

Couple ride to prom in style—via tractor

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GDHS student Jordan Kirby of Glen Williams and his girlfriend Tanner Tardie of Newtown CT., took a unique approach to drive to his prom at Mississauga Convention Centre Thursday night— he took his dad's tractor. Photo by Ted Brown

It started three years ago, when Jordan Kirby's dad Bill bought an 80 horsepower New Holland tractor. Jordan immediately decided it would be a perfect mode of transportation to drive to his high school prom.

The Grade 12 Georgetown District High School student from Glen Williams just had to decide who his date would be for the event.

Last August, Kirby, 18, had an accident and cut his hand with a saw. He had to undergo extensive surgery to repair the damage, and while it was healing, he spent time on Facebook, posting and meeting friends of friends, while gaining support throughout the ordeal.

One of those friends of a friend, Tanner Tardie, struck up an online friendship with Kirby, giving him support and helping to ease his pain during the recovery process.

Tanner, 16, attends Canterbury School, a private school in Milford, Connecticut. Her parents live in Newtown—the site of a mass shooting at an elementary school last December.

Kirby and Tardie decided they wanted to meet in person, but had to get that idea past their parents.

Kirby's mom Patty laughs about it now, but was quite adamant that her son was NOT flying off to Connecticut to see some 'girl.'

"I had visions of him meeting some 50-year-old guy who preyed on young teenage boys," laughs Patty.

Tardie's parents, Gloriana and Ken, were also hesitant to let their daughter

meet some guy so far away, for similar reasons.

But after the kids worked on their parents, the adults finally relented and Kirby flew to Newtown to meet Tardie in person.

The young couple's relationship took off from the start.

"I knew I was going to ask her to the prom after our first date," said Kirby. "We started making plans then."

While most kids hire a limo to head off to their special night, Tanner was quite agreeable about riding to the prom last Thursday in the cab of a tractor. Since the tractor is equipped with a buddy seat, it's quite comfortable to ride in— even in a long gown.

"The trip from Glen Williams to the Mississauga Convention Centre took just over an hour, and they had the only tractor parked in the Mississauga Convention Centre parking lot," said Patty. "Bill and Ken followed them in Jordan's truck, and they left the truck for Jordan and Tanner to get back," she added.

On the way to Mississauga, the couple enjoyed lots of attention, with horns blowing and people waving to the 'prom-bound' tractor.

Before leaving Glen Williams Thursday afternoon, Tanner summed up riding to prom in a tractor cab.

"It's fun. After all, not many girls can say they rode to the prom in a tractor," she said.

Acton man charged in attack on senior

Halton Police have charged an Acton man in the assault on a senior last month.

Police received several tips from the public about the May 20 incident after releasing to the media photos and a video of the assault against a 78-year-old Acton senior in an Acton variety store. The man was pushed to the floor and suffered bruising, abrasions and muscle damage to one of his limbs.

The incident occurred after the senior and his dog walked across Mill St. E. near Main St. N. shortly before 3 p.m. A vehicle travelling on the same street notably sped up, forcing the senior to pick up his dog and hurriedly finish crossing the street.

The driver stopped his vehicle and verbally berated the senior, forcing him to take refuge in a nearby store. The driver followed him into the store and forcibly shoved the senior to the ground.

Last Thursday police positively identified the man captured on the surveillance video and made an arrest at 9:25 a.m.

Charged with assault and held for a bail hearing was Allen Snels, 51.



TRUCK FLIPS: Trafalgar Road was closed between 15 and 10 Sideroads Friday, after a north-bound pickup truck, towing a trailer, flipped after the driver lost control at approximately 3:30 p.m. No serious injuries were reported. Photo by Ted Brown

Police nab pair in drug raid

Two men are facing charges following a three-week long Halton Regional Police investigation into an alleged cocaine trafficker in Acton.

Police followed a man to an address in Kitchener and after leaving the home police arrested him and found he had a large quantity of marijuana and cocaine on him.

The investigation culminated last Thursday when Halton Police, with assistance from Wa-

terloo Police and the Halton K9 unit, executed search warrants at homes in Kitchener and Acton. During the search police seized:

- half pound of cocaine
- 2.5 pounds of marijuana
- 1 gram of crystal methamphetamine
- 27 ecstasy tablets
- A small quantity of MDMA
- 20 grams of psilocybin

- 40 grams of cannabis resin
- Approximately \$15,000 in Canadian currency

Charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking is David Stewart, 19, of Acton.

Also charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, four counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking is Cat Tuong Nguyen, 29, of Kitchener.

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