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The Focus' own Mike Stealy was recognized by the East Tennessee Historical Society last week.

or internet for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the region's history. In his busy career as

publisher, reporter, columnist and sales, Mike's integrity and dedication are second to none. His

dedication to the region's history and its people is

lucky. I've been interested in history ever since my grandfather started telling
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Cultural competency, bathroom policy addressed at board of education meeting

By Pete Gavala

Last Wednesday evening's meeting of the Knox County School Board was a time when citizens gathered to express their opinions on the emotional and controversial issues of cultural competency and the district's bathroom policy concerning transgender students. Many of the speakers received applause from the large audience and some even received