pipeline in Nebraska, but Millar said the company doesn't expect the change to significantly affect the total cost. TransCanada estimates about 100 miles of the 1,700-mile route will have to change.

TransCanada expects to have its alternative route through Nebraska approved by next September or October, Millar said.

Nebraska officials plan to hold at least two rounds of public hearings in the state as part of their evaluation of the new route. Linder said he the first public meetings could be held as soon as February after TransCanada submits its proposed alternative routes. The second round of public meetings will be held several months later after the state develops a draft of its environmental review of the route.

Nebraska lawmakers passed two pipeline laws during a special session in November to give the state more oversight of major oil pipelines, including the Keystone XL. TransCanada agreed to move the route away from the Sandhills and submit to a state environmental review.

The Keystone XL project is the second phase of a \$13 billion underground pipeline network designed to move 1.5 million barrels of Canadian oil daily to U.S. refineries. Delays in getting approval for the Keystone XL already have added \$1 billion to the total cost.

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MAKES 7 SERVINGS (ABOUT 1/2 POUND)

8 ounces Nestlé Toll House Dark Chocolate Baking Bar, broken into small pieces

1/2 cup smoked-flavored almonds, coarsely chopped, divided
1/8 teaspoon sea salt (preferably large crystal)

LINE 8-inch baking pan with wax paper. MICROWAVE small chocolate pieces in small, uncovered, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100%) power for 45 seconds; STIR. If pieces retain some of their original shape, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring just until melted. Stir in 1/4 cup almonds.

POUR into prepared baking pan. Sprinkle with remaining almonds. Tap pan several times to spread chocolate and settle nuts. Sprinkle with sea salt. Refrigerate for about 1 hour or until firm. Break into pieces. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

CHOCOLATE CHIP CHOCOLATE CLOUDS
MAKES 12 SERVINGS

12 pieces Nestlé Toll House Refrigerated Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar Dough
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided

1/4 cup milk
1 container (8 ounces) non-dairy whipped topping, thawed, divided
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Place 12 2 1/2-



inch foil bake cups on baking sheet with sides. Place 1 piece of cookie dough in each cup.

BAKE for 12 to 14 minutes or until just baked and light golden brown. Remove cups to wire rack to cool completely.

PLACE 1 1/2 cups morsels and milk in large, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH (100%) power for 1 minute; STIR. Morsels may retain some of their original shape. If necessary, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring just until melted. Cool to room temperature, about 20 minutes.

RESERVE 1/2 cup whipped topping; refrigerate. Combine remaining whipped topping and vanilla extract in medium bowl. Gently fold half of the whipped topping mixture into chocolate mixture. Add

remaining whipped topping mixture; mix lightly. Spoon over cookie bases in muffin cups. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

FOR GARNISH AND TO SERVE: LINE baking sheet with wax paper.

PLACE remaining morsels in small, heavy-duty plastic bag. Microwave on HIGH (100%) power for 30 seconds; knead. Microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, kneading until smooth. Cut tiny corner from bag. Drizzle 12 squiggly designs about 2- to 3-inches square onto prepared baking sheet. Refrigerate until chocolate is firm, 5 to 10 minutes.

TOP each mousse cup with a small dollop of reserved whipped topping. With tip of knife, gently remove drizzles from wax paper and insert, standing up into dollops. Serve immediately.

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