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FRIDAY...

Cristy Nurse only took up rowing a year and a half ago but the 20-year-old was recently part of a Canadian team that won an international event in Boston. See details Friday.

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Scooby-Doo who are you?

Well, when he's not moonlighting as mayor of Halton Hills, Rick Bonnette did an admirable job as Scooby-Doo at downtown Acton's annual Halloween Haunted House held at the Off The Wall Youth Centre. "Barbies" Rachel and Julianna Koops of Acton were among the hundreds of children on hand to get treats from generous downtown merchants.

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Local girl killed in car crash

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Staff Writer

An accident near Bracebridge Sunday afternoon has claimed the life of a Georgetown girl remembered by friends as someone who "loved to make people laugh."

Chelsea DeForest, 12, of Eighth Line, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash after being ejected from the rear seat of a 1993 Honda Civic driven by a relative.

Haliburton Highlands OPP say the accident occurred about 4 p.m. Sunday on Hwy. 118, about 20 km east of Bracebridge, when the westbound Civic driven by David Mayes, 31, of Milton, crossed over into the eastbound lane then struck a rock face on the south side of the road.

The car came back across the highway where it struck another rock face on the north side of the road.

Chelsea's brother, Cody DeForest, 13, also of Georgetown, was injured in the accident. He was taken to Minden Hospital by ambulance where he was treated and released.

On Monday, a police spokesperson said road conditions were dry at the time of the accident and it hadn't been determined if Chelsea was wearing a seatbelt.

Mayes is facing charges of dangerous driving causing death, and dangerous driving causing bodily harm. He was released on bail in Lindsay court Tuesday. Mayes is to be back in court Nov. 7.

Chelsea's father, John DeForest of Orangeville, said his daughter was returning home from her mother Yvonne McColl's cottage when the accident happened.

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