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# THE OVERVIEW

*To prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities, through excellence in education.*

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## Four WHS Juniors Win RIT Awards

Wellsville High School will again be participating in Rochester Institute of Technology's High School Junior Awards Program. The Computing Medal and Scholarship Program and the Award for Creativity and Innovation not only recognize outstanding high school juniors, but also highlight RIT's leadership in computing education as well as its creative and innovative programs in many other disciplines ranging from engineering, sciences, and business to design, photography, film and crafts.

**Kirby Weinbauer and Andrea Dressig** (at left in photo above) have been nominated for the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal and Scholarship by WHS

guidance counselors and administration. They have also nominated **Jenisa Lehman** and **Phillip Jones** (at right in photo above) to receive the RIT Creativity and Innovation Award. Nominees for these awards must rank in the top 10% of the junior class, demonstrate leadership in school and community, and be pursuing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum. Students selected to receive these awards are eligible for a \$24,000 scholarship (\$6,000 per year) if accepted and enroll at RIT. Students may use these scholarships to pursue any of the baccalaureate degree programs available in RIT's eight colleges.

### **BUDGET HEARING - Tuesday, May 7**

6 p.m., MS/HS Cafeteria

### **VOTE - Tuesday, May 21**

7 a.m. to 9 p.m., HS Lobby (Riverside)

See pages 2-5 for more information.

## **Brown is RPI Medal & Scholarship Winner**

For more than 95 years, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in conjunction with high schools around the world, has awarded the Rensselaer Medal to high school juniors who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. The RPI Medal in Science and Math has been awarded to **Alexander Brown**, a member of the Class of 2014.



The Medal was first presented in 1916 with two purposes: to recognize the superlative academic achievement of young men and women, and to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering, and technology.

This \$15,000 per year merit scholarship is guaranteed for four years for each medalist who applies, is accepted, and chooses to enroll at RPI. RPI will be hosting an open house for all medalists in the fall of 2013.

# From the Wellsville Board of Education & Administration

Dear Residents,

The Wellsville Central School District's mission statement continues to guide our budget decisions, *"To prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities through excellence in education."*

This year's budget process was greatly impacted by increased pension payments required by the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYS TRS). The NYS TRS payments will increase by 37.25% or \$419,000. This increase will be slightly offset by a reduction in the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) of \$113,747. Without the increase to the NYS TRS, our budget-to-budget increase would have been 0.14% or \$38,865. Please also note that although our GEA cut has decreased, we continue to receive \$768,893 less in state aid than we did in 2009-2010 and that amount has been frozen since 2007.

While many school districts across NYS are having to slash programs and staffing, or increase their tax levy well beyond their tax cap, we have been able to maintain our current student offerings and staffing numbers while reducing our tax levy increase for the third year in a row.

Our major budget maintenance efforts include:

- Appropriating additional fund balance
- Utilizing capitalized interest
- Applying restored Gap Elimination Adjustment and State Aid money

We believe we have developed a reasonable and responsible budget that provides for the needs of our students, yet recognizes the concerns of the residents of our school district. We will continue to provide a quality education for our children, who continue to be our most important focus.

We continue to be proud of our staff members who are dedicated to educating our children and greatly appreciate our incredible facilities. We must continue to work together in order to prepare our students to be able to meet the educational challenges they face, not only today, but also in the future.

We are truly grateful to a community that is supportive of our schools and students. We encourage you to be informed about the budget. Join us for the public budget hearing on Tuesday, May 7, at 6 p.m. in the Middle School/High School Cafeteria, and then please exercise your right to vote on the budget at the Wellsville High School Lobby (Riverside Entrance) on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. We also encourage you to contact the District office (596-2170) with any questions or comments you may have regarding the Wellsville Central School District.

## 2013-14 Budget At-A-Glance

Proposed Budget	\$27,357,546
Budget Increase	+1.7%
Proposed Tax Levy	+1.0%

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7 a.m. to 9 p.m., High School Lobby (Riverside)

## 10-Year Comparison of Tax Levy Increases

Year	Change in Levy
2004-2005	7.95%
2005-2006	4.45%
2006-2007	3.25%
2007-2008	3.67%
2008-2009	3.76%
2009-2010	3.97%
2010-2011	4.00%
2011-2012	2.46%
2012-2013	1.50%
2013-2014	1.00%

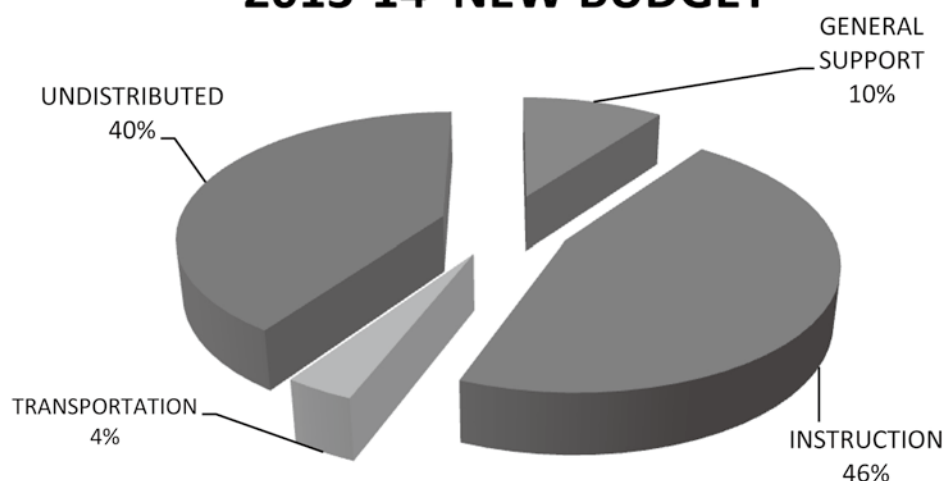
## Three Candidates for School Board

Three district residents are running for election to the Wellsville Central School Board of Education. The Board has three (3) three-year terms of office set to expire at the end of June. These three individuals (all incumbents) will appear on the ballot for the May 21, 2013 school board election in the following order:

- 1) Gary C. Goetschius
- 2) Mark Hall
- 3) Steven Pettenati

## 2013-2014 Proposed Budget Expenditure Summary

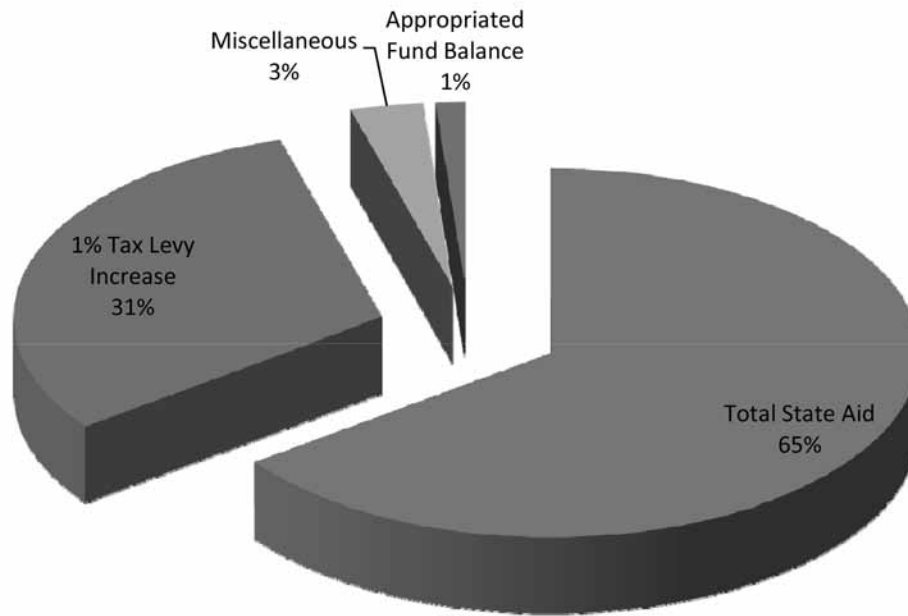
### 2013-14 NEW BUDGET



Category	2011-12 BUDGET	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 NEW BUDGET	\$ CHANGE
<b>Support</b>				
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$16,225	\$16,225	\$20,725	\$4,500.00
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$198,805	\$202,360	\$205,788	\$3,428.00
FINANCE	\$280,050	\$278,636	\$279,421	\$785.00
STAFF (PERSONNEL, LEGAL)	\$95,345	\$96,900	\$93,100	-\$3,800.00
CENTRAL SERVICES (OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE, PRINTING & MAIL)	\$1,709,200	\$1,674,891	\$1,684,450	\$9,559.22
SPECIAL ITEMS (INSURANCE, BOCES ADMIN.)	\$472,953	\$487,000	\$489,500	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$2,772,578</b>	<b>\$2,756,012</b>	<b>\$2,772,984</b>	<b>\$16,972.22</b>
SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS	\$724,782	\$671,832	\$825,651	\$153,819.00
TEACHING-REGULAR SCHOOL	\$5,726,204	\$6,049,398	\$5,875,088	-\$174,310.96
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$2,857,514	\$3,104,103	\$3,153,502	\$49,398.05
TEACHING-SPECIAL SCHOOLS	\$1,139,503	\$1,093,540	\$1,070,835	-\$22,705.50
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	\$651,970	\$625,714	\$669,854	\$44,140.12
PUPIL SERVICES	\$944,150	\$930,726	\$941,517	\$10,790.56
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$12,044,123</b>	<b>\$12,475,314</b>	<b>\$12,536,446</b>	<b>\$61,131.27</b>
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$977,967	\$989,290	\$973,050	-\$16,239.77
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$977,967</b>	<b>\$989,290</b>	<b>\$973,050</b>	<b>-\$16,239.77</b>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$5,604,818	\$5,951,639	\$6,439,227	\$487,588.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$4,281,558	\$4,727,339	\$4,635,839	-\$91,500.00
<b>TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$9,886,376</b>	<b>\$10,678,978</b>	<b>\$11,075,066</b>	<b>\$396,088.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,681,043</b>	<b>\$26,899,594</b>	<b>\$27,357,546</b>	<b>\$457,951.72</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE</b>				<b>1.70%</b>



## 2013-2014 Total Estimated Revenues



General State Aid	\$14,303,900
Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA)	-\$768,893
Building Aid	<u>\$4,213,737</u>
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>\$17,748,744</b>
<b>1% Tax Levy Increase</b>	<b>\$8,388,802</b>
Miscellaneous	<u>\$870,000</u>
<b>Taxes and Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$9,258,802</b>
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$350,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$27,357,546</u></b>

**BUDGET HEARING on Tuesday, May 7, 2013,  
6 p.m., at Middle/High School Cafeteria.**

### LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District, Wellsville, New York, hereby gives notice that an Annual District Meeting on the proposed 2013-14 budget (being Proposition No 1) and related propositions will be held at Wellsville Central School, Wellsville, New York, Middle School/High School Cafeteria, 126 West State St., on the 7th day of May, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purpose, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen (14) days preceding May 21, 2013, except Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, at the following school house in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Wellsville Central School District Office, 126 West State Street, Wellsville, NY 14895, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2013. The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

Three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2016, current incumbent, Mr. Gary Goetschius

Three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2016, current incumbent, Mr. Mark Hall;

Three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2016, current incumbent, Mr. Steven Pettenati

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must be filed with the district at least thirty (30) days prior to the budget vote on May 21, 2013, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that voting will be held on May 21, 2013, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the High School Lobby (Riverside Entrance) for the voting upon the election of three (3) board members of the Board of Education and to

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## Legal Notice -- From Page 4

vote upon the acceptance of the proposed budget (being **PROPOSITION NO. 1**) for the school year 2013-14 and:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of the County of Allegany, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase one (1) 77 passenger conventional bus and one (1) 30 passenger handicapped accessible bus at a total maximum cost of \$190,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to be raised by taxes on the taxable property of the said school district and to issue obligations of the school district, therefore, in accordance with the education law and local finance law:

**PROPOSITION NO. 3 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of the County of Allegany, is hereby authorized and directed to increase the annual tax levy to an additional \$4,012 and to pay over such funds to the trustees of the David A. Howe Public Library.

**AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots to vote on these propositions may be applied for at

the office of the School District Clerk, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid district meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such district meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday) and such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the place of voting. An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY not later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of such district meeting.

Notice is also given that there will be no separate registration required to vote in the election of School Board members or for the budget or separate propositions.

A person shall be entitled to vote at this meeting and election of School District Officers and upon other matters, which may be brought before such meeting, and election who is:

- a) A citizen of the United States,
- b) 18 years of age,
- c) A resident within the District for a

period of 30 days prior to the meeting or election at which he or she offers to vote.

Board of Education, Wellsville Central School District No 1 of towns of Wellsville, Willing, Scio, Alma, Andover, and Independence, Allegany County, New York.

By: Dawn Youmans, District Clerk, Wellsville Central School.

## Voting Qualifications

A person shall be entitled to vote at this meeting and election of School District Officers and upon other matters, which may be brought before such meeting and election who is:

- a) *A citizen of the United States;*
- b) *18 years of age; and*
- c) *A resident within the District for a period of 30 days preceding the election.*

Board of Education, Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of towns of Wellsville, Willing, Scio, Alma, Andover, and Independence, Allegany County, New York.

**BUDGET VOTE on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 7 a.m - 9 p.m.,  
at High School Lobby [Riverside entrance].**

## District Has New Website!

Our new web address is: [www.wellsvilleschools.org](http://www.wellsvilleschools.org) We are proud to offer our students, parents, schools and community a fresh new look and an easier to use website. The redesign incorporated recommendations from a recent survey and included:

- District-wide latest news and information
- School specific latest news and information
- Calendar of events (district level, school level and athletics)
- Athletic and sporting events
- Parent resources
- Staff and faculty directory and contact information
- Photos and photo albums

As you will notice, the top portion of the website will always stay static. This will allow you to easily navigate between the different portions of the website and always have the most important links available no matter where you are within the site.

The transition from the old website to the new is still in progress. Links are provided on specific pages to the old site. We will continue to provide access to the old site as we move information over to the new site and build new sections of information.

Thank you again for helping to offer information and feedback through our website survey.



## Calendar of Events

**May 7** - Budget Hearing, 6 p.m., MS/HS Cafeteria  
**May 7** - BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MS/HS Cafeteria  
**May 8** - MS Marking Period 5 Ends  
**May 10** - MS Report Cards Mailed  
**May 14** - High School Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.  
**May 18** - Junior/Senior Prom, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**May 20** - PTA Meeting, Elem. School Library, 6:30 p.m.  
**May 21** - School Budget Vote, HS Riverside Lobby, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**May 21** - Middle School Concert, 7 p.m.  
**May 21** - BOE Meeting, 9:15 p.m., District Conference Room  
**May 27** - **Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL**  
**May 28-31** - Grade 4 NYS Science Performance Test  
**June 3** - BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MS/HS Cafeteria  
**June 4-5** - Grade 4 NYS Science Written Test

**June 4** - Scholarship Night, 7 p.m.  
**June 4** - Middle School NYS Science Written Test  
**June 5** - Elementary School Concert, 7 p.m.  
**June 6** - Middle School JUMP Day  
**June 7** - Middle School JUMP Day (Rain Date)  
**June 12-20** - Regents  
**June 17** - BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MS/HS Cafeteria  
**June 17** - PTA Meeting, Elem. School Library, 6:30 p.m.  
**June 18** - Elementary School Awards Assembly  
**June 18** - Elementary School Report Cards mailed  
**June 19** - Middle School Marking Period 6 Ends  
**June 20** - Sr./Parent/Teacher Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m.  
**June 21** - Middle School Report Cards Mailed  
**June 22** - Graduation



**PARENTS** of award recipients will be notified by mail prior to the presentation night. All families and friends are welcome to attend. Come early and enjoy the art work!

**SENIORS**, please don't forget to mark your calendars for these other upcoming key events . . .

**MAY 18: JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM** at the David A. Howe Public Library, from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Professional photography available. Parents invited to visit.

**JUNE 9: BACCALAUREATE** Service, provided by the Wellsville Area Ministerial Association, begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. Students should arrive at 6:30 p.m. wearing their caps & gowns. Attendance is optional. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

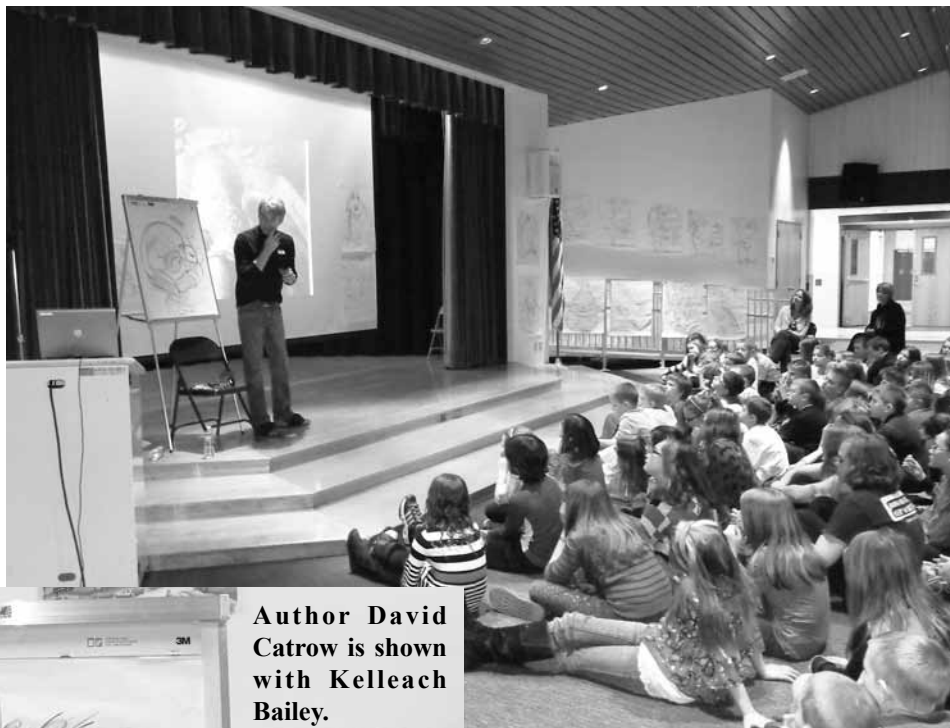
**JUNE 20: SENIOR-TEACHER/STAFF RECOGNITION DINNER** celebrating both students and teachers/staff contributions to the Class of 2013's journey to graduation. The Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., in the Elementary School Cafeteria. All seniors may attend free of charge; a small fee for the cost of the banquet catering services is assessed for parents attending. Reservation forms (which will be mailed to Senior Class members' homes) are required by both students and parents in order to attend the banquet. They will be due May 25.

**JUNE 22: GRADUATION** commencement ceremonies will take place on the front lawn of the high school (weather permitting) at 11:30 a.m. Students must report at 9:30 a.m. with caps and gowns. Parents and family are cordially invited to share in this milestone with their children. Professional photography services are available.

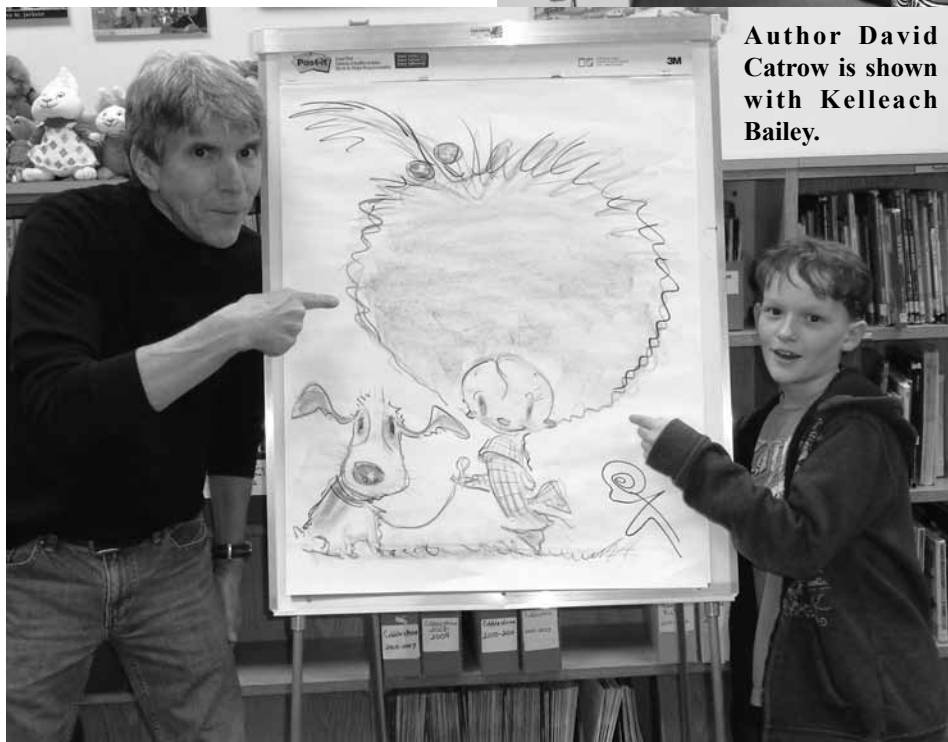
# Author/Illustrator Visits

*Article for the Overview by  
Scott Vonderheide, WES Librarian*

David Catrow, the best selling author and illustrator of children's books visited Wellsville Elementary School, on Thursday, March 25. He presented four times, reaching all grade levels. He also autographed books, attended an early morning teacher reception, and was the guest at an ice cream party for several students who won a trivia contest based on his books. Before he arrived, fourth and fifth-grade students had an



**Author David Catrow is shown with Kelleach Bailey.**



opportunity to write questions for the author to answer. The following are his responses to some of those questions, which he gave during an interview with Mr. Vonderheide, the elementary librarian.

**Jocelyn Wilson:** Why did you switch from an editorial cartoonist to be a professional children's book illustrator? *I stopped having fun illustrating my opinions about public figures and events. I also got tired of people being mad at me because of my work. Some even called me names. I feel like I can offer something positive while still getting my viewpoint across through children's books.*

**Nathan Jefferds:** Why do you always make your people not real? *If people are too realistic it anchors the story too much in reality. If I make them funny and exaggerated I can tell the story more convincingly if people understand that it's suspended from reality. Besides, there's enough realism already. We're surrounded by it all day. Why do we want to look at it in a book, too?*

**Owen Bentley:** How are you able to imagine your illustrations before you draw them? *The pictures that come on the paper are not exactly what appear inside my head, but they're close. That's what makes art exciting for me.*

**Richard O'Neil:** How hard is it to draw? *Anything that you practice a lot, you will get better at. Walking seems easy enough for us, but for a baby it's very hard. With practice we get pretty good at it. The same can be said about drawing.*

**Sonya Plank:** How do you illustrate so well? *I would really like to know and learn from you. When you read a book, you visualize the story in your mind. Illustrating brings them into existence onto paper for others to see. As an illustrator, I have to develop those abilities through hard work.*

**Allison Goodrich:** How long does it take you to create the illustrations for a book? *It probably takes a couple of months.*

**Breaze Taylor:** Have you ever had to illustrate a story that you didn't enjoy that much? *No, I would never illustrate a story that I didn't like.*

**Sam Schmidt:** Do other illustrators compliment you? *They do, and I compliment them, too. I think it is important to encourage artists because I like to be encouraged.*

**Ryan Harrison:** What do you do in your spare time besides drawing? *I ride my bike, play with the dogs and look at birds.*

**Colston Welty:** What made you become an artist? *I feel like it was something I was born to do.*

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# Guidance News

## Important Calendar Dates

**May 3** - Deadline to register for the June 8, 2013 ACT College Entrance Exam to be given at WHS. Please register online at <http://www.act.org>. Late registration deadline is May 17, 2013.

**May 4** - SAT College Entrance Exam to be given at WHS. Students should be at the high school by 7:45 a.m. Please bring your admission ticket, two #2 pencils, and a calculator.

**May 6** - Allegany County National Honor Society Banquet

**May 6-17** - Advanced Placement Examinations

**May 14** - MP 4 Progress Reports are available on the parent portal.

**May 18** - Junior/Senior Prom, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m., David A. Howe Library

**May 20** - “Big 30” Academic Team Scholarship Banquet at the Old Library Restaurant in Olean at 6 p.m.

**May 24** - Wellsville High School Awards Assembly - WHS Auditorium

**May 27** - **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Holiday**

**June 4** - Senior Art Show at 5:30 p.m., WHS; Senior Scholarship Night at 7:00 p.m., WHS Auditorium

**June 8** - ACT College Entrance Exam to be given at WHS. Students should be at the high school by 7:45 a.m. Please bring your admission ticket, two #2 pencils, and a calculator.

**June 9** - Baccalaureate, 7 p.m., Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room

**June 11-20** - Regents and RCT Exams

**June 20** - Senior/Teacher Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m., Elementary School

**June 22** - **Graduation, 11:30 a.m.**

**July 1** - Summer School and Driver Education begins.

## Scholarship Deadlines

The Wellsville High School Guidance Office would like to share with you valuable information the Class of 2013 is currently receiving about local scholarship opportunities. Listed below are local scholarships available to the Class of 2013 and the deadlines for each. Applications for these scholarships are available in the Guidance Office. Please stop by Guidance or call 585-596-2160 with any questions. Please do not let these opportunities pass you by!

**May 1** - *Friends of Allegany Arc 2013 Scholarship*

**May 1** - *Association of Former NY State Troopers, Inc. Scholarship*

**May 3** - *Elizabeth Walchli Memorial Scholarship*

**May 3** - *American Legion Scholarship Trust Award*

**May 10** - *The Wellsville Elementary PTA Scholarship*

**May 13** - *Steuben Trust Company Scholarship*

**May 17** - *Pat Pickut Memorial Scholarship*

**May 17** - *Alice Filkins Memorial Scholarship*

**May 24** - *Allegany County Deputy Sheriff's Association Scholarship*

## Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award Announced

Recognizing the need for ethical leadership, Wells College presents the 21st Century Leadership Award to high school juniors who demonstrate leadership ability in high school and community activities and exhibit academic excellence. Recipients are nominated by their high school guidance counselor and the administration in the spring of their junior year and are then recognized by the Admissions Committee. The 21st Century Leadership Award program is designed to honor these students and grant them a \$40,000 Scholarship for Leaders (\$10,000 per year) for four years of study at Wells College.

The nominee must carry a cumulative average of at least 90% throughout high school. Wellsville High School's nominee to receive the 21st Century Leadership Award at Wells College is **Kirsten Brady (shown at right)**.





## ***WHS Writers Recognized***



**WHS students display the certificates they received at the Angelo Melaro Memorial Writing Contest held in Olean in March: (left to right) Angela Lamphier, Jordan Pearson, Kayla Brophy, and Phillip Jones.**

A team of writers from Wellsville High School earned fourth place in the annual Angelo Melaro Memorial Writing Contest in March. The contest involves writing teams from 14 schools in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. This year, students were given 90 minutes to complete a creative writing prompt. Wellsville's team of senior Kayla Brophy, junior Phillip Jones, sophomore Jordan Pearson, and freshman Angela Lamphier finished fourth overall. In the individual competition, Phillip placed third in the grade 11 category, writing about a meaningful "artifact from childhood." Angela placed fourth in the grade 9 category, writing about a moment when "a family pet begins to speak in English and reveals a secret."

The students were recognized at a luncheon held at the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Career and Technical Education Center at Olean.



## ***Middle School Holds Writing Contest!***



**WMS Writing Contest Winners shown at left are: (L-R) Gwendolyn Middaugh, Anthony Geer, and Hannah Slavin.**

Students in all grades at the Wellsville Middle School were asked to write an essay with the prompt: "Reading leads the way..." The winners were: Hannah Slavin (sixth grade), Anthony Geer (seventh grade), and Gwendolyn Middaugh (eighth grade).

According to Christie Waterman, Library Media Specialist, each of the winners received a book of their choice from the WMS book fair.

Congratulations to all the winners!

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**Derrick Sallazzo:** What book inspired you to become an illustrator? *The Cat in the Hat.*

**Aiden Tucker:** What is your favorite book someone else illustrated? *I like the original edition of James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl, which was illustrated by Nancy Ekholm Burkert.*

**Alex Ordway:** Why did you get called to draw pictures for "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who" movie? *I think the director saw my work and it was reminiscent of Dr. Seuss, who was a big influence on me.*

**Andrea Cook:** When are you going to illustrate another movie? *I was asked to work on "The Lorax" but chose not to because I didn't want my art to be stereotyped as Dr. Seuss-like. I did work a little bit as a visual developmental artist on the movies "Despicable Me" and "Enchanted."*

**Gavin Randolph:** What's your best-seller? *The "Max Spaniel" series has sold over a million copies.*

**Taylor Hale:** What made you want to write and illustrate about dogs? *Artists should draw what they know. And, I know dogs.*

**Jacob Riggs:** How many dogs have you owned in your life? *Twelve.*

**Dominic Sawyer:** Do you ever bring your dogs when you visit schools? *No, but I would love too. I don't because they may misbehave.*

**Chloe Hand:** In the Max Spaniel books, why did you write about your dog Bubbs and not the other two dogs Beetle and Blu that you have? *In order to keep the storyline simple I had only one dog as the main character and it just happened to be Bubbs.*

**Timothy Hale:** In the "Max Spaniel" book Dinosaur Hunt, why does the dog act like a human? *That's how Bubbs our dog seems to act. He's almost human.*

**Briana Slater:** How does it feel to be an author rather than just an illustrator? *I have great fun interpreting other people's words and stories in my own way. But, it is even greater fun to have a story that is all mine; and I can tell the story any way I want.*

**Alexa Hill:** What book did you enjoy illustrating the most? *Have Fun, Molly Lou Melon.*

**Stephanie Rouse:** Why is Molly Lou Melon your favorite to draw? *I just like drawing her hair.*

**Addison Cavanaugh:** Why does Gertie have crutches in Have Fun, Molly Lou Melon? *Someone asked me if I ever created a kid with a disability in my illustrations. When creating Gertie for the book, I decided that she would have crutches. It is not a part of the written story; it is just a part of who she is.*

**Renee Fanton:** How did you imagine the characters for Cinderella Skeleton? *It was a challenge to create the characters. Skeletons are only bones and bones do not have facial expressions. I had to give them some muscles and skin to make them appear human-like.*

**Lauren Feltz:** How did Cinderella Skeleton get around with one foot? How did her family not notice? *The family members were skeletons. Their eyeballs had dropped out years before that. So, they were not aware of all the subtle differences Cinderella exhibited.*

**Garrett Button:** In the book, I Ain't Gonna Paint No More, how did you feel when you started to draw? *One of the challenges I had was trying to figure out how to separate the kid's art from my art. So, the kid's boring world was black and white. The only thing that brightens it up and brings variety is his art, which is represented by the color he adds.*



**IN PHOTOS -** Mrs. Tiffany Grimes' Pre-kindergarten class recently welcomed Spring and Ww week with a worm investigation! The class learned about worm habitats, eating habits, likes and dislikes, as well as the unique characteristics worms possess through hands-on experiences with live worms!



**ABOVE -** Jaxson Green uses a magnifying glass to examine the specimens.



## Spring Sports

### Varsity Baseball

Games at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.

Wed., May 1	@ Bolivar-Richburg, 5 p.m.
Fri., May 3	@ Olean
Sat., May 4	Salamanca 12 noon
Tues., May 7	Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
Sat., May 11	Dunkirk, 4 p.m.
Thur., May 16	Wayland-Cohocton

### JV Baseball

Games at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.

Wed., May 1	Bolivar-Richburg, 5 p.m.
Fri., May 3	Olean
Sat., May 4	@ Addison
Mon., May 6	Fillmore, 5 p.m.
Fri., May 10	@ Avoca
Sat., May 11	Dunkirk, 4 p.m.
Thur., May 16	@ Wayland-Cohocton
Fri., May 17	Avoca
Sat., May 18	@ Arkport, 11 a.m.

### Modified Baseball & Softball

Games at 5 p.m. unless noted.

Thur., May 2	Bolivar-Richburg (Both)
Fri., May 3	@ Wayland-Cohocton
	BB-Cohocton/Softball Wayland
Mon., May 6	@ Hornell (Both)
Wed., May 15	@ Addison (Both)
Sat., May 18	ICS 11 a.m. (Baseball Only)
Tues., May 20	Wayland-Cohocton (Both)

### J.V. Softball

All games start at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.

Fri., May 3	Hornell, 5 p.m.
Sat., May 4	@ Addison
Mon., May 6	Fillmore, 5 p.m.
Thur., May 9	@ Bolivar-Richburg
Fri., May 10	@ Genesee Valley, 5 p.m.
Mon., May 13	@ Bath
Thur., May 16	@ Wayland-Cohocton

### Varsity Softball

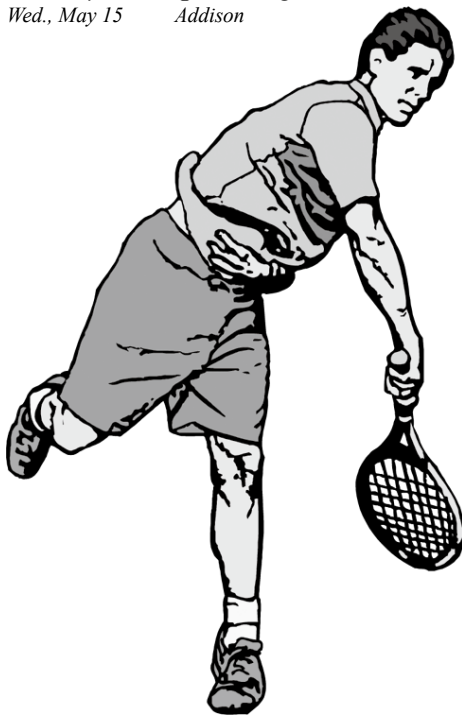
All Games start at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.

Fri., May 3	Genesee-Valley
Sat., May 4	Jasper-Troupsburg, 11 a.m.
	Addison, 3 p.m. (double header)
Tues., May 7	Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
Thur., May 9	@ Bolivar-Richburg
Fri., May 10	@ Genesee Valley
Mon., May 13	Bath
Thur., May 16	Wayland-Cohocton

### Boys Tennis

Matches start at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.

Thur., May 2	@ Fillmore
Fri., May 3	Avoca
Sat., May 4	@ Bolivar-Richburg-Tourney
Tues., May 7	@ Hammondsport
Wed., May 8	Alfred-Almond
Thur., May 9	@ Olean
Fri., May 10	Campbell-Savona
Mon., May 13	@ Prattsburgh
Wed., May 15	Addison



### Track & Field

All meets start at 4:30 p.m. unless noted.

Fri., May 3	Hornell Invitational
Wed., May 8	Hornell, 5 p.m.
Sat., May 11	Wellsville Spring Day, 9:30 a.m.
Fri., May 17	Super 8 Invitational @ Salamanca, 5 p.m.
Sat., May 25	Class CC Sectionals @ TBA, 9:30 a.m.
Fri., May 31	State Qualifier @-TBA
June 7/8	NYSPHSAA Championship @ Middletown

### Modified Track

All meets at 5 p.m. unless noted.

Mon., May 6	@ Cuba-Rushford
Mon., May 13	@ Houghton College
Sat., May 18	Wellsville Track Boosters Modified Games
Mon., May 20	@ Wellsville

### Golf

All Matches start at 4 p.m.

Fri., May 3	@ Hammondsport (Penn Yan)
Tues., May 7	@ Fillmore
Thur., May 9	Bath
Fri., May 10	@ Cuba-Rushford
Mon., May 13	Addison
Fri., May 17	@ Olean, Southwestern
Mon., May 20	Salamanca



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### ***Sage Awards Announced***

Juniors **Rachel Ellison (ABOVE, left)** and **Mercedes Wilson (ABOVE, right)** have been named the "Student Sage" from Wellsville High School. The award enables high schools to honor juniors from their school community with this nomination. Recipients of the award will receive a "Student Sage" pin, a certificate of nomination, and an invitation to the Russell Sage College Student Sage Scholars' Reception during their senior year. Upon admission, the student nominees will be eligible for a scholarship to Russell Sage College.

Qualifying nominees are guaranteed a minimum of \$5,000 per year toward tuition at Russell Sage College or Sage College of Albany. In addition, all Student Sage applicants will be automatically reviewed for additional merit aid, bringing their possible total scholarship to \$15,000 per year.

Congratulations to these fine young ladies on their nominations!

### ***Two Receive Elmira College Key Awards***

WHS is proud to announce the recipients of the Elmira College Key Award, from the Class of 2014, are **Rachel Fahs (BELOW, left)** and **Connor Finn (BELOW, right)**. The Key Award, sponsored by the Elmira College Alumni Association, has been awarded to fine students since 1935. The award of merit is presented to outstanding high school juniors in the top 10% of their class with a minimum cumulative average of 90%. Candidates must also demonstrate school and community leadership.

A Key Award winner receives a \$48,000 tuition scholarship over a four-year period, \$12,000 per year, upon enrolling at Elmira College. The award is renewable each year with an academic average of 3.0 or higher. Recipients attending Elmira College are also honored in the fall of their freshman year by the Alumni Association and are presented with the prestigious Elmira College Key.



### ***Clarkson Leadership & Achievement Awards Presented***

The Clarkson University Leadership Award has been awarded to **Lily Norton (ABOVE, left)**. The Clarkson University Achievement Award has been awarded to **Shawn Schreiner (ABOVE, right)**. The juniors selected for the awards will qualify for a \$60,000 (\$15,000 per year) or \$48,000 (\$12,000 per year) tuition scholarship, respectively, over four years should the students apply, be accepted and choose to enroll at Clarkson University.

To be eligible for the Clarkson Leadership Award or Clarkson Achievement Award the juniors must be recognized by students and faculty as having been a positive contributor to school and community, demonstrate leadership qualities, be enrolled in a college-bound program and achieve an academic class rank in the top 15%.