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FOLK MUSIC

Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary fame will be gracing the stage at the Peterborough Players theater this weekend. **Page 18**



RIVALRY GAME

Conant and Mascenic face off tonight in Jaffrey in the second round of the NHIAA basketball playoffs. **Page 19**



ON DISPLAY

Artists show photography and art of multiple mediums at the Jaffrey Civic Center's annual Spring Show through the month of March. **Page 13**



ORACLE

The MacDowell Colony's First Friday series kicks off this year with "The Beverly Oracle" at the Monadnock Center. **Page 14**



TAKE THE MIC

Instrumentalist Richard Backes will be featured on the Parish Hall Open Stage in Peterborough on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. **Page 17**

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Peterborough, NH

Thursday, March 6, 2014

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VOTING 2014: Across the region, preparations made for the polls, Town Meeting



Staff photo by Hayden James

Dublin's Pre-Town meeting on Tuesday invited residents to discuss ballot issues and ask the Board of Selectman and petitioners about issues directly.

HAVING THEIR SAY

\$375K fire tanker on the docket

By Hayden James
Monadnock Ledger-Transcript

DUBLIN — Dublin residents and the Select Board packed into the lower level of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening for their Pre-Town Meeting to discuss the warrant and upcoming ballot issues.

Town Moderator Tim Clark read each article, before inviting the board and resident attendees to pose questions and/or comments. The same process was followed for petition articles, and petitioners discussed the issues, while vying for support from the community.

The controversial zoning ordinance amendment in Article 6, potentially allowing drive-throughs in Dublin, was not discussed at the meeting.

Thomas Vanderbilt, Dublin's fire chief, commented on Article 11, which calls for \$375,000 for a new tanker to replace the department's current 25-year-old model. Selectman Sturdy Thomas, also a member of the Fire Department, said he has driven the tanker and it has had issues. He add-

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Staff photo by Ashley Saari

Kermit Williams has joined the Wilton Select Board race as a write-in candidate. Other candidates for the position include Sandra Fischer, Eric Carl Parsons and Doug Whitney.

Williams joins Select Board race

By Ashley Saari
Monadnock Ledger-Transcript

WILTON — Candidates for the Sewer Commission, Water Commission and Select Board gathered together on Tuesday's Candidate's Night — including a fourth candidate who will be conducting a write-in campaign for the Select Board seat that will be left vacant by Chair Dan Donovan this year.

Kermit Williams announced his intent to run a write-in campaign for the seat to a crowded, standing-room-only crowd in the Town Hall Court room, and he was allowed to participate in the question-and-answer session with his fellow candidates Sandra Fischer, Eric Parsons and Doug Whitney. Williams explained that he does not have any local board experience, but is currently the District 4 State Representative. Williams said that he decided to join the race at the last minute, after he was approached by multiple residents requesting that he make a bid for the seat. Since he currently is only bound by his commitments as a

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Town pursues parking at GAR

\$80,000 to be sought for feasibility study

By Dave Anderson
Monadnock Ledger-Transcript

PETERBOROUGH — After weighing input from a public hearing on parking options in downtown Peterborough, the Select Board decided Tuesday to push ahead with a plan that could lead to a parking lot behind the GAR Hall on Grove Street.

The board plans to ask voters in May to approve up to \$80,000 for an assessment of the land behind the GAR Hall where a lot would be located. The area is close to the Contoocook River, and Public Works Director Rodney Bartlett told the board the first step in an evaluation, if voters approve the money, would be to determine if any environmental or flood-plain issues would prevent a lot from being built there. He said that part of the assessment would probably cost about \$10,000 and, if the land was found to be unsuitable, the rest of the appropriation would not be spent.

The town has an agreement to sell the GAR Hall, which has been vacant in recent years, for \$172,000 to Peterborough businessmen Cy Gregg and Stan Fry. Gregg and Fry hope to renovate the building for use as a function hall, but

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Alleged bank robber held on \$200K bail

By Ashley Saari
Monadnock Ledger-Transcript

JAFFREY — A New Ipswich man is being held in lieu of \$200,000 cash bail after being arraigned on charges related to an alleged robbery at the New Ipswich TD Bank North on Feb. 21.

Eric Lord, 43, of New Ipswich allegedly told prosecutors in the case that his robbery of the bank, which occurred only one day after his release from state prison, was a cry for help for issues related both to mental health issues and drug addiction.

During his arraignment at the 8th Circuit Court in Jaffrey on Wednesday afternoon, police prosecutor Michael Beausoleil told the court that Lord had an extensive criminal record dating back to 1989, continuing through 2012, which included felony charges including burglary and felony possession. Beausoleil

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Coming Tuesday

WLC consolidation put to the vote at District Meeting

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