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

ed to someone in the field of broadcast, print media or Internet for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the region's history. "In his busy career as

County and also stories about surrounding counties. "The Knoxville Focus deserves a lot of credit for giving the space in the

all roles of the newspaper business including owner, publisher, reporter, columnist and sales. Mike's integrity and dedication are second to none. His

Cumberland County when it was still considered Kentucky. I've been interested in history ever since my grandmother started telling **Continued on page 2**

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Cultural competency, bathroom policy addressed at board of education meeting

By Pete Gawda

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 districts bathroom policy concerning transgender students. Many of the speakers received applause from the large audience and some even received standing ovations. There were 13 people signed up to speak in the public forum.