

Last week, contractor crews began planting two wetlands at Fountain City Lake - one of the last steps in the City's ongoing commitment to improve the lake's water quality.

Once the plantings are completed, the spring-fed lake will refill and saturate the new beds. The fast-growing plants - including cardinal flower, blue flag iris, button bush, soft rush and water hyacinth - should fill out the new wetlands beds by this summer.

For years, thick algae has overwhelmed the lake. The City's aim has been to repair the lake's infrastructure so that the ecosystem can regain its long-term balance.

Restoring Fountain City Lake to better health and beauty has required per-

quality and discourage algae growth. The wetlands do that two ways.

1. There's now better water circulation in the lake, because the most shallow, stagnant areas - conducive to the formation of thick algae - have been converted into the wetlands' aquatic habitat and

2. The wetlands plants absorb nutrients that otherwise would promote the growth of algae.

"These wetlands plants were selected because they'll do well and require little maintenance," McGinley said. "They'll grow to between 2 and 4 feet tall. These will be controlled wetlands - not jungle, but not maintained."

Late last fall, the wetlands contractor, Ronald Francis Construction Co.,



State Senator Becky Deacon Maury and Knox County School Board Vice Chair Amber Runnells join the news staff during the ribbon cutting of the new library at South Doyle High School.

## 21st century library dedicated at South-Doyle High

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South Doyle High School has a new

library. Superintendent of Schools, Superintendent Bob Thomas, school board member Amber Runnells, and

was his "hangout" and added "Denny and I are proud to be a part of it." Renny said the plan began by asking