



South O'Brien High School

The Wolverine Roar

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Spring Fling Fun

By Amelie Wilson and Grace Keen

After a week of ISASP testing, Principal Denise Phillips and Student Council members planned Spring Fling for high school students from Monday, April 28, and Friday, May 2.

To start the week, student council members served donuts to students entering the school building. During DISCOVER, students who maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher for two semesters received a letter acknowledging their hard work.

On Tuesday, coach, mentor, and motivational speaker Bruce Dagle came to speak about kindness and maintaining a positive mindset. He encourages schools to build leaders and increase productivity. Stu-



Junior Lindsey Einck, freshmen Cassidy Horstmann, Anna Griebel, and Allison Griebel play golf for the South O'Brien High School Best Ball Tournament at the Paullina Golf Course on Thursday, May 1.

dents could choose to go golfing or enjoy the lake on Thursday, May 1. At the end of the week, se-

niors informed the student body about their post-secondary plans.



Sophomore Abby Woodall, junior Addison Hedberg, and sophomore Amelie Wilson enjoy their ice cream from the Mill Creek concessions at Paullina Lake on Thursday, May 1

Three Senior Wolverines Sign with Area Colleges

By Jayven Miller and Derek Paulsen

Jayven Miller has signed with Buena Vista University in Storm Lake to play football. During his time at South O'Brien, Jayven has been involved in football and track. He was also involved in publications over the last two years, working with the sports and business team. He has been a student council representative for the last four years and is the current Senior class president. Jayven plans to major in education and hopes to play defensive line for the Beavers. Jayven said, "I'm excited to face the new challenges that come with being a college athlete, and I can't wait to show them what I've got."



Jayven Miller signs with his mom, Shannon Miller, and with coaches Mark Fuhrman and Aaron Giese.



Makenna Wallin signs with her parents, Scott and Ashley Wallin, and her sister Jaelyn Wallin.

Makenna Wallin has signed with Dordt University in Sioux Center to participate in cheer. While attending South O'Brien, Makenna has been involved in basketball, softball, track, and cheer. She has also been an active member of FCA and FFA. While Makenna attends Dordt, she plans to major in agricultural business. Makenna said, "I can't wait to meet new people and see what the next level of cheer is all about."

Derek Paulsen has signed with Morningside University in Sioux City to play basketball. While attending South O'Brien, Derek participated in golf, track, football, and basketball. For the last two years, he has been working on the sports team in publications. Derek will major in accounting and business management. "I'm looking forward to taking the next step in athletics as well as furthering my education," Paulsen said. "I hope to be a first-year starter, however, we'll have a very talented upcoming class, so it should be a fun and competitive four years," he said.



Derek Paulsen signs with his parents, Pat and Gina Paulsen, along with his brother Kyle Paulsen.

Fine Arts Festival



Seniors Benson Rohwer, Alexandra Grimm, Brett Evans, Ashlynn Gunnerson, Caleb Kammerer, and Ryleigh Gimer receive their senior awards from director Rebecca Meyer.

By Alex Griebel

The South O'Brien Fine Arts Festival was held on Tuesday, May 6, in the West Gym. The event featured performances from the band and choir. Student art was also displayed. The junior high and high school band performed standard literature pieces at the concert. Mrs.

Meyer stated, "The band and quire both performed their pieces for the large group contest which took place on May 9." Art projects such as painting, ceramics, sculpture, and drawing were displayed at the event. Students from 9-12 grade were eligible to be selected

for the event. Painting projects were split up into acrylic and waterproof, and ceramics into functional and nonfunctional. Drawing projects were divided into black and white and colored. Several awards were also given during the program.



Junior Chloe Hustedt holds her art project along with her 1st place ribbons for both nonfunctional ceramics and black and white drawing.



Freshman Adrianna Ebel displays the projects she entered in the Fine Arts Festival.

Hybrid CNA Course

By Shayli Johnson and Lindsey Einck

South O'Brien High School offered a hybrid CNA course for the first time. Six students completed the 75-hour course: seniors Shayli Johnson and Abby Nelson, junior Lindsey Enick, sophomore Lilliana Corbin, and freshmen Brayden Stines and Roman Harms. Stephanie Hill was the course instructor. Students are taking this class for various reasons. Many of them want to be in the medical field, so taking this class gives them a great experience in healthcare. Other students decided to take this class for a part-time job in high school. Freshman Roman Harms said, "I decided to take this course to follow in my brother, Iverson Harms, footsteps and to help others."

These six students met four Wednesday nights from 4 to 8:30 p.m. to work on their lab skills. Every Friday, the CNA students took a 50-question exam. An 80% or above was needed to pass. Students were offered one retake per test. The final exam, which had 100 questions, was held on April 28. This test was 50% of the final grade in the course.

Clinicals started on April 30. Students need to complete 30 hours of hands-on work at Prairie View Campus. After the clinical hours are completed, the students have an opportunity to take the CNA state test to work in the field.



Freshman Brayden Stines, sophomore Lilliana Corbin, junior Lindsey Enick, seniors Abby Nelson and Shayli Johnson, and freshman Roman Harms pose with one of the residents during one of their clinicals at Prairie View Campus.

ISASP Testing

By Kelsee Warnke

Every year, South O'Brien students, grades 3-11, are required to take the Iowa State Assessment of Student Progress Tests (ISASP). Grades 3-6 tested on April 15, 16, 22, and 23. And 7-12 students tested on April 22-25. The data from the ISASP assessments provides a clear, accurate assessment of student learning. It shows faculty which students are proficient in different areas and indicates student growth from year to year. Scores are part of the School Performance Profile, which measures student success and determines if a school needs extra support. "As of now, we only have math scores back. Teachers are allowed to compare scores from previous years to this year to measure growth percent and proficiency levels. As soon as all scores come in, students will be able to see how they did!" says SOHS Instructional Coach Rebecca Miller.

Prom 2025: *Bright Lights, Big City*

By Addison Hedberg

South O'Brien High School held its annual Prom on April 26 for juniors, seniors, and their dates. The theme for the 2025 Prom was Bright Lights Big City. Students walked the Grand March, starting at 8 pm, with the dance to follow in the east gym until 11:30 pm. Beginning at 12:30 am and lasting until 4:30 am, students returned to the school for the After

Prom Party. The students had the chance to participate in various activities, like bags, karaoke, ping pong, bike races, and an escape room. While playing games, students collected money to purchase prizes. Seniors had the opportunity to win prizes, like microwaves, mini fridges, and other college essentials. Juniors and guests could win candy, drinks, blankets,



Class of 2025
Front: Resse Lundquist and Teagen Bahrenfuss. Second: Hailei Wallinga, Tricia Kilts, Ryleigh Gimer, Addyson Harper, Shayli Johnson, Makenna Wallin, and Maddie Friedrichsen. Third: Iverson Harms, Cyriana Pearson, Alexandra Grimm, Abby Nelson, Ashlynn Gunnerson, Ashton Hunt, and Corey Perdue. Back: Bryce Williams, Jayven Miller, Brady Struve, Derek Paulsen, Brett Evans, Jace Kleinwolterink, Bensen Rohwer, and Caden Wittrock



Class of 2026
Front: Taylor Wulf, Reese Farquhar, Chloe Hustedt, Avery Halverson, Anessa Johnson, Lindsey Einck, and Camryn Strubbe. Middle: Addison Hedberg, Tawni Wulf, Madellin Rost, Aubree Bruns, Julia Ball, and Dominic Rounds. Back: Gabe Moermond, Eliot Boardman, Brady Riedemann, Austin Negus, Brennan Billick, Brody Van Beek, Asa Flinders, and Alex Griebel.

Looking back on the school year, what was your favorite memory?



Freshman
Emma Beck
"Riding in the Homecoming Parade."



Sophomore
Tyler Hintz
"Seeing Mr. Goodchild peddle the tiny tractor during Ag Olympics."



Junior
Lindsey Einck
"Going on a triple date with Mr. Yates, Mrs. Yates, Carter, Reese, and Abby."



Senior
Derek Paulsen
"Breaking the scoring record against Akron-Westfield."



Staff
Dawn Rienfeld
"When my homeroom won the March Madness Bracket Challenge."



Staff
DJ Hansen
"It was awesome to see a growing number of kids pack my room on Friday mornings for FCA."