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Barksdale season opens Feb. 5

(Editor's note: The price for a premium subscription was incorrect in the Jan. 13, 2010, edition of The Mechanicsville Local. The correct price is \$141. We apologize for the error.)

Featuring five productions, the 2010 season for the Barksdale Theatre at Hanover Tavern will open on Feb. 5 with "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" by Ron Osborne.

According to Judith W. Crenshaw, publicist for Theatre IV/Barksdale Theatre, season ticket prices for subscribers range from \$123 to \$142 for all five shows.

"First Baptist of Ivy Gap," a warm Southern comedy, full of humor and pathos, introduces six very different women who come together during World War II at church to roll bandages and plan the church's 75th anniversary. It runs Feb. 5 through March 14.

"Butterflies Are Free" will be presented April 9 through May 16. Loosely based on the life of blind attorney Harold Krents, "Butterflies Are Free" tells the story of Don Baker, an ambitious young man who, though sightless from birth, moves into an apartment in New York City, leaving his protective family in Scarsdale for the freedom and independence -- and romance -- he has always craved.

Ernest Thompson's "On Golden Pond" is scheduled to run July 16 through Aug. 29. A retired New England professor and lovable curmudgeon, Norman Thayer Jr., and his spirited

wife Ethel decide to spend one final summer at their family's lakeside cottage in Maine. They are soon interrupted by the arrival of their daughter Chelsea, who, en route to a European vacation, leaves behind her fiancé's young son. Colliding generations soon forge common ground.

On stage Sept. 24 through Nov. 7, "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" is set in October 1945 and the gospel-singing Sanders Family is back together again.

"Nonsense Book" will be performed Nov. 26 through Jan. 23, 2011. The show is a fundraiser put on by the Little Sisters of Hoboken to raise money to bury sisters accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia (Child of God)

Subscribers who renew by Jan. 19 will be able to keep their current seats and receive an extra 15 percent off.

Subscriptions are as follows:

✓ Premium: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.; \$141 per person (save \$76). The price goes up to \$142 after Jan. 19.

✓ Super Saver: Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.; \$99 per person (save \$91). The price goes up to \$123 after Jan. 19.

✓ Hanover Employee: Any series \$90 per person (save \$100).

For more information, call Barksdale Theatre's Box Office at 282-2620 or visit www.BarksdaleRichmond.org.