

Three Schools Present Dance and Arts Showcase

Three Knox County magnet schools will host a spring showcase on May 4-6 highlighting each of their unique dance and arts programs.

Students at Austin-East Magnet High School, Vine Middle Magnet and Beaumont Magnet Academy will perform during the three-day event, which will be held in the Austin-East

Performing Arts Auditorium at 2800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Programming will begin at 6 p.m. on May 4-5 with a pre-show featuring performances by Beaumont Magnet Academy Theater, Vine Chorus and Austin-East Theater and Chorus. The showcase will follow with performances by

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Halls Marks Milestone for outdoor classroom

By Sam Lay

The air smelled of barbecue and the Halls High School band's saxophone ensemble played a few classic jazz tunes while the community's schools celebrated a milestone anniversary for the Halls High School outdoor classroom Thursday night.

The classroom benefits students in all areas at HHS, Halls Middle School, Adrian Burnett Elementary School, Halls Elementary School and Emily McCoud Elementary School, and it was conceived in 2008 to benefit

students in the Halls Community.

Thursday night's celebration marked the 10th annual party for the classroom.

The school's students and teachers may reap the benefits of the outdoor classroom, which was made accessible to students with disabilities after last year's celebration.

Ray Arthur, Knox County Watershed Coordinator, was the Master of Ceremonies and he noted that "there was plenty to celebrate."

This year, those associated with

the Halls Outdoor Classroom celebrated its corporate sponsors and partners.

"We have numerous partners and there are far too many to mention here," Arthur said before presenting a sign to Hallsdale-Powell Utilities District Chief Executive Officer Darrin Cardwell. That sign will soon be seen in front of the Hallsdale-Powell Customer Service Building.

Other partners recognized included

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Plans announced for growth facility in Lenoir

County seeking state funds for