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FRIDAY...

Halton Police continue to be frustrated by culprits stealing items from autos and mischief crimes. For tips on how to combat the problem see Friday's edition.

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You go girl!

Sandy MacDavid of Georgetown competes with her Australian cattle dog Emma during the steeplechase trials at the Agility Association of Canada 2007 Nationals meet held at Halton Place this past weekend. See story, photos page 3. Photo by Ted Brown

West Nile mosquitoes found in Halton Hills

The first West Nile virus (WNV) infected mosquitoes in Halton this year have been found in Georgetown and Milton.

The mosquitoes were trapped in the area of Maple Ave. and Main St. S., Georgetown, and in the Main St./Ontario St. S. area of Milton last week. Also last week in Milton a crow found in the same area tested positive for the disease. That was the first bird in the region to have the virus this year.

"We are increasing our surveillance to keep track of West Nile virus activity in the Region," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton's Medical Officer of Health. "We are in the peak risk period for human infection. Residents should continue to ensure their personal protection through the end of September."

"It is still too early to say whether this year will be milder (risk of human infection) than previous years or not, therefore Halton residents should make personal protection against mosquito bites a priority," said Dr. Monir Taha, Halton's associate medical officer of health.

Mosquitoes can transmit West Nile virus to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds carrying the virus. The following are steps residents can take to protect themselves and their families from mosquitoes:

- Cover up. Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants with tightly-woven fabric.
- Avoid being outdoors from the early evening to morning. This is when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite, as well as at any time in shady, wooded areas.
- Reduce mosquito breeding sites around your home by getting rid of all water-filled containers and objects. Change the water in bird

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