

# Rockwood private school will 'foster joy of learning'

"Foster their joy of learning."

This is just one of the goals of new private school Wellington Hall Academy.

Wellington Hall will open its doors for the first time next Wednesday.

Located at 138 Main St. in Rockwood, Wellington Hall is the first of its kind in this region.

With the warmth and nurturing environment akin to the one-room schoolhouse, the school will provide a traditional teaching program from J.K. to Grade 8, focusing on the 3-Rs.

"Our teaching program will take into account each student's learning style and learning needs," explains Jette Anesen, the school's

director.

"Students follow an Individualized Educational Program that will keep them challenged and yet allow them to work at their own level and capacity.

"Since our teachers will have classes with less than 12 students they will have an excellent opportunity to get to know each student

and spend time working with individuals on a daily basis."

Anesen says that basic language and math skills are essential to future scholastic success, but the school "has not neglected the needs of students entering the 21st century.

"Science, technology and computer courses will also be an es-

sential part of the curriculum."

Anesen is excited about the new year. "With a hard-working and enthusiastic teaching staff we are looking forward to the start of classes next week."

Enquiries about the school should be directed to Anesen. Phone 856-2633 or 853-2238 for more information.

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## Rockwood Squirt Girls are ORSA champions

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Rockwood Miller

All season, they were known to their followers as The Never-Die Girls. To the opposition, they were nothing less than a legitimate threat.

And though their play throughout the Tri-County season was proof enough, it was even sweeter on Monday night, as Rockwood disposed of Norwich 24-8 in a game played just south of Woodstock to sweep the best-of-three Ontario Rural Softball Association (ORSA) Division B Lassie (Squirt) championships 2-0.

"They never quit. They came ready to play last night," said Rockwood coach Tom Parkinson yesterday (Tuesday).

"We were just a little better than that particular team.

"When one kid had trouble hitting in a particular game, another came through."

It was that type of effort that helped the same club, save for pick-ups Jodie Culver and Ashley Gates from the other Rockwood Squirt team, finish atop the 11-team Tri-County loop with a sparkling 18-2 record.

They advanced to the final in Georgetown against Glen Williams. An August heat wave and

fatigue (six games in two days) played a part in losing the title.

"Glen Williams was very good. We just got beat by a better team," conceded Parkinson, who was assisted on the bench by his brother Paul Parkinson and Al McPhedran.

"But I was certainly proud of the season they had."

So much so that he didn't want the season to end. Having filled the requirements for the ORSA championships, he optimistically dropped Rockwood's entry into the pool of talent.

"At the start of the year I felt we had a good young team, so I thought this would give the kids some experience, whether we won or lost," said the fourth year ball coach.

"To make it this far was just incredible!"

And it was all made possible by a well-balanced attack, highlighted by good pitching and stellar defence.

In Round 1 of the ORSA playdowns—the squad compiled a 6-1 overall record—Rockwood met Norwood (east of Peterborough) in a battle of offences.

The locals took the best-of-three series 2-1.

Culver was a one-lady wrecking crew, smashing two home runs

and adding a triple for eight RBIs in her team's 19-11 win in Game 1 of the series.

A doubleheader in Rockwood would decide matters. Rockwood fell 19-16, but rebounded in the rubber match with a convincing 26-14 win.

A trip to Fisherville, just south of Cayuga, began second-round play. Score it 13-12 for Rockwood as pitcher Kelly Wilton was the hero in this one, striking out the last batter with the tying run at second base.

Five days later the series was over following a 15-5 Rockwood verdict at Lloyd Dyer Park.

Lindsay Parkinson was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate. Gates belted a grand slam and Jessica Osborne collected three hits.

On the mound, Wilton and Jill Parkinson were mesmerizing.

"I'm proud of the kids. It's been fun and the parent support was outstanding," Parkinson praised, adding local businesses funded road trip transportation.

Following is the Rockwood player roster: Jessie Beitz, Kelly Wilton, Jennifer Walton, Melissa Gould, Kate Gates, Alana McPhedran, Lindsay MacNevin, Ashley Gates, Jodie Culver, Sarah-Jean Sedgewick, Lindsay Parkinson, Jill Parkinson, Jessica Osborne and Atom-aged players Jamye Beitz and Katie Wilton.



### HURLING SOME HEAT!

Rockwood's Kelly Wilton delivers a strike to a Norwich batter during Game 1 action of the ORSA final on Thursday at Lloyd Dyer Park. Wilton and Co. won the game 30-10. (Eve Martin photo)

### WELLINGTON HALL ACADEMY ROCKWOOD, ONTARIO NOB 2K0

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