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**National Pike Opry House**

**T**he popular restaurant, Hen House, began more than four decades ago in Frostburg, Maryland. In 1961 the Warn family started the business by building a cement block structure on Bowery Street, which accommodated nine guests. The restaurant's featured selection, chicken, became the namesake of their business. Sons, Gary and Bill Warn, were busy helping their parents at the restaurant, doing whatever chores were necessary and by 1975 the brothers had purchased the business from their parents. Through hard work, the number of customers continued to increase. A decision was made in 1979 to look for a new location so growth could continue. The Warns moved to their present location along U.S. Route 40, which was previously The Colonial Inn, built in 1929. The family business continues to thrive in its Old National Pike location, commonly called Long Stretch, in Garrett County.



*Scenes from last season's "The Tri-Tones Are Back," a hilariously entertaining musical. This year's performance of "Where the Buffalo Roam" promises to be another great one. The show opens Friday, July 8th.*

The Hen House expanded operations in 2002 by offering customers a dinner theatre experience. Ticket price includes the food, performances and complimentary bar. Theatre majors from area universities perform at the National Pike Opry House located in the pavilion adjacent to the restaurant. The 2005 summer show is the 4th musical performance and will be *Where The Buffalo Roam*, an original production with influences from *Blazing Saddles* and *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. Performances begin on Friday and Saturday, July 8th and 9th and will run for eight consecutive weekends. Because all past shows have been sold out, reservations are required. The Hen House phone number is **301-689-5001**.

