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SARAH HUGHES TAKES NATIONAL STAGE AT MACY'S PARADE

Hanover Wind Symphony

The Hughes family of Whippany can certainly blow their own horns!

The father, Phil Hughes, plays the tuba with the renowned Hanover Wind Symphony (HWS), and he's a past president of the wind band. Mom Michele plays the French horn and has been the HWS French horn section leader for 20 years. Elder daughter Emily was in the Rutgers University marching band and currently plays trumpet in a concert band in St. Louis, called Band Together.

And this year, the Hughes's younger daughter Sarah, a trombonist with the Pride of West Virginia, marched down Sixth Ave in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. The Pride of West Virginia is West Virginia University's 350member marching band. Sarah is a fourth-year engineering major at WVU, and she is a 2021 graduate of Whippany Park High School.

Sarah, a senior trombone section leader with the WVU marching band, was thrilled to have the opportunity to travel "home" to perform for a nationwide audience. The marching band performed some of their classic pregame music, heard at the WVU Mountaineers football games.

Sarah said, "Performing in the Macy's parade is such an honor, and I'm so excited to have represent WVU while sharing my love of New York City with my bandmates!"

She notes, "I have loved music from a very early age. My parents took me to their Hanover Wind Symphony concerts before I could talk! Listening to them perform over the years helped shape me into the musician I have become."

The Hanover Wind Symphony, now celebrating its 40th anniversary, is a unique



(above) Sarah Hughes of Whippany, trombonist, performed in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

extension of the great American tradition of adult music performance. One of only a handful of outstanding community-based adult wind bands in New Jersey, the Hanover Wind Symphony delights audiences of all ages by giving a contemporary twist to traditional favorites. The large orchestra, made up exclusively of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, embraces as its mission bringing "music to people and people to music." HWS musicians come together to connect musically with others, share the enjoyment of music with live audiences, and help mentor the next generation of wind musicians.

For further information about the Hanover Wind Symphony, including details on upcoming concerts, visit hanoverwinds.org.

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Saturday, December 14, 2024 (Rain date: Sunday, December 15, 2024) 6:00pm-8:00pm

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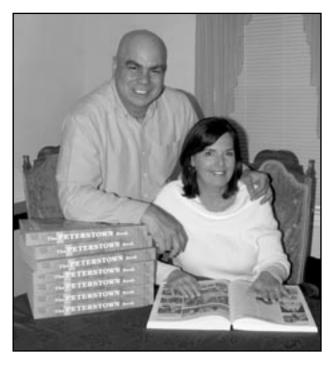
WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF NEWSPAPERS

Welcome to the premier issue of Hanover Township Press, Renna Media's newest addition to our family of newspapers. Hanover Township Press will be mailed to every postal patron in Hanover, Whippany, and Cedar Knolls monthly and will deliver important information from the departments within town hall, along with news from the schools and library. Community service organizations are encouraged to promote their events and celebrate their accomplishments free of charge. The newspaper's goal is to be a positive influence on the economic development and overall well-being of Hanover Township. Hanover Township Press exists to share all of the good things that are happening in town.

Renna Media is a Cranford based business owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Joe and Tina Renna. Hanover Township Press joins Renna Media's family of thirty community newspapers published in and around Essex, Morris, Somerset, and Union counties. The publications are "hyperlocal" in nature in that they contain information focused on each individual town and are direct mailed within those towns.

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(above) Joe and Tina Renna have been publishing community newspapers since 1998 with the launch of Around About Peterstown, a regional newspaper about the Italian-American neighborhood located in Elizabeth, NJ.



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The coming of Y2K may have been worrisome for many in late 1999, but not for three local entrepreneurs intent on opening a restaurant and making their mark in downtown Morristown. Jack Welch, Jeff Beers and Jim Finnegan were hard at work conceptualizing a restaurant theme and a menu, hiring staff and so much more in preparation for opening their doors on Washington Street before the momentous turn of the century.

The Frog Restaurant & Bar found its home between the Morris County Court House and the historic Morristown Green in November of 1999. From the outset, this family friendly restaurant steadily drew in the crowds from Morristown and surrounding communities with its consistently good food, full-service bar and way back then, self-serve popcorn baskets and Wednesday night roaming magician for the kids. While popcorn and magicians are not currently on the menu, the restaurant uses the same burger blend from the day they opened and prides itself on its signature chicken fingers made with Ritz Cracker crumbs and house made mustamaize sauce. Chef Luis Torales creates all the specials and new menu items then carefully trains his culinary staff to maintain the quality and innovation that the Frog is known for.

Only one year after its initial opening came The Side Bar, a no-jeans, no-sneaker hideaway for the over 23 crowd to enjoy premium cocktails and small plates. The Side Bar would adapt through the years, becoming a cigar bar in 2009 and ultimately was renamed HOPS Beer & Craft Bar in 2014. HOPS is an ideal location for social and corporate events.

Now called Legends Sports Bar and Local Legends Rec Room (formerly 'The Annex'), The Frog offers something for everyone. General Manager, Brian Engler and Chef Luis run the establishment with an attention to detail and maintaining the high quality food and beverage service that patrons have counted on for many years. Still a great place to gather with friends and family for great food and drinks, it also draws

the competitive crowd for a lively game of shuffleboard, pool or cornhole. And last but not least, Finnegan's Beer Garden is a cozy outdoor patio space in the fairer months.

March is by far the busiest month for the longstanding restaurant. For 35+ years, The St. Patrick's Parade has drawn crowds from throughout Northern NJ and The Frog is an integral part of the day. Year after year the lines grow for returning and new visitors to enjoy one of the most exciting days each year in Morristown. The excitement doesn't stop there. NCAA March Madness is an electric time of year for basketball fans and there's no better place to follow your bracket and cheer for your favorite teams. Throughout the year, Legends Sports Bar caters to sports fans with watch parties for the likes of Penn State, Rutgers, Tennessee, Alabama, Villanova and Providence! Food and beverage specials geared to all adult sports teams add an extra layer of fun!

The fall brings its own brand of fun to Morristown and once again The Frog is in the center of it all. The restaurant plays host of the very popular Beer Tent for the annual Morristown Festival on the Green event, run by the Morristown Partnership; they bring their expertise outside for the fall gathering that draws thousands each year to the downtown on a Sunday afternoon. And throughout the season, Legends Sports Bar caters to sports fans with watch parties for the likes of Penn State, Rutgers, Tennessee, Alabama, Villanova and Providence! Food and beverage specials geared to all adult sports teams add an extra layer of fun!

Twenty-five years from their doors opening, The Frog is celebrating their anniversary from November 16th through the New Year!

Reservations can be made directly with the restaurant. Cheers to a Morristown treasure to many more years of family fun!

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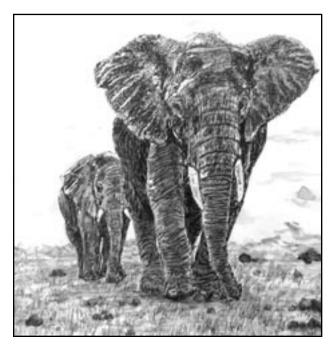
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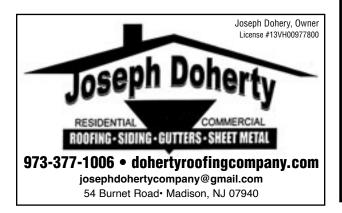
sts a one-hour journey through our Great American Department Stores. We tour the very first stores in the United States and how they grew, evolved and in some cases disappeared in the 21st century. From A.T. Stewart to Lord and Taylor, we've got all the greats to explore and celebrate. Must pre-register. To register, go to the Whippanong Library event page: whippanong.org/events-calendar

Angelina Ballerina Christmas Candy Canes Tuesday, December 17, 11:15 AM

(Ages 5 & under) Sharon's Studio of Dance and Music will lead a 45-60 minute Angelina Ballerina story and movement class. Must be a Hanover Township resident. Must pre-register. To register, go to the Whippanong Library event page: whippanong.org/events-calendar



(above) Come and view Vidya Mohan's paintings during the month of December in the Whippanong Library Petit Gallery.



HANUKKAH HOOPLA – DEC. 29

Hanukkah Hoopla on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the Hanover Township Community Center from 3–5 p.m. There will be dancing.

Hanover Township Recreation invites you to latkes, donuts, crafts, and dreidel play. Bring your own menorah a community lighting. The cost is \$5 per family. Registration via Community Pass.



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(above) Madelyn Monaghan



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CELEBRATE WITH THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS

The beloved Pipes of Christmas fundraising concert is delighted to be entering their second quarter century with a brand-new production.

The popular holiday event will be returning to theMadison Avenue Presbyterian Church in NYC on Decemebr 14, and Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ on Decemebr 15.

The Pipes of Christmas brings together musicians, soloists, and performers from across America and the UK to share the magic of the holiday season through the timeless sounds of Celtic music. The show features traditional favorites and newly commissioned works performed on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, organ, brass, and more, as well as readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

Featured performers include guitarist and music director Steve Gibb from Inverness, Scotland, actor James Robinson of "A Merry Scottish Christmas," "Braveheart," and "Outlander," fiddler Caitlin Warbelow from Broadway's "Come from Away," and US Harp Champion harpist Rachel Clemente.

Audiences will thrill to the Commonwealth Pipes and Drums under the leadership of Pipe Major Adam Holdaway and the B-Line Brass Quintet led by CJ Waldrop.

In both locations, the company will include the Solid Brass ensemble and the St. Columcille United Pipe Band led by Pipe Major Cameron MacDougall.

Also making her Pipes of Christmas debut will be Madelyn Monaghan, an Irish American traditional (sean-nós) singer based in New York City. In September of this year, Madelyn was a leading performer at the Celtic World Forum in Dublin alongside the likes of Máiréad Nesbitt and Clannad's Moya Brennan and appeared in the Celtic Music Festival in Rockport, MA. Her voice can be heard via TikTok, museums, film scores, and commercials, and her album éist is available on all streaming platforms.

Proceeds Support Scholarships and Cultural Heritage Initiatives

The Pipes of Christmas is hosted by the Learned Kindred of Currie, a non-profit cultural

and educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Scottish and Highland heritage and the arts. As its primary fundraiser, the concert enables the Kindred's continued efforts to support the global Scottish community through initiatives such as:

- Producing Tartan Day on Ellis Island, perhaps the largest Tartan Day event in the world, which received 80,000 visitors in 2024 alone
- Providing scholarships to deserving students in the US, Canada, and Scotland
- Sponsoring competitions and festivals across the globe
- Commissioning of new musical and cultural works
- A global monuments initiative, which helps erect and preserve new and existing locations such as the Scottish Writers Museum and Bale nam Bàrd (the bard's home) on the Island of South Uist
- Developing a cultural heritage center in Scotland (currently in preliminary stages)

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Tickets are now available via Eventbrite. Reserved VIP and general admission seating is available. Access to the global web stream of concert highlights can also be booked in advance. Tickets for Summit are \$60 general admission and \$150 VIP - reserved tickets.

ABOUT "THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS"

Since its debut, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing-room-only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert gives audiences a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well-constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth."





RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATES 147 COLUMBIA GRAND OPENING

Garden Communities this month celebrated the grand opening of 147 Columbia, the newest luxury apartment community in downtown Florham Park. The milestone punctuates the completion of another successful redevelopment project for the Short Hills-based developer, which transformed the site of an obsolete office building into a next-generation residential community.

Local officials and law enforcement representatives joined Garden Communities and other key stakeholders at the invitation-only event, which featured a flag raising and ribbon cutting ceremony. The program included comments from Florham Park Mayor Mark Taylor and Scott Loventhal, managing director of Garden Communities.

OLD GUARD DECEMBER SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet most Tuesdays at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our dues are minimal, and members manage all aspects of the operation. Our motto is "Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends." The organization was founded in 1930.

In December, we will have two speakers:

DECEMBER 3RD, RON BRACHMAN

On December 3rd, our speaker will be Ron Brachman, an internationally known expert in Artificial Intelligence. In 2023 he retired from his positions as the Director of the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute at Cornell Tech and Professor of Computer Science at Cornell University. He has also held research leadership positions at Yahoo, DARPA, AT&T Labs, and Bell Labs. Ron will discuss the amazing leaps forward in Artificial Intelligence over the past several years, and examine the unexpected, humanlike blunders the programs continue to make. Briefly, the algorithms, capable of constructing solutions to many complex problems, lack what is generally perceived as 'common sense'. In his talk, Ron Brachman will consider what common sense is about, what AI has tried to do about it, and what's still missing.

DECEMBER 10TH, JAMES M. KOSSLER

On December 10th, James M. Kossler will discuss the FBI versus the Cosa Nostra. Jim spent 23 years as an FBI agent and was the Coordinating Supervisor for the New York office responsible for directing the Organized Crime unit. As an expert witness he testified in numerous mob trials in New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. Jim was featured in the Netflix documentary "Fear City: New York vs. the Mafia." Jim will provide a brief history of Cosa Nostra (Mafia) and how they went from controlling unions and industry in New York and New Jersey, to being turned into street gangs.

"I want to thank the Garden Communities team, our Planning Board leadership and everyone involved in the process of getting this building ready," Mayor Taylor said. "This is a great new beginning for Florham Park and certainly for the residents who move here and can walk throughout town. They're going to have a great place to live in the heart of our outstanding community."

With 126 oversized rental residences, 147 Columbia sits with high visibility at the intersection of Columbia Turnpike and Hanover Avenue. "As part of the site approval plan for this prominent corner property, we thought it would be appropriate to pay respect to and raise the American flag," Loventhal said.

"We've watched with admiration over the past 15 years as the Florham Park planning board and administration have done such an incredible job with this downtown," he added. "We are really proud to be a part of enabling those who have lived here all of their lives, as well as plenty of young residents who will be moving in, to enjoy everything Florham Park has to offer. We thank Mayor Taylor and his team for supporting our vision."

147 Columbia features a variety of well-appointed one- and two-bedroom layouts distinguished by light-filled interiors and thoughtful, contemporary design. With expansive

floor plans up to 1,537 square feet, almost every home has a private balcony, and select apartments include dens. Gourmet center-island kitchens, spacious walk-in closets, in-suite washers and dryers, individually controlled heating/cooling, and remote keyless entry are among 147 Columbia's many upscale highlights.

The community provides reserved garage parking and a wide range of lifestyle amenities as well. Residents enjoy an on-site co-working center with private workspaces, while a fireside entertainment lounge is perfect for socialization and relaxation. A state-of-the-art fitness center and yoga room contribute to health and well-being. Outside, the pet-friendly community offers landscaped, park-like grounds punctuated with seating areas and a promenade.

Monthly rents at 147 Columbia begin at \$2,800. For more information, call 973-528-7242 or visit Rent147columbianj.com.

As one of the region's most active developers in its high-end niche, Garden Communities is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2024. The company's robust multifamily project pipeline will introduce dozens of new communities in the tri-state area over the next several years. Garden Communities is recognized for its responsive, hands-on approach to property operations, and its focus on meeting the needs and desires of modern renters.





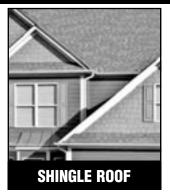




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(above, l-r) Phil Huges, tuba, Whippany; Gail Lalk, French Horn, Morristown; Marissa Raczynski, Basson, Stockhom



(above, l-r) In the holiday spirit: Ayden Khan, HWS assistant musical director and guest conductor; Ester Musilli, trumpeter and guest conductor; and Matthew Paterno, HWS musical director and conductor.

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'HOLIDAYS IN HANOVER' CONCERT – DEC. 15

Hanover Wind Symphony

Mid-December is the perfect time to get into the holiday spirit, and a free concert will certainly make the yuletide bright! The Hanover Wind Symphony will present a free "Holidays in Hanover" concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Ave., in Whippany. This concert is part of the 40th anniversary season of the renowned 85-member wind band.

Joining the HWS musicians will be the Morris Music Men, under the direction of Nate Barrett.

Speaking about the upcoming holiday concert, Matthew Paterno, musical director and conductor of the Hanover Wind Symphony, says, "Our annual 'Holidays in Hanover' concert has been an integral part of the holiday season for our entire HWS family. We look forward to again sharing the concert with the wonderful and energetic Morris Music Men. The concert finale is a combined work for both the Hanover Wind Symphony and the Music Music Men, titled 'A Little Christmas Carol.' This piece was compiled by Elaine Schlatter, who grew up in Whippany, and features the voice of the HWS, Dr. James Sodt, and longtime trumpeter Paul Berman." Schlatter is vice chairman of the HWS board, the HWS archivist, and a founder of the wind band.

Among the pieces to be performed at the "Holidays in Hanover" concert are the following: "A Christmas Overture" by Nigel Hess, "As All the Angels Sing" by Rob Romeyn, "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin/arranged by Robert R. Bennett, "Silent Night in Gotham" by Julie Giroux, with Ayden Khan as guest conductor, "Winterscape" by Gavin Lendt, with Ester Musilli as guest conductor, "Home Alone" by John Williams/arranged by Paul Lavender, "Chanukah Here," Is traditional melody/arranged by Calvin Custer, and "A Little Christmas Carol" by Elaine Schlatter

Guest conductor for "Winterscape" Ester Musilli built a career around playing and teaching music, and embraced the opportunity to join the Hanover Wind Symphony as a trumpet player in 2021. Her formal training includes studying trumpet with Dr. Craig Davis from William Paterson University as well as with Scott Natzke from the Finnish National Opera in Helsinki. The HWS guest conductor has been a middle school band director in the Parsippany-Troy Hills school system for over 30 years and has also worked as a marching band brass consultant within the Morris County area.

Guest conductor for "Silent Night in Gotham" Ayden Khan is currently the director of bands at Soehl Middle School in Linden. He was previously director of bands at Neptune High School since 2017. He received his master's in percussion performance, as well as his bachelor's in music education, from Montclair State University. He regularly performs in New Jersey, New York City, and Philadelphia. Additionally, Khan has taught master classes and coached percussion ensembles and drum lines in several different schools in New Jersey. He was the first recipient of the merit-based Centanni Percussion Scholarship for showing excellence in artistic advanced methods, performance, demonstrating high academic achievement. Among his numerous accomplishments, the guest conductor was honored with the opportunity to perform as the principal timpanist at Carnegie Hall, and on tour in Spain and Argentina with the Grammy Award-winning New York youth symphony.

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For 40 years, the Hanover Wind Symphony has played to enthusiastic audiences. HWS members are volunteers who share a love for music and a passion for enriching the cultural fabric of the community with the thrill of live wind band performances. By day, HWS members are accountants, engineers, teachers and executives. They come together to connect musically with others, share the enjoyment of music with live audiences, and help mentor the next generation of wind musicians.

The Morris Music Men have been treating northern New Jersey audiences to the uniquely American form of vocal music known as barbershop harmony since the late 1950s. They are a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, the world's largest men's a cappella singing society. Their director, Nate Barrett, is a professionally trained musician. The Morris Music Men sing for civic and charitable organizations, private groups, local festivals and fairs, houses of worship, community events, and fundraisers. Their wide-ranging repertoire features America's most popular music, from pop standards and Broadway show tunes, to country and rock.

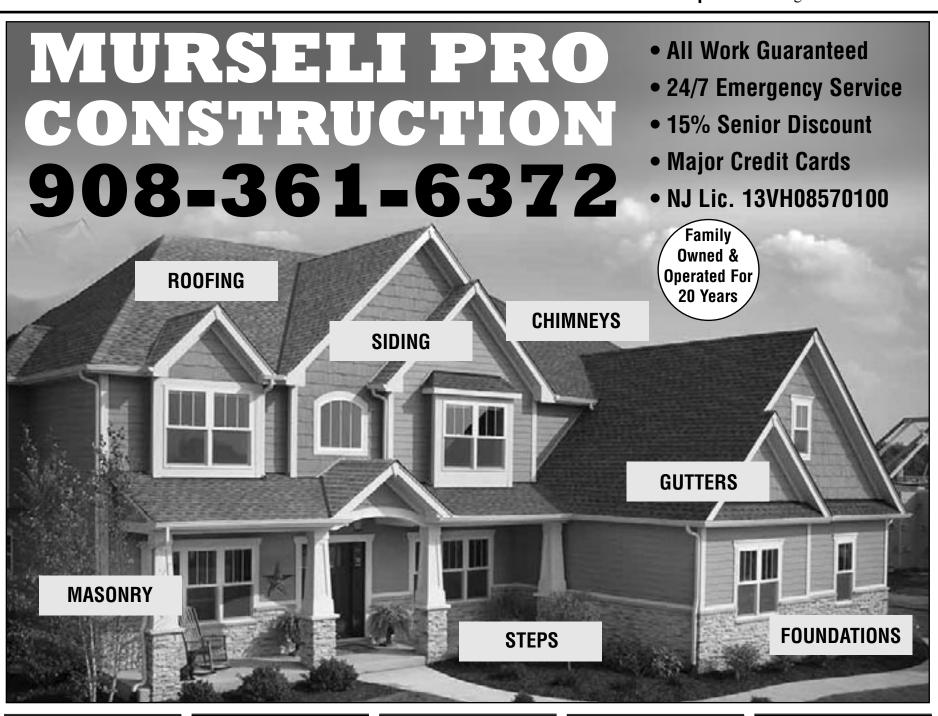
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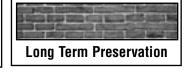
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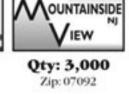
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NJIO's three orchestral ensembles will combine to perform music by Corelli, Reinecke, Strauss, and more! The concert concludes with Leroy Anderson's exciting Sleigh Ride, with percussion accompaniment provided by the youngest members of the audience!

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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