

PVPA Wofa presents spring showcase March 8 and 9

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School's West African Drum and Dance Company, Wofa, is pleased to present their spring showcase: "Sona the Orphan".

The show will run March 8 and 9, with performances beginning at 7 p.m. in the main stage theater at 15 Mulligan Drive. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$7 military and seniors; \$5 PVPA alumni, and \$3 students.

Tickets are available at the door, or online at www.pvpa.org. This performance is part of PVPA's spring production calendar, available at www.pvpa.org.

PVPA dance teacher Kabisko Kaba (Bisko) founded Wofa in 2009, to give PVPA students the opportunity to explore the rich culture and heritage of Guinea, West Africa. Wofa is a Sousou word which means Let's Get Together, which expresses PVPA's vision of reaching out into the community to share culture and the arts.

The show "Sona the Orphan" is inspired by a West African tale of an orphaned girl raised by her stepmother after her own mother dies in child birth. In the tale, Sona is kind and good



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but poorly treated by her stepmother.

In this adaptation, the stepmother is replaced by a grandfather. As the community comes together to support Sona, her grandfather has a change of heart and learns to love Sona for

herself.

Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School is a regional public charter school serving 400 students in grades seven-12, from over 50 towns throughout western Massachusetts. PVPA's mission

is to offer students an intensive exposure to the performing arts within the context of an excellent college preparatory curriculum.

For more information about PVPA go to www.pvpa.org.

public notices

Town of Hardwick Conservation Commission Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Meeting will be held for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm** at the **Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville**. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Applicant: Ram Seetharaman

Description of Proposed Work: To establish boundaries and types of wetland resources on the property.

Location: Assessors' Map 78, Parcel 9, 0 Lyman Road

Town: **Hardwick**

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>. 03/07/2024

Town of Hardwick Conservation Commission Legal Ad Request for Determination of Applicability

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Meeting will be held for a Request for Determination of Applicability on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm** at the **Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville**. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Applicant: Kevin Graves

Description of Proposed Work: Treatment of invasive species

Location: 480 Ridge Road

Town: **Hardwick**

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>. 03/07/2024

NOTICE OF AUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be auctioned.

The contents of Miranda Orcutt will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage, 31 Southbridge Rd., Warren, MA** on **March 23, 2024 at 9 a.m.**

The contents of Tammy Handfield and Adam Ciufu will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage, 167 West St., Ware, MA** at **9:30 a.m. on March 23, 2024.**

Any questions or inquiries call 413-800-6278. 03/07, 03/14/2024

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WETLANDS PROGRAM 401 Water Quality Certification Application Public Notice

Pursuant to 33.U.S.C.1341 and MGL c21 §43, notice is hereby given of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) application for the Patril Hollow Pond Dam Removal Project within the Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area in Hardwick by the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (MassWildlife), 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA, 01581 on property owned by MassWildlife. The project involves the removal of an existing dam, earthen embankment, and associated structures for ecological restoration. Additional information may be obtained from the applicant's agent – Tighe & Bond, Inc. c/o Daniel R. Buttrick, PE, 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085 (413-562-1600).

Written comments on this 401 WQC Application may be emailed to:

David Wong (David.W.Wong@mass.gov)

Department of Environmental Protection Wetlands Program 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 874-7155

Within 21 days of this notice. The Department will consider all written comments on this 401 WQC Application received by the Public Comments Deadline.

Any group of ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any government body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification and that failure to submit comments before the end of public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. 03/07/2024

Belchertown photographer exhibiting at Cooley Dickinson

BELCHERTOWN – An eclectic display of work by local fine art photographer Jim Gambaro is currently on display in the North Gallery at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, 30 Locust St., in Northampton.

Images are as diverse as a sunset at Quabbin Reservoir to a street scene in the Galapagos. New work includes a variety of images from Southwest canyons.

The exhibition will be on view through the end of April.

"I have always looked for subjects and lighting that stimulate the child's 'wow' factor in my mind's eye, zeroing in on details small and large, on landscapes both natural and constructed, and on places distant

and close to home," Gambaro said in a press release. "If the images in this exhibit manage to convey some of the pleasure I experienced in their creation, I consider them successful."

He defines his goal as an artist to pass along "the simple pleasures of seeing." Many of his photographs can be seen in his online gallery, <https://jimgambarophotography.zenfolio.com>.

Gambaro also has three photographs in the current All Things Animal exhibition at the ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware, which is open Saturdays and Sundays, from 1-4 p.m.

His varied background includes a bachelor's degree in



"Spillway in Painterly Mode" by Jim Gambaro is displayed at Cooley Dickinson Hospital's North Gallery.

art education from Montclair University, followed by work as a junior high art instructor, journalist, commercial photographer, news photographer and human service worker.

The art galleries at Cooley Dickinson are a project of the Friends of Cooley Dickinson Hospital and a portion of sales benefits the hospital.

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are allowed to train on the proper equipment. It focuses on diversifying the state's agriculture industry, with generations of new farmers in mind. And, it re-envisions a stronger Massachusetts local food system," said Comerford. "I am grateful for Chair Schmid's leadership and collaboration on this Committee and our partnership in crafting this transformational omnibus legislation, as well as to Senate President Spilka for her vision and for continuing to champion the Commonwealth's farmers."

"This omnibus bill honors our strong agricultural history by taking the ambitious steps necessary to support the Commonwealth's next generation of farms. By advancing this broad piece of legislation, the

Joint Committee on Agriculture has signaled its desire to strengthen our local food system based on the recommendations heard directly from farmers and stakeholders across the Commonwealth," said House Vice Chair Natalie M. Blais (D-Deerfield). "I am extremely grateful for the leadership of Chairs Schmid and Comerford, who not only stood up a new committee this session, but who have also made it a priority to hear directly from the agricultural community."

The following list of bills, some of which have been consolidated and redrafted from their original forms, are included in the omnibus legislation:

An Act relative to the Massachusetts Food Policy Council (H.99) filed by Chair Paul Schmid

An Act relative to the defini-

tion of farming (S.496) filed by Senator Anne Gobi (who is now serving as Director of Rural Affairs with the Healey/Driscoll Administration)

An Act relative to the definition of livestock (H.95) filed by Representative Adam Scanlon

An Act relative to the use of Department of Conservation and Recreation property for farmers markets and community gardens (H.96) filed by Chair Schmid

An act supporting farm diversification and sustainability (H.754) filed by Vice Chair Natalie Blais

An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program (S.85/H.150) filed by Senator Gobi and Representative Domb

An Act encouraging the donation of food to persons in need (S.920/H.1594) filed by Chair Jo Comerford and Senator Edward Kennedy and

Representative Hannah Kane

An Act Promoting Equity in Agriculture (H.87) filed by Chair Comerford and Vice Chair Blais

An Act defining agritourism (S.2469) filed by Senator Edward Kennedy

An Act relative to the use of hoisting equipment in Chapter 74 vocational technical education (S.1577/H.2337) filed by Senator Marc Pacheco and Representative Pat Haddad

An Act establishing a deer population control commission (H.858) filed by Representative Christopher Markey

An Act strengthening local food systems (H.88) filed by Chair Comerford and Vice Chair Blais

An Act relative to horse riding instructors (S.216) filed by Senator Bruce Tarr

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JOB OPENING TOWN OF WARREN, MA ASSESSOR CLERK-PART-TIME

19 HOURS
Hourly Range \$16.73-\$22.48
BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

The Town of Warren is seeking applicants to join our team as a part-time Assessor Clerk to work in the Assessor's office in the Municipal Building. The successful candidate will perform clerical duties and provide customer service under the direction of the Board of Assessor's and Town Administrator.

Must be able to work with figures, possess strong computer and customer service skills. For more information and position description please visit the Town's website www.warren-ma.gov.

Please submit your resume along with a cover letter to Town Administrator, Jim Ferrera, townadministrator@warren-ma.gov.

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The Town of Warren is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661**.



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