

## Fish

president Dirk Gaebe was to ensure “every kid gets something for being here.” On top of goodies to take home, the club provided a free meal of burgers, chips, and water or lemonade.

With the fishing derby now complete, the next event on deck is the club’s annual gopher hunt, which will be hosted on Saturday June 6 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free registration to participate will take place at DFC in New Salem starting at Noon. The gopher hunt will be for youth 15 and under.

All species of gophers can be hunted, though weapons are limited to rimfire, pellet, and BB guns. Similar to the fishing tournament, North Dakota Game and Fish Regulations will apply. Local landowners will also be allowing participants to hunt on their land according to Gaebe. The Sportsmen’s Club will provide dinner at the completion of the tournament.

Although both tournaments act primarily as social events, Gaebe added that these events



photo | Richard Mendoza

**LOCAL YOUNGSTER TATE** caught himself a good sized fish during the Central Morton Sportmen Club’s annual fishing tournament at Sweet Briar Lake.

and purpose of the club is to incentivize youth to spend more time outdoors and off their electronics.

The history and the impact the club has had within New Salem and Morton County goes back to the devotion of one former member who was once in charge

of hosting the fishing tournament – Gordonna Toepke.

After 35+ years teaching Hunter’s Education with the North Dakota Game & Fish, Toepke received a Lifetime Achievement award in 2016, of which a plaque remains in the possession of the local

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Sportsmen Club. That very plaque was brought to the tournament by club members as a way to remind attendees, especially the youth, of the legacy left behind by Toepke.

As explained by club member William Bahm, Toepke taught roughly 2,000 children in New Salem and the surrounding communities on how to hunt and fish over 38 years.

Toepke, who retired from the club in 2018, passed away last October.

Given the amount of time and effort he gave to the club and the youth of Morton County, the members are looking to find space for a bench with a new plaque of Toepke at Sweet Briar Lake as there reportedly isn’t a spot within New Salem for the bench to be placed.

For any person interested in becoming an active member of the Sportsmen’s Club, Gaebe invites all parties to reach out, stating that the club is always looking for new faces to join.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ELECTION, CITY OF ALMONT

The primary election will be held on June 9, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Almont Fire & Ambulance Hall, 510 Dakota Avenue, Almont, ND.

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**CORRECTION:** In last week’s paper the player in the softball photo #20 Kaebry Weeks was incorrectly identified as Aubery Karsky. The caption should have been: Braves hitter Kaebry Weeks ready to take off for first.

Reporter Ryan Johnson acknowledges his mistake and apologizes for any confusion this may have caused our readers.

## CONGRATULATIONS, Graduates!



Shelby Kalvoda



Cheyenne Quissell

Your hard work and dedication during your time with us have been truly inspiring. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors!



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Chicken Fajitas \$17.<sup>99</sup>

**THURSDAY**  
Lunch California Burrito \$12.<sup>49</sup>  
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Lindo Special \$19.<sup>99</sup>

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11am - 10pm  
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