



## CELEBRATE STODDARD 250 NEWSLETTER

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### SNOW SHINDIG A GREAT SUCCESS

What a fun Snow Shindig happened last Saturday! The thick ice on Island Pond held 50 holes for fishing derby contestants, a rink for hockey and lots of space for skating or tractors pulling sleds way across the pond.

On the shore the Fire Department ran out of hot dogs after 100 servings, but the marshmallows held out for plenty of smore's around the fire. Hearty members of the James Faulkner Elementary School PTO offered delicious corn chowder, chili and baked goods, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

And many families hung out with their neighbors and decided that yes, winter is really okay. (Especially those wise enough to wear snow pants and heated jackets.)



### WINNERS OF FISHING DERBY PRIZES (\$100 EACH)

Left to right: Trent Ferland won for most species with Sun, Dace, Perch and Crappie. Willow Chickering was the winner for the longest fish at 19 1/4", and Chris Stewart was the winner of the heaviest fish at 3.29 pounds!



## BEHIND THE SCENES

Many thanks to Rachel and Patrick Leonard who led this event in collaboration with hours of hard work from the PTO and the Fire Department. Who knew their talents included making ice rinks? Smiling along side their parents are Jaxon Leonard, a 4th grader at JFES, daughter, Jaelynn Stetson, an environmental biologist, and boyfriend, Connor Knight.



Rachel and Pat met on Highland Lake, spending many summers there with their families, and moved to Stoddard full time in August 2022. They're both special education teachers at ConVal High School. Jaelynn and Jaxon also serve the town on Little Big Forest Stewardship Committee and the Conservation Commission.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Davis Library, March 16 from 10am to 12pm**

Cake, crafts, story time and general celebration will happen at the library on Saturday March 16. Come and get your bite of the logo!

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