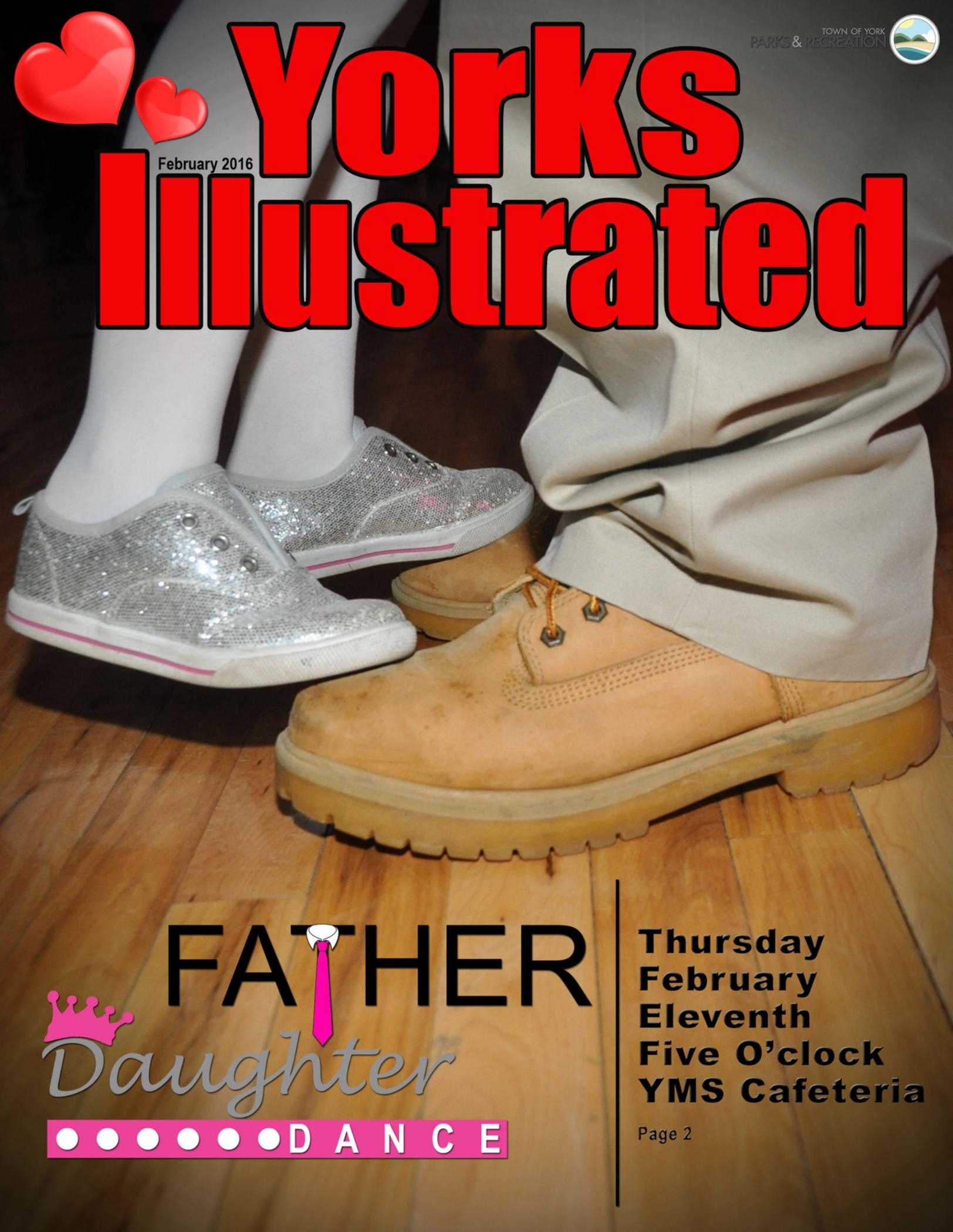




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**Thursday
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Eleventh
Five O'clock
YMS Cafeteria**

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MONTHLY NEWS



[Art with Alli](#) - Grades 1-4

We are excited to be adding this new Art class to our line-up of programs. Join Artist Alli Jutras for a 6 week Art class that will help develop young artists through a focus on the weekly exploration of different mediums and artists. Some projects may include, but are not limited to, drawing, collaging, and painting. Ali has extensive art training under her belt. She is a graduate of York High School and most recently attended Clark University majoring in Art History. She is a Board Member of the York Art Association and is happy to have brought her talents and love of Art Study to the Maine College of Art this semester.

[Indoor Soccer Ages 3-10](#)

This spring we're taking it to the gym! Join us for indoor gym soccer at York Middle School. Our "goal" (pun intended) will be on FUN! We'll be focusing on the skills of confidence, dexterity, coordination, endurance, positioning and rules. This program is designed for children ages 3 - 10 and will be offered on Saturdays, beginning March 12th.

[Zentangle Ages 10-15](#)

[Zentangle Grades 1-4](#)

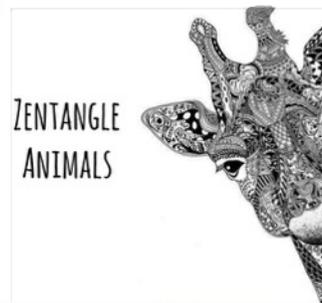
Drawing is exciting and fun when you Zentangle! Creativity comes alive with this class. If you get excited about art and can draw a circle or a line, you can Zentangle - no special skills are required. Zentangle is a surprise that unfolds before your very eyes! You'll have fun drawing crazy, abstract 'masterpieces' that you can create anytime, anywhere! A kit is included with all the materials needed.

[Flag Football](#)

Considered by many as the skills version of American football, Flag Football is a version of American football that is popular across the U.S. The basic rules of the game are similar to those of the professional game, but instead of tackling players to the ground, the defensive team must remove a flag or flag belt from the ball carrier ("de-flagging") to end a down. Players wear a belt with flags around the waist. The only contact is above the waist blocking at the line of scrimmage. Like touch football, flag football was designed in an effort to minimize injuries that playing tackle football could bring. Our emphasis is on fun and friendly competition, as well as an opportunity for kids to practice the "skill" portions of the game.

[Winter Lacrosse](#)

Gear up for spring....We will be offering a K-2 and 3 -8 boys and girls lacrosse program on Thursdays at the York Sports Center. The kindergarten - 2nd grade program is co-ed. Grades 3 - 8 boys and girls programs will meet separately. The goal of the program is to have our players leave as better skilled, more confident athletes. We will help to develop a player's all-around game, while allowing each athlete time to focus on different player positions.



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“Visit our [website](#) to view our new announcement ticker on the homepage. We will use the ticker for cancellations and notices.”

Gunstock

Gunstock Mountain February Friday Night Ski Trips
When most mountains go to sleep, Gunstock Mountain Resort comes alive. The Magic begins with a flick of the switch! Whether it's after work, after school, or after you've got it all done, catch the winter thrill of skiing, riding, and tubing at Gunstock Mountain Resort on 21 well-lit trails and 5 lifts.



[Pickleball](#) - *Newly Added - Thursdays 12:00pm - 2:00pm starting February 11th*

Kittery Community Center



What is the fastest growing sport in the country right now? You guessed it... PICKLEBALL! Pickleball is a racquet sport in which two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a Badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Pickleball was invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard pastime but has quickly become popular among adults as a fun game for players of all skill levels. Currently, the sport of pickleball is exploding in popularity. The number of places to play has nearly doubled since 2010. There are now well over 2,000 locations on the USAPA's Places to Play map. The spread of the sport is attributed to its popularity within community centers, PE classes, YMCA facilities and retirement communities. The sport continues to grow worldwide as well with

many new international clubs forming and national governing bodies now established in Canada and India.

School Vacation Horseback Riding Camp

Come experience the joy of horses with the folks at Surf Point Stables! Campers will ride daily in a structured lesson as well as have the opportunity to play games on horseback. Daily activities will be based around learning the basics of horse and stable care including grooming, tacking and un-tacking, bandaging, braiding, breeds, lunging, first-aid, bathing and much more. Campers will also do horse related crafts during each of these 4-day camps. A fun horse show will take place at the end of each camp.

Father/ Daughter Valentines Day Ball

Girls aged 4-12 accompanied by her father or another a significant male figure

We are hosting a special night for dads and their daughters! Come treat your daughter to a festive evening of dress up and dancing. This inaugural ball is going to be held on Thursday, February 11th from 5:00pm - 6:30 at the York Middle School Cafeteria. The couples will be introduced by the DJ as they arrive to the party. A photo area will be set up, complete with fun accessories, and staff will be on site to take pictures with your camera (be sure to bring it!) This semi-formal event will include family-friendly music, dancing, and Valentine themed finger foods. Spending this evening out together will give your daughter a sense of how a princess should be treated. Pre-registration is a must for this event, we suggest registering early as we anticipate a sell-out.

Charlie Brown Memorial Basketball Classic

The York Parks and Recreation Department, along with the York Police Association will be sponsoring the Annual Charlie Brown Memorial Basketball Classic Tournament beginning Friday, February 26th - Sunday, March 6th at the York Middle School and York High School Gyms.

Me and My Dog - Kids Camp - April Vacation Ages 8-14

There is more to loving a dog than hugging it. Enrich the bond between kids and their dogs at this fun filled summer camp set in the countryside of York at "It's a Dog's World." One on one, children can learn to handle their dogs with confidence using "Positive Reinforcement" training. In this course they will work with their dogs to train for good manners and tricks. Games, grooming, proper canine care and the sport of agility will also be introduced. Mutual respect and responsible dog ownership will be emphasized. All dogs must be pre-qualified for temperament by "It's a Dog's World" staff.





Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Enter York's 2nd Annual snowman sculpting CONTEST and have some fun in the snow this winter! The rules are simple: build your masterpiece starting now until the end of February vacation week, take a photo of it, and post it to York Parks and Recreation's facebook page. The photos with the most "likes" win!

Celebrate the season enjoying outdoor fun in Maine.

For full guidelines visit:

[Parks and Recreation Facebook page](#)

This activity is in conjunction with the Great Maine Outdoors Weekend. For more info on the state-wide celebration, visit www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org



Contest runs through the end of February Vacation Week.



Guidelines:

- 👉 Open to York residents of all ages
 - 👉 Each entrant must build his or her snowman within the York township from January 1, 2016 until February 22, 2016
 - 👉 All entries should consist of a photograph of the snowman and must have at least one of the builders and/or a York landmark in the photo for scale and authenticity.
 - 👉 Up to two photos per snowman can be submitted. Enter as often as you wish.
 - 👉 Photos must be suitable for all viewing audiences
 - 👉 Photos must be submitted/posted to [Parks and Recreation Facebook page](#) and must use hashtag #yorkmaine and have Name of entrant(s) in description
 - 👉 Or photos can be hand delivered to YPRD. Accompanying the photo(s) must be written the following: Name(s) of the builders, address, telephone number and date the snowman was built. *Photos become the property of the Town of York & will NOT be returned.*
 - 👉 By submitting an entry, contestants grant the Town of York permission and authority to use said pictures in any advertising or promotional activities.
 - 👉 Entry photos must be posted or dropped off at the Recreation office by close of business Monday, February 22, 2016.
 - 👉 All votes or “Likes” must be submitted by noon on Friday, February 26th.
 - 👉 Prizes will be awarded to entrants that have the top three “liked” photos. Winners will be notified via facebook or phone.
 - 👉 Make sure to collect all items from your creation before it melts.
- 👤 Potential ‘Construction’ sites: the Town Hall front lawn, Sohier Park, Grant House, Mount A summit, wiggly bridge, your own yard

Suggested hints to make your experience the best that it can be:

- ❄️ Share this page and your photo- *Lots!*
- ❄️ The theme is up to you, but the more creative the better.
- ❄️ Have fun with your family, friends and neighbors!

Prizes awarded to the top three:

- \$50.00 York Parks and Recreation Gift Certificate
- Large 2 topping pizza and wings
- Hot Cocoa and cookie basket



TAKE THE RED CLAWS CHALLENGE JANUARY 31ST AT YHS - FREE



MRPA & PARKS ASSOC / RED CLAWS HOT SHOT COMPETITION



Red Claws Hot Shot Competition: January 31st at York High School. Girls & Boys

9-10 Year Old Girls 9:00am - 10:00am
9-10 Year Old Boys 10:00am - 11:00am

11-12 Year Old Girls 11:00am - 12:00pm
11-12 Year Old Boys 12:00pm - 1:00pm

13-15 Year Old Girls 1:00pm - 2:00pm
13-15 Year Old Boys 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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Call the office for more info: 363-1040

WINTER & SPRING at Mount A



Storywalk™

Year-Round

Read our posted seasonal storybook adventure page by page as you hike the Ring trail from the base, along the west side, and up Witch Hazel to the summit!

Adopt-a-Trail

Year-Round

Get involved in Mount A conservation efforts! “Adopt” a trail and keep it healthy! You’ll help us by monitoring, maintaining, and enhancing trails.

Winter Wildlife Shenanigans

Saturday, January 23rd, 5:30-8pm

There’s a full moon tonight, a time when many wildlife are on the move. Come meet live animals and learn about winter and night time adaptations. Then we will head out to explore the trails in the moonlight to see who is out and about!

Signs of Spring Bird Walk

Saturday, May 21st, 9:00-11:30am

Feel the warmth of the sun, smell emerging flowers, watch critters scurry & listen to their calls. Join CFW to learn about local wildlife including native birds and how to identify them in the wild. Test your new skills on a hike around the trails at Mount A searching for birds and signs of the season. Plus, take a quick tour of the Center’s baby bird room- a sure sign of spring!

Great Main Outdoor Weekend

Fri-Sun, February 12th-14th, times vary

Celebrate being active outside in Maine! Take advantage of several area events:

- *Seeking Sweethearts w/CFW Sat. 10 am*
- *Guided Snowshoe/Hike w/Mt A Sat. 11am*
- *Bobcat Haunts & Habits w/WPP Sat. 9-3*
- *Self-guided XC ski Highland Farms*
- *Snowman Sculpting Contest*

FMI visit agamenticus.org or www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org

Kid’s Corner at the Learning

Lodge

Weekends May 28th – October 9th

A free, drop-in program for families featuring guided, nature-inspired crafts. The Kids’ Corner inspires kids to explore and look more closely at Nature and encourages connections with the outdoors and the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Region. Each weekend we present fun natural science topics created especially for kids that gives them and their families an opportunity to create an inspired and related craft.



Springtime Surprises

Sunday, March 20th, 1-4pm

Spring is a time of new life! Discover the wonders of the season: Trail Treasure Search, Easter Egg Hunt, Nature’s Nesters Program, Bird Box Building with Center for Wildlife, StoryWalk, Photos with the Easter Bunny, Prizes, and More!!

In addition to this weekend program, will we be offering a kids’ **Summit Camp**. From participating as a citizen scientist, to hiking & backpacking, birding and sensory awareness -- we’ll offer related projects, games, special hikes, arts & crafts, introduce guest educators and 2, 4, 6, and 8-legged ambassadors. **SEE YOU AT THE SUMMIT!**

Earth Day Workday Walkabout

Sunday, April 24th, 1-4pm

People all across the World gather together on this weekend to demonstrate support for the environment. Top off your April vacation by learning about your local wildlife and their habitat needs w/CFW, then help clean up Mount A, a local natural treasure.

Community Work Party

June 4th, 9am-12:30pm

Grab your boots and gloves and meet like-minded individuals helping to care for Mt. A!

Together, many hands make light work!

Additional Opportunities

- Join the *Friends* and come to monthly meetings to plan/advocate for the Mt. A Conservation Program
- Donations are always welcome and appreciated!!

To SIGN UP for a program or workday: call **207-361-1102** or email robin@agamenticus.org
For maps and more info about Mt. A: visit agamenticus.org



Comedy Basketball Show

Wednesday, March 9

York High School

6:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

The York Dream Team

vs



Fun for the whole family

Dream Team players from VES, CRES, YMS, YHS
York Police, Town Officials and more.

Students \$6 / Adults \$9 / Family \$30

Proceeds benefit local Scholarships presented by York Rotary