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Hallsdale-Powell CEO Darlene Cardwell holds a sign acknowledging the company's contributions to the Halls Outdoor Classroom at an annual celebration Thursday night. Knox County Watershed Coordinator Ray Arthur (right) was emcee and presented Cardwell with the sign.

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, Vero 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 2600 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Programming will begin at 6 p.m. on May 4-6 with a pre-show featuring performances by Beaumont Magnet Academy Theater, Vero 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 Ken 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 benefit for students in all areas at HHS, Halls Middle School, Adrian Burnett Elementary School, Halls Elementary School and Brockey-McCloud Elementary School, and it was conceived in 2003 to benefit

students in the Halls Community.

Thursday night's celebration marked the 30th annual party for the classrooms.

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

Roy 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 Darren 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 youth facility in Lonsdale

By Pete Gawda

"This will be a place for

area. It is to be located on Texas Avenue between



County seeking state funds for litter control

By Mike Davis