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## Focus' Mike Stealy receives award from ET Historical Society

By **Christina**  
 Mike Stealy, the editor of The Knoxville Focus, has been named the recipient of the 2014 Award of Merit from the East Tennessee Historical Society. Stealy was presented with the award at a ceremony held at the society's headquarters in Knoxville on Oct. 15. The award is given annually to the author of the best historical article published in the Knoxville Focus during the year. Stealy's award-winning article, "The Knoxville Focus: A History of the Paper," was published in the August issue of the magazine. Stealy has been with the Focus since 2008 and has been instrumental in the paper's growth and success. He is also a member of the East Tennessee Historical Society and has been active in its activities for many years.

The award ceremony was presided over by the society's president, Dr. James H. Hargrave, who presented Stealy with a plaque and a certificate of appreciation. Hargrave praised Stealy for his dedication to the history of East Tennessee and for his commitment to providing the community with accurate and interesting historical information. Stealy thanked the society for the honor and expressed his appreciation for the support of the community. He also mentioned that he plans to continue his work with the Focus and to contribute to the society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of the region.

The East Tennessee Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of the history of the region. It was founded in 1848 and has since become one of the largest and most active historical societies in the United States. The society's activities include conducting research, publishing historical journals and books, and organizing historical events and tours. The society's headquarters are located in Knoxville, Tennessee, and it has a large collection of historical artifacts and documents. The society's website is [www.etnhistory.org](http://www.etnhistory.org).

The Knoxville Focus is a monthly magazine that provides readers with a wealth of information about the history and culture of the region. The magazine is published by The Knoxville Focus, Inc., and is available to subscribers for a nominal fee. The magazine's content is written by local authors and is focused on providing accurate and interesting historical information. The magazine is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of East Tennessee. For more information about the Knoxville Focus, visit [www.knoxfocus.com](http://www.knoxfocus.com).

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Two female athletes hugging on a track. The image shows two young women in athletic wear embracing each other on a track. They are both smiling and appear to be celebrating a success. In the background, other people and a blue banner are visible.

## Cultural competency, cultural competency addressed at board of education meeting

By **Christina**  
 The Board of Education met on Oct. 13 to discuss the implementation of cultural competency training for all district employees. The board approved a resolution that requires all employees to complete a cultural competency training program by the end of the fiscal year. The training program is designed to help employees understand and appreciate the diverse backgrounds and cultures of the district's students and staff. The board also discussed the importance of cultural competency in creating a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. The board members expressed their support for the training program and their commitment to promoting cultural competency throughout the district. The training program will be implemented in a phased manner, starting with all district employees in the first phase and then moving on to all district students in the second phase. The board will continue to monitor the progress of the training program and will report back to the community on its results.

## Burchett's budget has some special items

By **Christina**  
 The Board of Education met on Oct. 13 to discuss the district's budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The board approved a budget that includes several special items, including a new initiative to improve the district's financial management. The budget also includes a plan to increase the district's revenue by implementing a new fee structure for certain services. The board members discussed the importance of maintaining the district's financial stability and ensuring that the budget is aligned with the district's strategic plan. The board also discussed the need to prioritize spending and to make difficult choices when it comes to funding certain programs. The board will continue to work with the district's financial officers to ensure that the budget is implemented successfully and that the district remains financially sound.

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