

Saluting Local Women in Business!

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Sharon Thompson – First Choice Haircutters

1 Mountainview Rd. N., Georgetown • 873-1339

We are a haircutting salon business for the whole family. We also do all services including perms, colours, ear piercing and waxing.

The business has been in operation since 1984 and is a franchise. All cutters are licenced stylists who must take training courses every year at our head office which has a training team. I am a hairstylist myself with 30 years experience in the business. I enjoy my work and the staff. The store is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 9 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm. We have a staff of 10 employees, so we can give good customer service. Our staff live in the Georgetown, Acton and Hillsburgh area. We appreciate our customers and hope they will continue to shop locally. Our Georgetown location is one of the top 10 shops out of 200 First Choice Haircutters. We will be celebrating our 12th birthday June 6-8. Even if you don't need a haircut, come and have a coffee and doughnut with us. See our shop – we like to make all our customers feel good!



Heather Knapton Allan – The Big Scoop Café

119 Mill St. E., Acton • 853-5066

Owner Heather Knapton Allan, an interior designer by trade, explains, "We strive to give excellent quality food at a reasonable price with tremendous atmosphere."

When you come into The Big Scoop Café, we want you to have fun. Life is too depressing without a step down from seriousness!

The biggest obstacle of owning The Big Scoop Café is making sure people know that we offer so much more than ice cream. You can be on a major diet and still come in and enjoy our menu.

The great part of being in business in a small town is meeting so many wonderful people and being able to give a personal flair and attention to the customer. We've made a lot of community-spirited contributions. Last year we had a great time at the Terry Fox Run as well as Sample Fest, which was a great success.

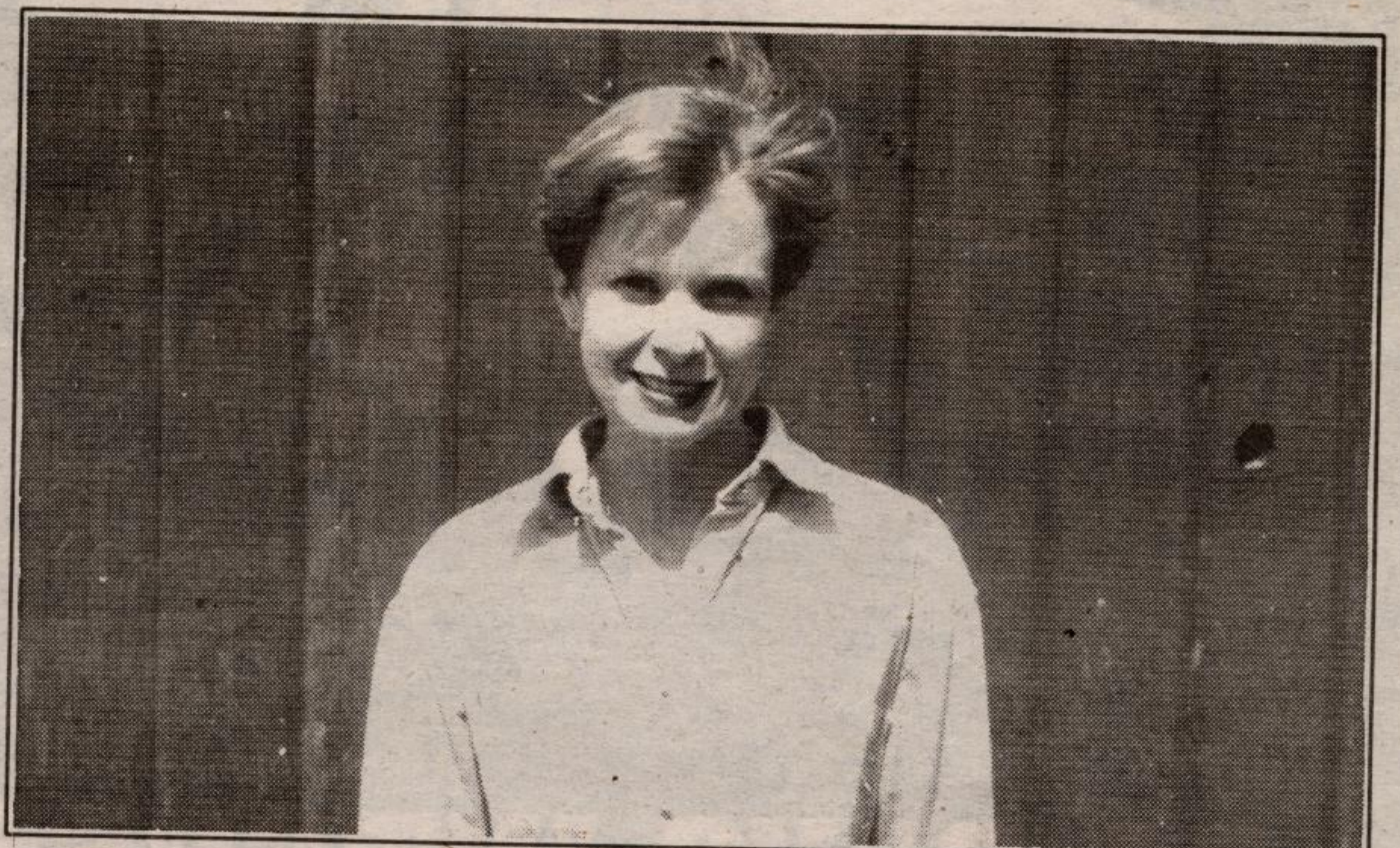
Some new menu items are two kinds of veggie burgers, stuff-your-own grilled pita and giant homemade perogies with sour cream.



Dianne Hazzard – Protrak Electronics

R. R. #2, Acton • 853-5242

My husband Kevin and I have enjoyed living in Acton for the past six years. For the last four years, we've equally enjoyed operating an electronic repair business. We not only offer repairs to TVs, VCRs and stereos, but also supply all of the associated accessories. We each hold a diploma as Electronic Engineering Technicians and saw the need for a customer service oriented repair shop. Our decision to work from our home and not pay for an expensive storefront gave us that opportunity. We are very proud of the value-added service that our customers enjoy by providing free pick-up and delivery, free guaranteed estimates and a very low shop rate. I have found it very rewarding operating a small business within our community. Not only has it given us the opportunity to provide a much needed service to the community but also a venue to meet the people that make up our town. Since our son Jake was born two years ago it has become quiet a challenge to juggle both motherhood and the managing of a small business. Acton's family-oriented values make it much easier.



Carol Brunelle – Red Dog Café

129 Mill St. E., Acton • 853-3947

Carol Brunelle is an Acton native who opened up the business of her dreams, "The Red Dog Café," in September of 1994. Over the past 20 years Carol has accumulated a wealth of varied experience in the food service industry. She has worked in everything from top Toronto hotels to small country inns. Carol is a qualified chef having completed her apprenticeship through George Brown College in Toronto where she graduated top of her class. Cooking is not Carol's only skill though – she is well versed in all aspects of the restaurant business and often waits tables or tends the bar, giving the business her own personal touch. The Red Dog Café is a unique restaurant experience that was conceived by Carol, who, in only her second year in business, was awarded the distinct recognition of Entrepreneur of the Year. Carol along with her husband Steve and her three children Sam, Joe and Gillian are very proud of "The Red Dog Café" and feel that they have made a positive contribution to the community that they love.