Choral Society, Choral Society to Present ‘A German Requiem’

The FSU Department of Music presents “A German Requiem” by Johannes Brahms, under the direction of Dr. Karen Soderberg, Sunday, May 4, at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Pealer Recital Hall.

“The German Requiem, op.45,” is deemed one of the most highly esteemed works in music literature. Brahms labored over it for 11 years (from 1857 to 1868), and it is his longest major work. The work uses two soloists, with a four-part choir, plus an orchestra consisting of three flutes, two clarinets, two bassoons, two trumpets, three trombones, four horns, timpani, strings and organ. Soloists include soprano Preshanti Navaratnam from London, England, and baritone Carl Johnson from New York. The 120-voice choir includes the Cumberland Choral Society and the University Chorale. The orchestra is comprised of tri-state area musicians.

Admission to the concert is $15 for adults and $7 for students. Tickets can be purchased and reserved by calling x7462.

Karen Soderberg conducts a rehearsal of Johannes Brahms’ “A German Requiem.”

University Theatre Presents ‘Flyin’ West’

The FSU Theatre will present “Flyin’ West” at 8 p.m. on May 1, 2 and 3 in the Performing Arts Center’s F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre.

A fact-inspired drama, the play is set in 1898 Nicodemus, Kansas, an all-black town named for an African-born slave who bought his independence. It is the story of a family of women who leave the racist, male-dominated South and move west in search of freedom.

Hailed as a moving and gripping drama, the play was conceived by author Pearl Cleage after she read about Ida B. Wells, the crusading journalist whose Memphis newspaper columns of the 1890s urged African Americans to move west in search of freedom. In reference to her play, Cleage says, “On the surface, it’s about homesteaders in the American West, pioneers, but it’s also a way to talk about contemporary issues like race, gender, class and feminist issues.”

Tickets are $4 for FSU students and $10 for the general public. For reservations and information, call x7462 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Advertisement Trainer, Educator to Speak

Ken Demus, a certified adventure trainer and physical educator, will speak at FSU Monday, May 5, as the 2003 Lillian M. Wellner Scholar, a program that brings acclaimed scholars to campus.

Two sessions will be held. Intended primarily for physical education majors, the morning session will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session, from 1 to 4 p.m., is intended for recreation majors. Both sessions are free and open to the public.

Now employed with the High Five Adventure Learning Center in Vermont, Demus has been a certified adventure trainer for 17 years. His presentation will feature interactive participation with the audience.

Demus taught elementary physical education for four years and middle school physical education for 29 years at Mamaroneck, New York, and has coached high school baseball and wrestling. He was named the State of New York Association Middle School Teacher of the Year. He has authored articles for JOHPER, Strategies and Ziplines.

The Lillian M. Wellner Scholar Distinguished Lecture Series was established by Dr. Harold J. Cordts, former chair of the FSU’s Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Named for the late Wellner, a former Frostburg State registrar and physical education instructor, the Series is supported by an endowment established in her name.

For information, call the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at x4463.

Join in Spring Fest May 3

The Department of Student and Educational Services, Center Stage, Campus Activities Board, Student Government Association and BURG Peer Education Network are sponsoring FSU’s Spring Fest: Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the football field and in the stadium parking lot (rain site is the Cordts Main Arena in the PE Center).

Students are invited to come out and participate. Activities include human foosball, gladiator joust, giant twister, adrenaline rush, mechanical bull and more. There will also be band performances, T-shirts and a lot of food. This
is designed to be a collaborative event with other student organizations and athletic teams. From noon to 6 p.m., students can also gain real-life exposure to the perils of impaired driving — without being put at risk. The Safety Bug, part of a program developed by Pennsylvania Driving Under the Influence Association, will be available for rides. The Safety Bug has been custom engineered to demonstrate the loss of control one would experience if operating a motor vehicle while in an impaired state. The key difference is that it's the car — not the driver — that is "drunk." A trained mentor in the front passenger seat controls settings which cause the vehicle's steering to lose its finesse and prompt the braking mechanisms to become unpredictable.

The result is an unsettling episode for the driver, who gains a firsthand glimpse of what it feels like to drive under the influence.

While licensed drivers are able to experience The Safety Bug from a vantage point behind the wheel, an equally valuable lesson is afforded backseat passengers. Those who are "along for the ride" soon realize the helpless position they would be put in as passengers in the car of an impaired driver.

Open Mic Music Competition Set April 29

Center Stage will be sponsoring an Open Mic Music Competition on Tuesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in the LUC Loft. Prizes will be given to the winners of the competition. Please come show your support or talent.

Art

‘Figure of Each’ Exhibit Slated at Roper Gallery

“Figure of Each,” an exhibition of works by seniors Tom Couteau, Denise Goode and Cathy Stephis, will be on view through Wednesday, April 30, at FSU’s Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Couteau plans to graduate in May with a BFA in art and design. His focus is painting landscapes and figurative pieces. In addition, he works with metal sculpture and printmaking.

Goode will graduate with a BFA in art and design and minors in art history and graphic design. Her paintings are primarily composed of figurative work on innovative surfaces created specifically for this exhibition.

Stephis will graduate next December with a BFA in art and design, a minor in art history and a K-12 art education teaching certification. She has a dual focus in painting and ceramics. Most of her paintings are figurative and convey social issues and themes within specific series, while her ceramics vary in style.

For information, contact FSU’s Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

Portfolio Night to Highlight Graphic Work

"Lights. Camera. Graphics." is the title of FSU’s portfolio night of graphic design work by a group of graduating seniors, to be held May 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building’s Stephens Auditorium.

Featuring artwork by Justyin McFarland, Melinda Piazza, Ted Redmer, Daniel Scott, Susan Vernicek, Jason Werner, Robbie Whetzel and Dan Young, this exhibit and reception is free and open to the public.

McFarland uses extreme colors and intense lines to capture the unique balance between abstraction and professionalism. He plans to graduate in May with a focus in graphic design and hopes to pursue a career in fashion advertising.

Scott uses a simple style easily adapted to different purposes. He will graduate in May with a dual focus in graphic design and photography.

Piazza works with print and multimedia to create campus advertising and other design jobs. She will graduate in May.

Redmer will graduate with honors in May. He does most of his work in print media, but lately has explored multimedia digital design, using solid colors and dynamic lines to create traditional posters, advertisements and interactive animated movies.

Werner, who will graduate magna cum laude in art and design with minors in art history and business administration, is interested in advertising. He creates printed design pieces, animated works and hand-carved lithographs.

Young uses a minimalist technique with digital imagery. He has been an intern with Inertia Graphics of Hagerstown and The National Park Service Design Center in Harpers Ferry, W. Va. He will graduate in May with a concentration in graphic design and an art history minor.

Whetzel hopes to work in visual communications. He enjoys creating interactive multimedia designs. He will graduate in May with a focus in graphic design.

Vernicek, a graduate of Morris Hills High School, works with print and multimedia design, and has held a yearlong internship with McGarren & Williams. She will graduate with a concentration in graphic design and photography and a minor in art history.

For information, contact FSU’s Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

Music

DeFusco to Present Trumpet, Bagpipe Recital

FSU senior Albert DeFusco will present his senior recital on trumpet and highland bagpipes on Tuesday, April 22, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center’s Pealer Recital Hall. The Cumberland native will graduate in May with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. After graduation he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in theoretical chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh.

The performance is free and open to the public. For information, call x4109.

Literature

21st Spring Festival of Children’s Literature

The 2003 Spring Festival of Children’s Literature will be held Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, on the campus of FSU. The Festival provides an opportunity for participants to interact with featured authors and illustrators who inspire children to read. Participants also mingle with fellow educators and exchange ideas.

The Festival was established by Dr. William Bingman, director of the Children’s Literature Centre, to honor two colleagues who loved children’s literature. Now in its 21st year, the Festival has become a testament to those who care about the art of children’s literature.

The agenda for the Festival includes large group presentations by the featured authors and illustrators, offered in a personal and relaxed environment, as well as informative small group sessions. Topics range from selecting quality children’s books for a classroom to the viewing of family films in Danish and Irish children’s literature. An extensive book selection is available for purchase and autographing.

Dyer, an author/illustrator, is the daughter of a kindergarten teacher who grew up in a “house filled with art projects, music and books.” She began working in publishing as an author and illustrator of lesson activities for teachers who accompanied a reading program developed by Addison-Wesley. She “loves rainy days to draw, to read and to daydream.” Dyer is the creator of “Animal Crackers,” a series of poetic, board books for younger children.

Hobbs is the author of 12 novels for upper elementary, middle school and young adult readers. He grew up in an Air Force family that moved around the country. It was in Alaska that Hobbs “fell in love with mountains, rivers, fishing, baseball and writing.” He says, “About half of my ideas for stories come from life experiences, and the other half come from reading as I learn more about whatever interests me and about my own interest.” His books, “Jason’s Gold” and “Far North,” are both ALA Quick Picks for reluctant young adult readers.

Lewis, an award-winning illustrator, majored in graphic design and illustra-

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tion and also in art education at Temple University's Tyler School of Art. Lewis' artwork has been displayed in galleries throughout the United States, including the prestigious Rosenfeld Gallery in Philadelphia. He says, “I like the strong human interest stories... the kind that evoke stories that touch the heart.” Lewis illustrated “The Bat Boy and His Violin,” a Coretta Scott King award-winner that tells the story of a young boy who loved to play his violin even when serving as bat boy for his father’s baseball team.

Lyons first ambition was to be a neon-sign maker, a tightrope walker or a singer in Greenwich Village. However, she changed her mind when “I realized that it was the music in words that I was after.” Lyons grew up in the Kentuckiana, where her house was “full of music, stories and books.” The moutains of Kentucky and the theme of family are very strong in all of her writings. Her latest book, entitled “Mother to Tigers,” is the biography of Helen Martini, the founder of the Bronx Zoo’s animal nursery.

A special feature of the Festival, The R. Margaret Hamilton Children’s Hour, will be Friday, May 9, beginning at 4 p.m. for children ages 4 to 13. The series is aimed at developing children’s skills as athletes, and is free and open to the public.Refreshments will follow in the ALA Center Information Desk at x4411.

**Appalachian Laboratory**

On Thursday, May 1, Cliff R. Hupp of the U.S. Geological Survey, will present “Sediment Trapping and Carbon Sequestration in Coastal Plain Forested Wetlands; Special Emphasis on the Atchafalaya Basin, Louisiana,” the last in the spring Appalachian Laboratory spring seminar series. The presentation will be at 3:30 p.m. in AL room 109. Refreshments will follow in the AL lobby.

**Italian and Japanese Classes Offered at FSU**

Two new language classes will be taught at FSU starting in the fall. Basic Italian will be instructed by Professor Emeritus Kenneth J ablon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. This is a three-credit course designed for those who have never studied Italian. The emphasis is on practical communication and is directed for those who might want to travel to Italy.

Japanese will be offered in three course levels — MDFL 190 for those who know nothing of Japanese, MDFL 290 for the second semester, and MDFL 390 for the third semester. All courses are for three credits.

The Japanese courses will be taught by Makiko Tanaka, an exchange teacher. Tanaka, from Tokyo, graduated from Dokyo University, where she majored in English and International Relations. For more information on Italian and Japanese courses, contact MacGregor O'Brien, chair of the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department at x4287 or mobrien@frostburg.edu.

**Commencement Announcement**

All students planning to complete their studies during the current semester (May 2003) must first officially file for graduation. Undergraduate students should contact the Office of the Registrar (x4349, 144 Pullen Hall). Special mailings and notices regarding Commencement are sent only to those students who have completed all filing requirements.

**Edgewood Commons Cookout Includes Tour**

Edgewood Commons will hold a cookout for prospective tenants Wednesday, April 30, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Lower Quad, near Cambridge Hall. Attendees are invited to tour the model apartment at the brand new Edgewood Commons is invited. There will be free food and music, as well as a raffle for a DVD player and a television. The model is also available to tour at other times. Call toll-free 1-877-237-9048 for an appointment.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com/
Caps and gowns are provided at no charge to all students cleared to participate in Commencement; however, students are responsible for placing orders in advance. Orders should be submitted to the University Bookstore as soon as possible. Information is available on the University’s Web site: www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm. Contact Beth Deatelhauser in Special Academic Services, x3130, 127 Performing Arts Center, bdeatelhauser@frostburg.edu.

Graduate Students: May 2003 Commencement

Students who plan to complete graduate level degree programs must complete the “Application for Graduation” and return it to the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall, x7053. These forms should be completed and returned as soon as possible, in order to be included in the mailing lists for commencement information.

“Application for Graduation” forms and Cap & Gown ordering forms are available on the display rack outside the Graduate Services Office at 141 Pullen.

Book Giveaway a Rousing Success

Every year, A STAR! Western Maryland Corps program and the READ TO SUCCEED literacy program, in conjunction with the United Campus Ministry and the Department of Biology, hosted an event known as the “A STAR! and READ TO SUCCEED Book Giveaway” to encourage reading and promote literacy among students, staff, and faculty of Frostburg State University. The event, which took place on April 12-16, was a huge success, with 38,000 books distributed to community members, schools, and nonprofit groups in just two days!

The event was facilitated by a group of volunteers, who helped with the unloading and sorting of the books before each giveaway. Businesses such as the Country Club Mall and Walgreens were generous donors of prime store space for use during the book giveaway, allowing all students to access a large number of books from various community members and organizations. In this way, CCM has been a valuable partner in helping us support literacy in the area through the book giveaway.

Get Involved

Bobcat Run

The intramural department at FSU is hosting a 5K run/walk on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. Pre-register by May 7 and pay only $8 if you are a student or $12 if you are an adult non-student. After May 7 the prices are $10 and $15 for non-students. For more information, call x4666. Participants will receive a free T-shirt as well as complimentary food and beverages. All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to participate.

Bobcat Run is the annual fundraiser that the intramurals department puts on to help pay for the services and equipment provided for all students.

Points of Pride


Members of the FSU Wildlife Society attended the 2003 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave hosted by Haywood Community College at Lake Junaluska Resort in North Carolina. Conclave is an annual competition among the student Wildlife Society chapters that tests the knowledge and skill of each school through a variety of events. The event, the Quizbowl, pits schools against one another on subjects such as general biology, wildlife techniques or ecology. The other events that the FSU chapter participated in were art, archery, 22 shooting, game calling, orienteering, rowing, obstacle course and a team competition. Angela Burns won first place in essay, Faron Moser won second place in archery, Tom Miles won third place in free-form art and Kevin Mitchell won second place in non-game calling and third place in game calling.

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United Campus Ministry

“Chilling Out: Reflexology and Relaxation Session” with Joan Stewart, massage therapist and body worker, is the UCM program for Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lewis J. Ort Library room 237.

Catholic Campus Ministry

CCM’s April Potluck Dinner will be Tuesday, April 29, at 6 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center.

Geography Club Raffle Winner

Kelsey J ensco is the winner of the Earth Day Geography Club raffle. Kelsey wins dinner for two plus a one-night stay at the Savage River Lodge. Thanks to all those who purchased tickets!

Last Chance Audio/Video Competition

The National Broadcasting Society Audio & Video Competition submission deadline has been extended to Friday, May 2. To receive an entry form, contact stonestaco@aol.com. Submission can be turned into: Lane University Center Box 289, Attention: National Broadcasting Society Audio/Video Competition.

Job Fair

Education Job Fair

The Office of Career Services will hold an Education Job Fair for FSU Education Majors/Alumni on Wednesday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the LUC Manicur Assembly Hall. In the morning, from 9 a.m. to noon, education candidates will be able to meet school district representatives in an open fair atmosphere. During the afternoon, school system representatives, upon meeting candidates in the morning, will arrange private interviews. Bring your resumes and portfolios and dress professionally. Several school districts will be attending and a list is included within the Web site, http://www.frostburg.edu/clife/career/events.html. See you at the fair!

Community

May Meeting of AAUW

The May meeting of the Frostburg Branch, American Association of University Women, will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m., at Gandalf’s Restaurant, Main Street, Frostburg. The program will be installation of officers by Gail Herman, former president of the Garrett County Branch. Mrs. Herman will also entertain by telling a folk tale. Reservations must be made by May 1 to Liz West at (301) 722-6445. The public is welcome.

Scholarships

Rotary Scholarship

Do you know a student who would like to win a $25,000 scholarship to study any subject in any of 162 countries where
there is a Rotary Club for the academic year beginning in September of 2004? If the answer is "yes," have them contact Dr. J on Bauman, Department of Music, 103 PAC, x4381, jbauman@frostburg.edu for an application.

The Rotary Club of Frostburg will interview the applicants and make recommendations to the District. The Rotary District 7350 will pick one person from all of the applicants to be our next Ambassadorial Scholar.

Most applicants are juniors or seniors who are looking for ways to pursue a graduate degree. They will be true ambassadors as they will be asked to speak to Rotary clubs in their host country about our district and the USA in general. When they return, they will be asked to speak to clubs in our district about their experiences. Unique to this scholarship is that a Rotary club and a host Rotarian will be assigned as their liaison in their host country to help them get settled and have a great experience.

The application requires several essays, references from college professors and the Frostburg club's approval. The DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 5, in order to arrange an interview before the end of the semester. Moreover, applicants must be able to attend an interview on Saturday, Aug. 16, in Bedford, Pa., at the Arena Restaurant.

International

Sign up for Ireland '04; Info. Meeting May 7
Students interested in studying at Mary Immaculate College in Ireland in the spring of 2004 should apply at the CIE now. Deadlines are approaching. There will be an information meeting Wednesday, May 7, at 4 p.m. in the Fuller House. For more information, call the CIE at x4714 or Dr. O'Brien at x4287.

Application Deadline for Rowe Scholarship May 1

Students studying at FSU on an F or J visa who have completed at least one year of study by the end of spring semester may apply for a Rowe Scholarship from the CIE. Rowe Scholarships are awarded twice a year to qualified international students and are designed to help with tuition. The deadline is May 1. Contact Tom Carr, x4747 or tcarr@frostburg.edu.

Intensive Language Programs through ISEP

The International Student Exchange Program is offering three intensive language programs this spring. Students interested in improving their Spanish (Chile), French (Chambéry, France), or German (Braunschweig, with excursions to Berlin and Hamburg).

Link to http://www.isep.org/nuhs/summer.html or contact the CIE.

Art in England

Students who would like to spend three weeks in Oxford, England, taking an FSU art course are encouraged to apply now for the summer in Oxford program, sponsored by FSU, Indiana University in Pennsylvania and a consortium of other area institutions. The program takes place during the first three weeks of August. For information, contact Judy Dieruf in the Visual Arts Dept. at x4320.

Study Spanish, Earn TEFL in Ecuador

Apply now for Augustana College and the Centers for Interamerican Studies' Summer Spanish Program in the Andes, June 5 to Aug. 20, and the Summer Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate Program, June 19 to July 28. CIE is in Curcena, in the mountains of Ecuador. Students who participate may stay enrolled at FSU. For information, contact the CIE or visit the CEDEI Web site at http://www.augustana.edu/foreign/teacher/ecuador/

Study Abroad Programs

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. In the spring, students register at FSU during a semester abroad and can take all financial aid with them and transfer credit back to FSU. For information on any of the programs or scholarships that may be available, check with Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, call her at x3091 or e-mail her at asimes@frostburg.edu, or visit the CIE's new and improved Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm or the updated newsletter at http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/newsletter.htm

Study in Australia or New Zealand

FSU is affiliated with AustraLearn, an organization that provides unique opportunities for students to study at universities in Australia and New Zealand. AustraLearn arranges cheap flights, an orientation program on the Great Barrier Reef, pre-registration and transcript evaluation. Students may choose from a broad range of courses at campuses in beautiful and exotic surroundings. Scholarships are available from both FSU and AustraLearn.

Study in New Zealand

Students interested in studying at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England, may apply now for the spring 2004 semester. Newcastle is one of the liveliest cities in the UK, just across the Channel from Amsterdam, and three hours north of London (one hour south of Edinburgh) by train. Courses are available in a wide variety of subjects. The cost of the program is about the same as one semester at FSU (in-state) and all financial aid will transfer.

Semester Overseas for Same Price as FSU

The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) allows FSU students to register at FSU, pay FSU tuition and housing, and then study overseas for a semester, year or summer at one of more than 140 locations. Students may take financial aid with them and apply for scholarships from the CIE and from ISEP. Students may choose programs taught in English or other languages. For the price of an airline ticket, this is a great way to earn credit toward your FSU degree while enjoying life in a foreign culture. Apply now for spring 2004.

Study in Non-traditional Locations

FSU is affiliated with the School for International Training. This enables FSU students to study in SIT in over 50 locations while remaining registered at FSU. All financial aid will transfer. SIT offers scholarships to students in South America, Europe and Austral-asia. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who would like to spend a semester, year or summer off the beaten track.

Choose from Over 20 Locations to Study

FSU affiliates with the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), which offers study abroad programs in a variety of locations at universities around the world, including Richmond College in London. Programs are open to all majors. Study in Prague, South Africa or Japan. You may register at FSU and use your financial aid for all programs. AIFS offers scholarships to qualified students.

Do Your Student Teaching in Copenhagen

Education majors who would like to earn a semester of FSU credits while studying in Denmark should apply for the spring 2004 semester exchange program with the KDAS School Teaching Training in Copenhagen. Students complete projects and spend several weeks in Danish schools practicing student teaching skills. All courses are in English. Financial aid transfers and scholarships are available.

Gain Work/Volunteer Experience Overseas

Students interested in working abroad should come by the CIE for information about internships, volunteer organizations and paid work overseas. Many organizations help students obtain jobs and work permits, and some help to arrange housing as well. Students can choose from short experiences (one to two months) to longer experiences (four to 12 months), or even look into a more serious commitment (one to three years). Destinations are available throughout the world.

Financial Aid for Studying Overseas

FSU students are able to transfer all federal financial aid overseas to help pay for study abroad programs, along with
most state and institutional aid for most FSU sponsored programs. The CIE also awards study abroad scholarships of $500 and $1,000 to qualifying students. Many other state and national scholarships are also available to help cover overseas costs.

Learn More about Study Abroad

Students who would like to learn more about study abroad opportunities and how they fit into a degree program may come to the CIE. The staff will provide an overview of programs and requirements and have applications available. Scholarship and financial aid information will also be available. Students may use the CIE library and computer to search for programs. Many videos are also available.

Music from Around the World

Tune in to the university radio station, WFWM (91.9 FM), every Wednesday between 7 and 8 p.m. for “Planet Frostburg.” Listen to both traditional and contemporary world music and get the latest about study abroad.

Safety Message

West Nile Virus Precautions

Mosquitoes can breed in as little as 1/4 inch of water. In addition to using personal protection (long-sleeved shirts, long pants, insect repellent, stay indoors at dawn and early evening) Maryland citizens should take the following precautions to reduce mosquito-breeding sites:

- Remove all discarded tires from your property.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, plastic flower pots, or similar water-holding containers.
- Make sure all roof gutters drain properly. Clean clogged gutters in the spring and late fall.
- Make sure all catch/drain basins drain properly and completely.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs. Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Drain water from pool covers, turn wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Change the water in your birdbaths at least once a week.
- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property by filling in the hole with top soil.
- Remove outdoor pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats and pools.
- Store canoes and small boats upside down.
- Do not leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Do not allow water to collect in bottom of outside garbage cans.

For information about West Nile virus, call the Center for Veterinary Public Health at (410) 767-5649. For information about mosquito control, call the Md. Department of Agriculture at (410) 841-5870.