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**LETTERS**

**Hockey Moms say thanks for community support**

Dear editor,

As the coordinator of the Hockey Moms of Acton Calendar, I wish to express my thanks to our community for the wonderful support they gave to our fundraising project. My eldest son joined the Tyke Select Hockey team for the first time this year and as manager, it was my role to help coordinate fundraising to finance the team. While talking with Managers from other Select Teams, I realized that funds were a major issue with all the teams and I quickly discovered how much it costs to operate a team.

Vanity calendars have certainly proven to be a popular fundraising idea in the past few years. The senior group of women from a Women's Institute in England started the trend in 1999 when their nude calendar boasted sales of more than 33,000 calendars in less than four months raising over £400,000 for various causes they support. That success paved the way for the Australian women's soccer team to follow in their bare bottom footsteps expanding their original print of 5,000 calendars to 45,000 calendars after sales at 7-eleven's across Australia took off.

Hundreds of other groups have jumped on the not so revealing bandwagon in an attempt to raise money for needy organizations. I was inspired by these stories and after reading about the success that the Men of Acton Calendar had in raising funds for our new fair building, decided to emulate the Hockey Moms of Ottawa Calendar in an attempt to raise some funds

to support my son's hockey team.

With my Men of Acton calendar in hand, I convinced a fellow hockey mom Lisa McVeigh (who was at the time on maternity leave from her job selling advertising for a national publication) to join me in making this concept a reality. The project went from idea to finished product complete with web page ([www.actonhockey.com](http://www.actonhockey.com)) and a toll-free order line in just over a month leaving us only December to sell the 2,000 we printed. Except for printing and packaging costs, everything was donated.

We are grateful to the many area businesses that backed the project, especially Acton IGA. Mike Manes advertised in the calendar without hesitation and provided fabulous coupons including four chances to win Leafs tickets. He also sold the calendars at IGA and generously bought out the last 1,000 to provide both a give-away at the Jan. 28 Guelph Storm game and a chance for our young Acton House League players to take to the ice at the new Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Another strong supporter of this fundraiser was the olde Hide House who advertised, loaned us a great leather outfit for our Sunshine girl/Hockey mom to wear in the Toronto Sun and sold over 100 calendars in their store.

We are indebted to all the individuals who gave their time, and to all the other businesses who advertised, provided coupons as incentive

for buyers to pay the \$10 price, and who sold the calendars to help us out. We hope we have not forgotten anyone in our list of supporters detailed elsewhere in this paper.

We are proud to announce that we have raised over \$7,800 for House League level teams in Acton; \$2,700 in commissions has already been distributed to the teams who sold the calendars. The remaining will be divided so that some is offered to Select Teams for this year and next, and some is offered to House League for their use.

Our web site saw more than 12,500 hits in just six weeks and without the hard work of Una and Brian Lalonde of Time Out Sports we wouldn't have had such success accepting out of town orders. The web site tells the story of how we made the calendar and was a necessary tool in getting media coverage and long distance orders from places as far away as Atlanta, Georgia and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Finally, we wish to thank everyone who purchased a calendar and supported the local hockey players in the process. May you enjoy it and the coupons within it throughout this year. We've been asked how we plan to top it next year. It required so much input from so many people to pull off this year that we are not planning a sequel - I think we may tone it back down to chocolate bars next year.

Sincerely,  
Judith Kirkness

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The master suite immediately adjacent to the rear of the house.

The master suite immediately adjacent to the foyer has a front view, a three-piece en suite bathroom with a soaker tub set into a boxed window, and a walk-in closet.

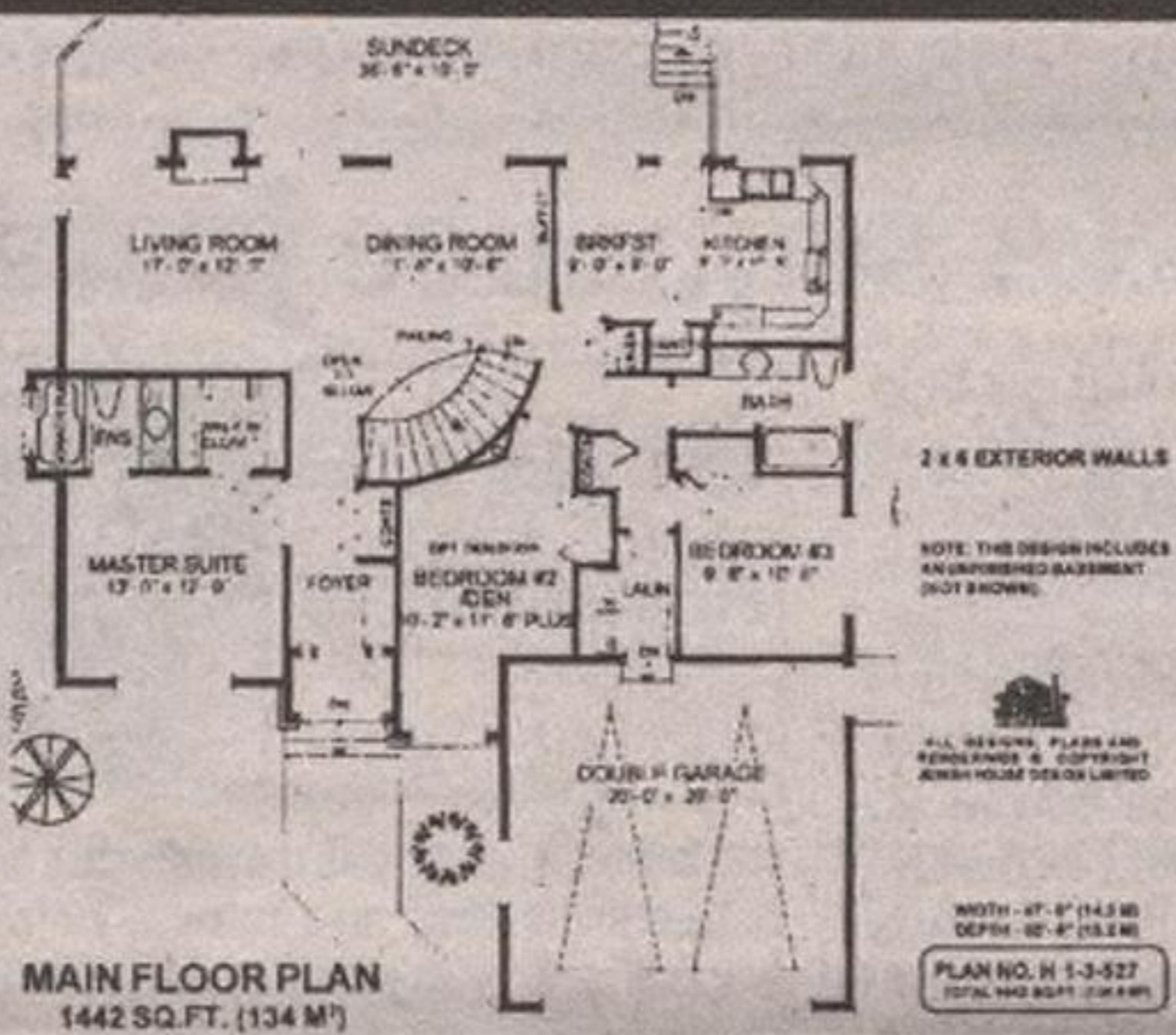
On the opposite side of the foyer, the generous-sized second bedroom has an optional door location to allow the room to be used as a den or home office, if desired, with an entry directly off the foyer.

The house is designed to take advantage of a rear view by placing all the living areas across the width of the home.

The oversized sun deck is easily accessible through French doors off the living room and another door from the breakfast area.

The open living room and dining room are combined into one large, rectangular area, providing the ideal space for the family and for entertaining friends.

An open railing and curving staircase to the basement add an unexpected design



sign punch which lifts this functional element to something out of the ordinary.

The kitchen and breakfast area also is generous in size, with a walk-in pantry and plenty of countertop space in the kitchen to facilitate meal preparation.

The two secondary bedrooms are separated by a hallway that includes the laundry area and a coat cupboard. A three-piece main bathroom and linen cupboard complete the layout.

An unfinished basement is included in the plan and provides the opportunity for future expansion as and when needed.

A door from the double garage offers direct entry into the laundry room and the garage also has a side door.

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