

Tree takes down Lines

Acton firefighters were called to the Fifth Line south of 30 Side Road at 4:57 p.m. last Thursday after receiving a report that hydro lines were down.

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MEDIEVAL MIGHT: Acton's Shane and Cassandra Adams captured the men's and ladies' world jousting crowns at an international competition in Colorado last month. The Adams own Black Knight Entertainment which features a medieval fair with jousters, magicians and knights. - Frances Niblock photo

Acton couple captures world jousting crown

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
The New Tanner

Damsel in distress is not a role that Acton's Cassandra Adams could play convincingly - she's more of a Xena

Warrior-type, especially after winning the women's world jousting crown last month in Colorado.

Her husband, Shane Adams, also defended his world title which he won last year at the international jousting championships, held as part of a Scottish Highland festival in Colorado.

The Adams own Black Knight Entertainment which features the Knights of Valour Medieval Road Show including a cast of 30 knights, magicians, fire-eaters, falconers, blacksmiths and jesters. While it was Shane, 29, who as a boy dreamed of slaying dragons and jousting knights after watching movies of Robin Hood and Ivanhoe, Cassandra was drawn into the jousting life by her marriage and her acknowledged skills as a horsewoman.

"I was very nervous going into the competition but I have tons of horseback training and had been training with the guys so I felt pretty



good," Cassandra explained in an interview last Thursday.

In the individual competition two mounted riders, armed with lances and shields, make four passes at full gallop past each other as they try to hit their opponent's shield and ultimately knock them off their horse.

"The judges are looking for proper shield position, good horsemanship, good sportsmanship and how you hit your opponent. You get three points if you rock them in the saddle and six points if you unhorse them," Adams said, adding that she goes through a lot of Aspirin af-

ter an event.

Shane Adams also competed as part of the two-man Canadian team which tied for the gold with England, and had fourth place finishes in spear throwing and stationary targets.

The Adams, who teach jousting skills at their rural Acton farm, are trying to generate enough interest in jousting to turn it into a sport as it was in the 11th century.

"We're hoping that we can get more countries involved and I'm talking to competitors in Australia, New Zealand and Belgium who are interested in coming to Canada for a competition."

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