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## Bulletin Board

### Benefit for Rindahl

Benefit for Paul Rindahl, a Sidney High School graduate of 1987 and son of Patty Rehbein Rindahl and Jim Rindahl and grandson of Mae and the late Bob Rehbein, will be at St. Matthew's multipurpose room from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday (today). Paul suffers from acute lymphocytic leukemia. There will be a spaghetti dinner (free-will offering), a silent auction featuring art work from local artists and a dance featuring Midnight Rainbow from 1-3 p.m.

### Spring bazaar

Lambert First Lutheran Church will hold a spring dinner and bazaar from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday (today) at Lambert School. The dinner will include roast beef, salads and homemade pie for a free-will donation.

### Donkey basketball

Donkey basketball action featuring FFA chapters/ alumni from Sidney, Savage, Lambert and Richey starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Sidney High School.

### Centennial meeting

Richland County's 100th birthday celebration is June 13-15, 2014. The centennial committee will have a meeting May 2 at the MonDak Heritage Center at 5:30 p.m. for nonprofits and service organizations to learn more about what is planned and the opportunities for others to participate. The celebration is a great place to fundraise and showcase your organization. Any questions call LaVanchie Starkey at 433-1916.

### School board meetings

Upcoming school board meetings are at 7 p.m. Tuesday for the Fairview School Board in the high school board room and 7 p.m. for Sidney School Board at Central School.

## Drilling rig count

**Montana 6**  
**North Dakota 178**  
**Wyoming 42**

Source: Rocky Mountain Oil Journal sponsored by

## Deaths

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# March for Babies

## Walk has special meaning for Sidney family

BY SARAH BLOOM  
SIDNEY HERALD

A little over a year ago, Lee and Kelly Alvstad lost their 10-day-old baby Andrew to a rare congenital birth defect called anencephaly, which occurs in approximately one in a thousand pregnancies.

A neural tube defect, the life expectancy for a baby with anencephaly after birth ranges from a few short hours to at most, a few days. But instead of terminating her pregnancy, Kelly kept hope alive, and was "blessed" to have those 10 days with Andrew.

During the March for Babies last year, Kelly had walked for not only her recent loss, but for future awareness.

"Last year we were actually the highest family for Sidney's walk," Kelly said. "We were seventh out of the state."

This year's walk challenges previous teams to beat their previous earnings. Kelly and Lee Alvstad are this year's state ambassadors for the Montana March for Babies.

The Andrew's Angels team is eager to top last year's funds raised. With an online auction, available through their Facebook page, "Andrew's Angels" before and during the walk there will be a silent auction as well as a bake sale that will happen before and after the walk on Saturday.

"We've got quite a few vendors that have donated stuff, but we are still looking for more," Kelly said about the items that will be auctioned off.

"We're trying to do the best we can because we are the state ambassadors for Montana," Kelly said. "Hoping to have a good turnout this year."

On Feb 21, Kelly and Lee



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Kelly Alvstad enjoying a quiet moment with baby Skye.

welcomed their second baby into the world with Skye Selma. "We lost Andrew Jan. 20 of 2012, and we found out that we were pregnant, I believe, in July," Kelly said. "We doctored down in Billings for the first few months until we made sure that everything was OK with her and then we transferred

back up here again.

"After you have a child with a neural tube defect, most doctors will put you on a prescription of folic acid, a little bit higher than what a normal pregnancy would take. Basically, you take the prescription before you get pregnant so that your body kind of builds it up because

you never know when you are going to get pregnant."

A neural tube defect can form as soon as 26 days after conception, a time when most women are still unaware of even being pregnant. Kelly said that taking any kind of prenatal supplements at that point would

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# Trustees discuss coaches

BY BILL VANDER WEELE  
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Even though few parents took the time to fill out an online survey to express their feelings about coaching jobs performances, Sidney School Board trustees expressed some reservations about rehiring winter sports coaches during a committee meeting Tuesday night.

After Sidney Superintendent of Schools Daniel Farr noted parents didn't use their opportunity to express comments by completing the survey, trustee Dexter Thiel said parents would rather talk to school board members regarding concerns than taking a survey.

"As far as that being the only tool...I have an attitude like everybody else that if it's negative it won't be listened to," Thiel said of the survey.

The number of parents completing the survey were one for wrestling, zero for

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Activities director

girls basketball and four for boys basketball.

Thiel expressed some frustration with the boys basketball program. He said the Eagles have won only once in their last eight meetings against Laurel and Billings, and the program's recent record at divisional tournaments is 1-8.

Board chair Kelly Dey cut Thiel's comments short, noting how much time has been taken up just the PR and Personnel Committee agenda that night.

Activities director Ross Hall recommended that each of the three winter sports' head coaches be re-hired. "If we put people in a situation where they can be successful, they have the ability to be," Hall said. "All the coaches I've talked to are committed to the programs."

Trustee LuAnn Cooley said she has concerns with team's statistics, and if she votes to re-hire all three head coaches it would be because of her faith in Hall to improve the programs.

"I have faith in these people," Hall responded. Later, Cooley added a "wise man" said the record in the regular season doesn't matter, just the post season matters. "The last three years have sucked."

Sidney's boys basketball team entered the 2011 divisional tournament as the second seed and placed third in the tourney. In 2012, the Eagles entered as the third seed and lost their first two tournament contests. This year, Sidney dropped its opening two tournament games.

Instead of having all three coaches being on the same item for the consent agenda at Wednesday's school board meeting, trustees decided to have each head coach listed separately on the agenda. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Central School.

To make certain Hall was recommending each of the

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# Pageant winner delivers anti-bullying message

BY BILL VANDER WEELE  
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Some of Sidney's elementary students received special instruction regarding the evils of bullying Thursday.

Miss Montana Collegiate America 2013 Jill Sharp read a book and talked with kindergarten and first-graders during a classroom visit. The Sidney native read the book "Sticks, Stones and Stumped!" by Deb Landry and then discussed bullying with the young students.

Sharp explained the book is recommended by the Miss Jr. High, High School and Collegiate America organization and is part of the materials provided to pageant winners.

"Sticks, Stones and Stumped!" features possum Billy Bob's struggles at a new school. The teacher and students are nice to him, except for Bull E Moose who bullies Billy Bob. He tells Billy Bob that the school's stick ball team already has enough players, "so get lost."

Billy Bob and friends are conflicted about what to do



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Miss Montana Collegiate America 2013 Jill Sharp reads to elementary students Thursday.

because they don't want to be called "tatter tales" plus Billy Bob is afraid if he tells

anybody then Bull E Moose would hurt him. Despite the way he was treated, Billy

Bob saves Bull E Moose from a rattlesnake attack. The teacher then explains that it's not tattering if someone can be hurt, and that being respectful and fair is the only way to get along.

Sharp asked students if they feel Billy Bob's friends should had stood up for him sooner. The students said yes and that you should tell someone like a teacher, parent or officer when bullying is happening.

Sharp then asked if they know the golden rule. Students couldn't quite remember, but one answered, "Don't be a bully." Sharp replied, "Yeah, pretty much." She then explained the golden rule to the children.

The University of Montana student was crowned Miss Montana Collegiate America 2013 in late January. The organization's national platform is "The Crown CARES," with CARES standing for Creates A Respectful Environment in Schools.

Sharp is planning classroom appearances throughout the state to teach anti bullying.

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