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Comics artist Ben Towle gives Baldwin Junior High School student Gregory Schffeibeth some advice on how to plan and create his own story in comicbook form at a workshop Saturday. The event was coordinated by Joanna Boyd Staudinger, a gifted student educator for the Eudora, Wellsville and Baldwin school districts.

Students learn the art of comics

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Some students would shun the idea of being in class on Saturday, but not the group that showed up Saturday and Sunday for a cartooning workshop at Eudora High School.

Comic book creator Ben Towle from North Carolina visited Eudora last weekend to teach students from Eudora, Wellsville and Baldwin about the art of comics.

Towle is the author of "Farewell Georgia," which retells four folk tales. The anthology was nominated for a Will Eisner Award, one of the highest honors in the comic book industry.

Joanna Boyd Staudinger, who is a gifted education coordinator for all three school districts, went to the same college as Towle. She knew of his success as an artist and invited him to come to Eudora to teach gifted art students about his skill.

Over the course of two days the students were instructed on drawing and writing techniques and the process of putting a story together in comic book form.

Each student then-created his or her own comics, basing their stories and drawings on characters from "Aesop's Fables."

Several copies of an anthology of the students' work will be printed and on display at schools in each of the participating districts.