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\$13.5 mil in revenue projected for FY'23

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With General Fund revenues estimated at \$13.5 million and expenditures estimated at \$9.535 million, Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously adopted its Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget (July 1 to June 30) on first reading during its meeting Thursday, May 12.

"This year-end estimate accounts for a 12.2 percent increase in sales tax revenue from the FY '22 budget, as well as additional revenue increases in state sales tax, wholesale liquor taxes and building permits and fees," Town administrator David Smoak said. "The proposed FY 2023 General Fund revenues are \$13,520,706, which is a reduction of 2 percent from the

estimated FY2022(revenues)."

One impact to the budget is the loss of revenues from the Hall Income Tax, which was eliminated and

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which Smoak said made up 10 percent of the Town's revenues.

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin pointed out the Sales Tax the Town receives — as well as taxes on wholesale beer, mixed drink and liquor, cable television business license and rent it receives — adds up to \$9.7 million - 72 percent of all revenue.

"That's all business-generated revenue," she added. "That's a hefty basket of eggs in one basket, so taking care of our businesses and understanding this is what allows us to live and have the wonderful things that we have is important to understand.'

Mean while, proposed FY 2023expenditures are estimated at

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'Watt's' all the smiling about?



(Top) Kyle Klepper, 11, had good luck catching a 1.53pound catfish during annual Bob Watt Fishing Rodeo in Farragut's Anchor Park/Fort Loudoun Lake Saturday morning, May 14. He was one of 75 children in the first age group to fish. (Above) Grant Helmreich and his son, Tycho, 6, showed off their 1.32-pound catfish during the Rodeo. (See related photos on page 5A)

Getting ball rolling with Union Road upgrade: BOMA

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Concerning the Union Road improvement project, Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously approved a professional services agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers Inc. during its meeting Thursday, May 12.

The Board contracted with Vaughn & Melton to help with acquisitions for right-of-way easements for the project for an amount not to exceed \$214,000.

Town engineer Darryl Smith Smith said the overall project

involves reconstruction of Union Road from North Hobbs Road to Everett Road and North Hobbs Road from Kingston Pike to Union Road. Those improvements include: realignment of the roadway (about 4,200 linear feet, "less the new roundabout in front of Ivey Farms development), with 11-foot lanes, curb and gutter and a 10-foot-wide multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists, he said.

"As you all know, the project has federal funding in it," said Smith, noting the federal money is provided through a mix of Local/ Surface Transportation Block Grants and



Highway Infrastructure Program funds with an 80-20 federal/

"It requires we follow all the guidelines through the local office of (Tennessee Department of Transportation)," he added.

"We've received a notice to proceed with driveway and right-

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Fall '24 is 'hope' for completion of new HVA classrooms: Speas

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HARDIN VALLEY — Hardin Valley Academy is seeing "the light at the end of the tunnel" for its overcrowding concerns, as it awaits the passing of Knox County Commission's proposed \$954 million budget, which includes \$11 million to

add 32 classrooms to the high school. Knox County Board of Education already has approved its budget and has passed it on to ommission. At the same time, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs has presented his propos-

als for when Commission is scheduled to meet Monday, May 23. Confident the budget, and the \$11 million, "should pass without issue," Hardin Val-



ley Academy principal Dr. Rob Speas added, "We're hoping for construction to be completed and for us to start utilizing the space in fall 2024.

"Right now classroom space is our biggest challenge in Hardin Valley, so we're excited to have a chance to alleviate some of those issues and hopefully allow our teachers to reduce their travel throughout the school."

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Mystery of Food City-to-Town deal? TopGolf time frame, new biz interest discussed ton Pike and South Watt Road, unconfirmed rumors

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product,"

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While Food City committed nearly two years ago to anchoring the under-construction mixed-use Kingston Pike Village development, at the corner of Kings-

"I believe the new name better reflects our brand offer-

-Tonya Broyles, co-owner of a rebranded, and portable,

business looking to inspire customers. (Read story

ing. (The new name) makes everyone smile. The new

name is a happier version and better describes our

are swirling that the regional grocery chain may not be locating there after all. Social media posts have floated the rumor, with no

substantiation.

Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said he has repeated-

community

"I have had the opportunity to learn from many excellent teachers who made learning both fun and fulfilling. ... My clubs and other extra-curriculars have enriched my time ...,"

-Raymond Jin, a high school senior who has accomplished at the highest level. (Read story beginning on ly, and recently, reached out to the project's developer "and other powers that be," asking about its status, but had not received an official response as of late last week.

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sports

"I thought this was one of the more complete games we've played all season. This is one of the games I can look back on and say we know how to play a full 80-minute game,"

-Ryan Radcliffe, a coach whose team is thinking big, looking to avenge disappointment. (Read story beginning on page 2B)



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Seven vie for Farragut mayor, two aldermen seats Aug. 4; also Knox

STAFF REPORTS

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The Thursday, Aug. 4, Town of Farragut Election and Knox County General Election features several contests.

In preparation for Aug. 4 and beyond, Farragut and Knox County residents who are not registered to vote have until July 5 to register.

Early Voting period for Aug. 4 elections, which also includes State and Federal Primary Election, is July 15-30. Absentee deadline is July 28.

Town Election

The Town's non-partisan Election features seven candidates vying for three offices:

- Incumbent Mayor Ron Williams faces a challenge from Bill Johns, a former Town mayoral candidate.
- Alderman Scott Meyer, incumbent in Ward I, will face challengers Adam Atherton and James "Jim" Hill.
- Running to replace retiring Alderman Ron Pinchok for his Ward II seat are Marty Layman and David White.

Knox County General Election

Looking to defeat Republican incumbent Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs is Democrat Debbie Helsley, who earned 74.19 percent of the vote in winning the Primary.

- County Commission At-Large Seat 10: Incumbent Larsen Jay (56.31 percent in the Primary) will face Democrat Dylan Earley, who was unopposed in the Primary.
- County Commission At-Large Seat 11: Kim Frazier (57.84 percent in the Primary) goes against Democrat Vivian Underwood Shipe, who was unopposed in the Primary, and Independent

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CLUP plan meet open to public May 23

Farragut's Comprehensive Land Use Plan's Steering Committee will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Monday, May 23, in the Town Hall Boardroom.

"The purpose of this meeting will mainly be to review the citizen input results from the March 22 and March 23 community meetings concerning the vision for the Kingston Pike/Smith Road/Boring Road Corridor," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

The meeting is open to the public.

KCSOreports

No Knox County Sheriff's Office Reports had been received by deadline Tuesday morning, May 17, despite a KCSO e-mail confirming our request. Look for KCSO Reports in next week's issue.

Biz questions

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Food City officials had planned to lease a 56,000-square-foot building, Williams added.

As for overall retail interest in Kingston Pike Village, "I think the developer does have people in mind," Williams said to Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance board during its Wednesday, May 11, meeting.

However, the mayor added, "When you have people lined up you don't tip your hand. It's very competitive. ... You kind of keep it close to your vest until they sign."

Apartments planned for the

Apartments planned for the development remain on target for construction, being built independently from the retail portion of the site along South Watt Road near Kingston Pike.

Hobbs, Alliance board Concerning Kingston Pike Village and the Town's other two major projects under construction — Biddle Farms Town Center (specifically Aldi's) and TopGolf in the Outlet Drive Entertainment District, Trevor Hobbs, assistant to the Town administrator, answered Alliance questions about business openings and prospective new businesses.

"With all of the development in the old Kroger shopping center (location)" now the Town Center location, "and those retail spaces ... has anybody requested permits ... or any idea what businesses are planning to come to Farragut in the next 12 to 18 months?" Alliance chair Candace Viox asked Hobbs, who was filling in for Town administrator David Smoak to give the monthly "Town Report" at the Alliance meeting.

"We've had some conversations with the developer (Budd Cullom) about that section of retail," he said. "He shared some potential tenants but nothing concrete at this point," adding Cullom would "continue building it out, sort of spec, and then they'll come."

As for when TopGolf is projected to open, Hobbs said, "Right now I would feel comfortable saying that they're just shooting for as early in summer as possible, or as early in fall as possible. They're making good progress."

Viox also asked if there was "an increase in people asking for" information who are "interested in opening businesses" in Town.

"I don't know that I can say whether there's an increase of people asking for the information," Hobbs said.

"But I can safely say we have a better response to give them when they do ask," he added.

Alan Sloan contributed to this story.





THANK YOU!

I want to thank all the citizens of Knox County for your vote of confidence in the Republican Primary. I would be honored to have your vote in the upcoming general election on August 4th.

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Dr. Morgan Richards grew up on a farm in southern Idaho with 7 older siblings. Dr. Morgan received his Doctor of Dental Medicine Degree from Roseman University College of Dental Medicine in South Jordan, Utah. After graduating dental school, Dr. Richards was commissioned as a Captain into the United States Army Dental Corps. For three years, Dr. Richards and his family was stationed in Bavaria, Germany. Dr. Richards and his family loved their time in Europe and were sad to leave. The Army then moved his family back across the world to Washington State where he completed his Army service.

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As we approach Memorial Day, do many of us forget to appreciate the sacrifices of those who have fallen in military service for our country, including U.S. Army Ranger Cpl. Ryan C. McGhee—pictured with his grandfather, Dr. William Battle of Farragut—who gave his life for his country in Iraq May 13, 2009?

What do you think? Let us know in Presstalk (865-671-8255 or editor@farragutpress.com) or e-mail a Letter to the Editor (600 word maximum).

See tribute story on Cpl. McGhee in next week's issue.

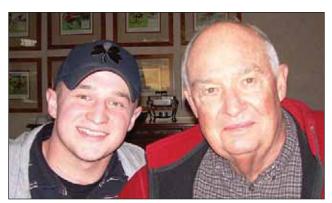


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Speas-classrooms

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With the 32 classrooms, "We're going to create a freshman academy in the new wing," Speas said. "We basically have four hallways here at Hardin Valley Academy — and we have five academies within our school structure — so our freshmen kind of have to share space between two other academies.

"With the new addition, we're going to give our freshmen their own space, as well as add a science lab and additional art classroom there as well," he added. "We are very excited about the opportunity to continue to grow our school and create great experiences for kids."

Many teachers currently travel amongst two to three, even four, classrooms throughout the day, "so we're excited to try to reduce that down to give teachers a place to settle in, feel at home and create better learning environments for our students," Speas said.

"Our teachers will reduce the amount of time they are moving between classrooms, so it will allow them to have more autonomy over their learning environments and ultimately provide better education for our kids.

"...We're having to create some spaces within the existing building and share some spaces until then, to create more learning environments, so it's going to be a tight squeeze until then," the principal added,

as HVA would expand from its current 74 rooms.

"Hardin Valley is growing at a rapid pace, and we don't expect the influx of kids to stop anytime soon. But we're excited to see the light at the end of the tunnel."

When asked if he thought 32 classrooms would be enough, considering the community's growth, Speas replied, "It's hard to say if it would be enough for the next 20 years, but I think it definitely is a huge step in the right direction.

"We're adding probably about 40 percent of our capacity when we expand it, so it will allow us to be comfortable for the next foreseeable future," he added.

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While there were no Presstalks submitted for this week's issue, we respectfully ask our readers to follow the following Presstalk rules when submitting their opinions:

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- Please keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum (editor@farragutpress.com);
 - · Libelous and malicious comments will not be published;
 - Profanity will be edited out;
- Comments will remain anonymous.

Elections

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Donald Bridges.

• Trustee: Justin Biggs, outgoing County Commission At-Large Seat 11 officeholder (57.23 percent) will face Democrat Dave "Caz" Cazalet (unopposed in Primary).

Among Democrat and Republican Primary candidates who were unopposed, yet face General Election challenges from the rival party or an Independent — also indirectly affecting Farragut and area residents — are ...

• Register of Deeds: GOP in-

cumbent Nick McBride versus Democrat Scott Crammond.

- District Attorney General: GOP incumbent Charme P. Allen versus Democrat Jackson M. Fenner.
- General Sessions Judge Division I: Incumbent Republican Chuck Cerny versus Democrat Sarah Keith.
- Circuit, Civil Sessions & Juvenile Court Clerk: GOP incumbent Charlie Susano versus Democrat Dana E. Moran.
- Board of Education District 6 (including Hardin Valley): GOP incumbent Betsy Henderson versus Independent Phillip Michael Sherman.

Budget

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\$9.5 million, which "is a 15 percent increase over the FY 2022 end-of-year estimate," Smoak said

The \$9.5 million did not include the additional \$250 Povlin requested at the meeting.

"An impetus in this year's budget has been on attracting and retaining top talent for the organization, as the current job market and employment opportunities have seen employee retention strained," Smoak said. "Also, driving wage growth and expenses have been higher costs due to record inflation rates that were up to 8.5 percent in March 2022, the highest rates the United States has seen in 40 years.

"... The budget is also required to be balanced and remitted to the State of Tennessee Comptroller for review

once it has been approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen," he added.

Fee schedule changes

On another matter regarding funding, the Board also unanimously approved its 2022-23 fee schedule for Town services. Some changes include:

• Community Development: Mobile food vendor fire safety permit fee, \$100 per year; fee for signs erected or modified without a permit, \$200 for permanent sign, \$50 for temporary sign and \$100 for tenant panel signs.

• Parks & Recreation: for the McFee small and large pavilion use, the current fee of \$85 for half day/\$125 for full day will remain but weekend rental fees will increase to \$100 half day/\$150 full day for Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; Town Hall Park pavilion, establishing fee of \$25 for half day/\$40 full-day rental; Anchor

Park restroom pavilion rental, establishing fee of \$25 half day/\$40 full day; athletic field rentals – diamond and rectangular fields – increase from \$20 per hour to \$25 per hour; athletic field rentals for artificial turf, increase from \$40 per hour to \$50 per hour; tournament/camp/clinic usage fee, establishing fee for tennis (2), pickleball (4), \$200 full day and tennis (4)/pickleball (8), \$400 full day.

Prior to the meeting, the Town Beer Board unanimously approved:

- A Class 1 on-premise beer permit for The Shrimp Dock, 11124 Kingston Pike, that was applied for by its new owner, Randy Burleson, owner of Aubrey's Inc.
- A Class 5 off-premise beer permit for Aldi, 170 Brooklawn St. in the new Biddle Farms Town Center that was applied for by John Larkin with Aldi.

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Union upgrade

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of-way easement acquisitions in February."

Since then, the Town advertised a Request for Qualifications to engineers and selected Vaughn & Melton.

"There are 21 tracts remaining to be acquired on the project," Smith said. "Vaughn & Melton will perform negotiations and coordinate with additional services among three subconsultants – appraisals by Pipkin & Associates, appraisal review by Integra Realty Resources and title closings by Tennessee Valley Title.

"The Town has contracted with all these firms in the past and found their work to be excellent," he added.

In other business, the Board

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• unanimously adopted a Parks & Recreation 10-year Master plan for 2022 through 2032. "We have been working on this for over a year," Parks & Recreation director Sue Stuhl said. "We've had lots and lots of public support and public involvement, including focus groups, insider surveys, intercept surveys, citizen surveys, public hearings and, last week, we had draft plan hearing and (the meeting) tonight.

One citizen's request was for an indoor pool and possibly a skate park in the future.

"The indoor pool was on the list for a future study," Stuhl said. "The skate park did not come up as high priority."

She said the plan has the necessary elements and an action plan with projects for near term, mid term and long term "with about three years for each of those."

• The Board heard from resident Steven Valentine, who asked for traffic-calming measures on Old Stage Road. He referred to islands on Grigsby Chapel Road as an example.



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(Above) Gerald Walker joins his son, Liam Walker, 4, who led the pack among all children participants by catching the most fish in the 6-and-Under age group during annual Bob Watt Fishing Rodeo in Farragut's Anchor Park/Fort Loudoun Lake Saturday morning, May 14.

(Above right) Chris Thompson held the 1.45-pound catfish his daughter, Anna Thompson, 10, caught at the Rodeo. (See related photos on page 1A)



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Smiley Swirl

Putting a happy face on ice cream

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Farragut couple Tonya and Eric Broyles have rebranded their iconic pink ice cream truck and are looking ahead at franchise opportunities.

Formerly known as Softee-Serve, the 5-year-old company is now Smiley Swirl.

"I believe the new name better reflects our brand offering," Tonya said. "Ice cream, especially soft-serve ice cream, makes everyone smile. The new name is a happier version and better describes our product."

The decision to franchise Smiley Swirl "was not easy," a company press release stated. "Softee-Serve has been successful in the Knoxville, Tennessee market by catering events for up to 1,200 people at churches, businesses, weddings, schools, festivals and more.

"Due to their successful track record, it didn't take long for Softee-Serve to receive calls from outlying counties and states," the release continued. "Ultimately, the decision needed to be made: add a new truck to the fleet or franchise, and the couple, along with their son, Kase, decided to franchise their 'Big Pink Truck."

"For about the same price as



Photo submitted

Co-owner Eric Broyles is pictured in front of his family-owned and recently rebranded Smiley Swirl iconic pink ice cream truck, which soon will be offering franchise opportunities.

purchasing a new truck, and possibly spreading ourselves too thin, we chose to franchise, and this allows us to share our American Dream with others," Tonya said.

Smiley Swirl teamed up with the Franchise Innovation Group to build their franchise system. "The Smiley Swirl brand is a great opportunity for someone looking to leave the corporate world and wants to own their own business," said John Batcheller, Franchise Innovation Group presi-

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businessbriefs

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 Cole Sitzlar, Joe Conley and Landon Carter recently joined EXIT Realty Pros team of real estate professionals in Knoxville.

· Darrell Hitson, Rachel Matousek and Julie Robinson recently joined Pinnacle Financial Partners' team in Knoxville with a combined 54 years of experience.



Hitson joined the firm as a senior vice president and mortgage advisor with 17 years of industry knowledge experience; Matousek brings 19 years of experience to her role of senior vice

president and credit advisor: and Robinson, with 18 years of experience, joins Pinnacle as a treasury management analyst in the firm's cli-



ent advisory group.

• University of Tennessee associate professor Neelam Chandra Poudyal recently received a Fulbright Scholar Award for 2022-2023. This fall, Poudyal will visit the Institute of Forestry, Pokhara Campus of Tribhuvan University in Nepal, where he will collaborate with the faculty of Wildlife and Protected Area Management to conduct research on sustaining human-wildlife co-existence in

the fringe areas of Nepal's national parks.

 Knox County Health Department and East Tennessee Wellness Roundtable are hosting a



Poudyal

recognition ceremony to celebrate 11 local businesses and agencies that are taking steps to support worksite wellness 9 a.m., Thursday, May 19, in Ijams Nature Center's Visitor

Center Banquet Hall, 2915 Island Home Ave. The businesses and agencies are: CASA of East Tennessee, Compassionate Choice, Metro Drug



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Atlanta connection leads Desai to open Farragut Clean Juice

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Vishaal Desai, along with Patel, have purchased the inflammation. Farragut franchise for Clean Juice, 11670 Parkside Drive, near Publix in Turkey Creek.

"It's a product that I can believe in and support," Desai said. "You feel good about endorsing this.'

Clean Juice, a 100-percent certified organic juice bar, carries fruit and vegetable juices and smoothies, as well as sandwiches, wraps, acai bowls, salads and sprouted grain, avocado and hard-boiled eggs, extra virgin olive oil and lemon juice

and red pepper flake toasts.

Desai recalled a customer who had a medical procedure done, and her doctor had told friends Sagar Leva and Ameet her she needed to reduce the

> "We have a few products we sell, cleansers, that help your anti-inflamitory response," he said. "It was a great way for us to help out a member of the community.'

> Desai learned about Clean Juice while working in real estate in Georgia.

"I spent the past few years in Atlanta ... there was a Clean Juice across the street from the neighborhood that I sold at, and I knew the owner because he was looking to buy a house

from me," he said. "I just went one day (to the shop) to show support, and I really liked it, so I kept going back."

After a few years, Desai wanted to start a business of his own.

"A couple buddies and I started looking at different franchises," he said. "We really like healthy foods. We know there's a demand for it, it's good for your body and some-

thing we believe in. "One day, I remembered there's Clean Juice," Desai added. "We started talking to the franchise. We stopped by here (in Farragut) and the previous owner was here.

"She was on the verge of



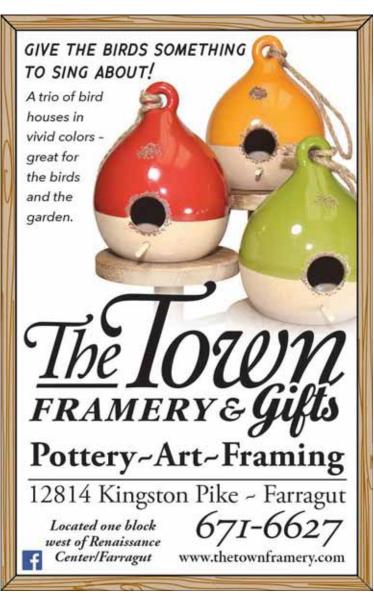
Tammy Cheek

Vishaal Desai, new co-owner of Clean Juice at 11670 Parkside Drive near Publix in Turkey Creek, is ready to serve.

selling, and one thing led to another — and all of a sudden we're under contract to come here and buy this store. It all happened in a matter of three weeks, which is great.

"I've really enjoyed coming here, getting to meet the team members, becoming part of the community," Desai said.

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Smiley Swirl

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dent and CEO. "A franchise owner will have the opportunity to control their schedule, build a business as large as they want and make a difference in people's days."

Perhaps others will realize their own dreams, just as Tonya has been able to do.

"It started with TCBY," she said. "I worked there as a high school student and loved it. I have always loved ice cream

and I always knew, in the back of my mind, that I wanted to do my own ice cream business one day."

Even though she trained as a registered nurse and has worked for many years in the pharmaceutical field, Tonya said she realized the particular job she was doing at that time "was something I didn't want to do forever."

She started learning how to build the business.

"I knew ice cream, designed everything and had the truck cream truck," Tonya pointed out. "We are an ice cream shop and offer soft-serve ice cream and various toppings, along with shakes and sundaes. For more information on

built," she said, noting Eric

drives the truck to Knox and

Blount county locations al-

"It has just grown so much

over the years that truthfully,

we can't handle all the poten-

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Clean Juice

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"That is something I want to do — get involved in the community, get together with some

of the other local businesses and partner up with some fun marketing ideas," he added. "If there are events going on, we're trying to get into those."

Clean Juice is open from 7

p.m., Sunday.

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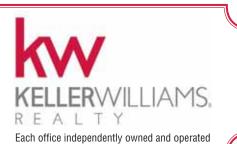


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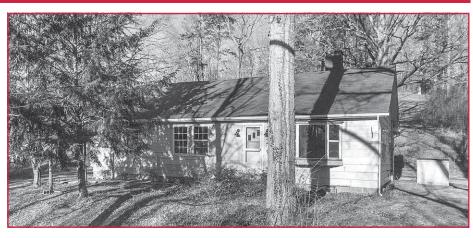




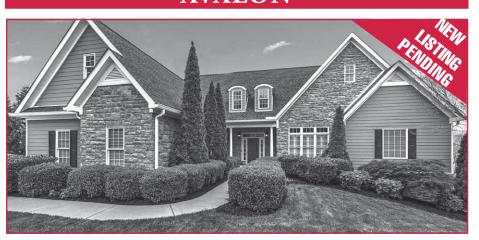


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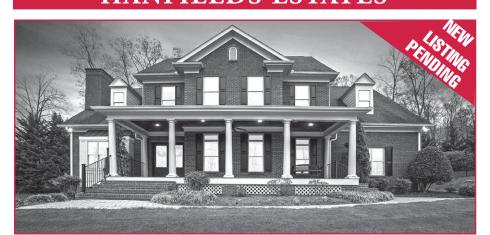
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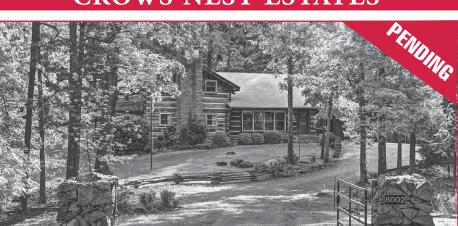
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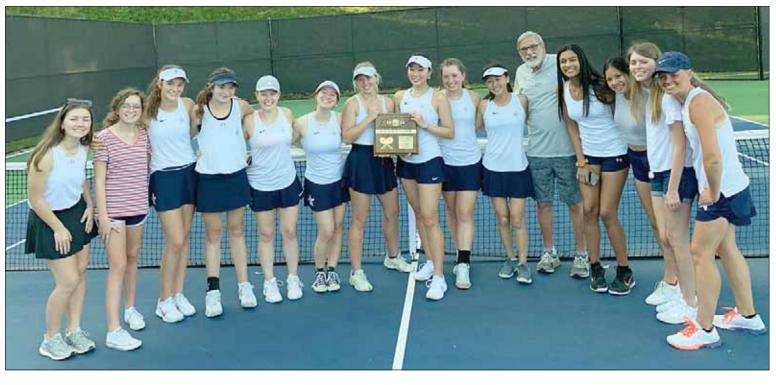


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Photos submitted

(Left) District and region champ FHS girls tennis team with head coach Gordon Cassity. (Above) Riley Cassity, district and region individual champion.

Young, yet racquet dominant

FHS girls tennis team again reaches Division I-AA Sectional after controlling district, region

BILL HOWARD Correspondent

The achievements of Farragut High School's girls tennis team this season are numerous.

And very possibly not over.

After completing a perfect 12-0 District 4-AA record in the regular season, the Lady Admirals beat Bearden 5-0 to win the District Tournament Monday, May 9, at McFee Park in Farragut. Farragut then shut out West 5-0 to win the Regional Tournament at Tyson Park

Wednesday, May 11.

The Regional win moved them into the Sectional round against perennial power Tennessee High — having beaten Farragut April 22 —Wednesday, May 18, at Tyson Park (after deadline).

"Tennessee High will be a very difficult match," said FHS first-year head coach Gordon Cassity, who coaches both boys and girls. "We had two matches that were really tight and could have gone either way. We feel like we have a good shot at them in the Sectionals."

A loss Wednesday shouldn't detract

from Farragut's stellar season. The team is strong from top to bottom and hardly needs coaching, according to Cassity. Even better, he said, the girls' character outshines even their oncourt skills.

"We've got a really good group of girls," the coach said. "I don't have to do a lot of coaching. These kids are self-motivated. They work hard from the time they get on the practice court. I tell my girls 'whatever level of tennis you reach will not determine your success in life because you're all

winners."

In singles this year, Cassity's No. 2-ranked player Michelle Lin, No. 3 Bekah Graham and No. 4 Iris Yee all went undefeated. No. 5 Kate Morgan and No. 6 Shelby Smith lost only three matches between them.

Very competitive from top to bottom," Cassity said. "You have to be solid from your No. 1 through No. 6.'

Cassity has a unique situation with his No. 1 singles player: she's his grand-

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Clean district sweep, then sectional berth once again earned by FHS baseball

BILL HOWARD Correspondent

Behind 15 hits — many of them very timely — Farragut High School's baseball team beat Karns 11-5 at FHS's John Heatherly Field in a Region 2-4A semifinal, a win-or-gohome situation, Monday evening, May 16.

"Any win this time of year is what you want," Farragut head coach Matt Buckner said. "It wasn't pretty, obviously. We did a lot of things poorly. We didn't pitch all that great. We didn't play defense all that great. But we won. We get a win on Friday and we go to the state tournament."

The win set up a Wednesday, May 18, region final against Powell (after deadline), as the District 3-4A champion Panthers ended Bearden's strong post-season run, 1-0, Monday in the other region semifinal.

Farragut and Powell will advance to the state Sectional

round Friday, May 20, leaving both just one win from next week's TSSAA state tournament in Murfreesboro.

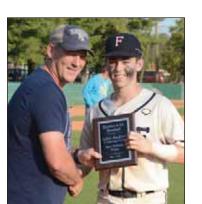
Monday's six-run margin of victory is a bit misleading. When Karns scored two runs in the top of the fifth, Farragut led only 7-5.

It took two runs by the Admirals in the fifth and sixth innings to put the game away.

Sophomore relief pitcher Stratton Scott, who took over from Admirals senior ace Jaxson Pease in the fifth, killed a bases-loaded Beavers rally in the seventh with two strikeouts to end the game.

Farragut led 2-0 after one, and 3-1 after two. In the top of the third, the Beavers tied it 3-3 on two singles and two walks. They might have led 4-3, but the inning ended when Karns's Clayton Haugstad was thrown out at the plate.

Farragut promptly made it 7-3 in its half of the third inning behind four RBI singles.



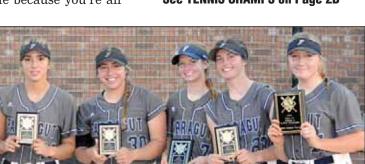
Lukas Buckner, Farragut sophomore shortstop, accepts his District 4-4A Baseball League MVP plaque from FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett.

It looked like the Admirals might cruise from there. But the scrappy Beavers then made it 7-5 in the fifth.

After going up 9-5 in its half of the fifth, Farragut put it away in the sixth when Jett Johnston hit a towering tworun homer over the left-centerfield fence.

Johnston wasn't sure he'd ever hit one that hard.

"Got the good part of the bat on it and took it for a ride," said Johnston, a junior infielder and pitcher. "Kind of watched it for a sec. Umpire told me to get going.'



District 4-4A Softball All-Tournament honorees from the champion FHS Lady Admirals were led by junior shortstop Ava Guzowski, far right, named MVP. From left, are Emily Musco, Lauren Brakovec, Emma MacTavish and Sarah Livingston.

Rallying in 4-4A tourney, Softball Ads to sectional

ALAN SLOAN

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MARYVILLE — With five home runs in her first five District 4-4A Tournament games — 10 of 15 at the plate — Farragut junior shortstop Ava Guzowski, tourney MVP, led the Lady Admirals back after a surprising early round loss

to Maryville. "Ava was tearing it up all week," said FHS head coach Nick Green, whose girls battled back to reach the championship game, then beat Heritage 7-3 — led by some huge hits from the bottom of the order — to claim the tourney crown Thursday evening, May 12, at the John Sevier Elementary School/MHS field.

Guzowski was joined on the All-Tournament team by fellow Lady Ads Emily Musco (senior second baseman), Lau-

ren Brakovec (senior designated player and league MVP with three home runs in four games), Emma MacTavish (sophomore pitcher) and Sarah Livingston (senior centerfielder).

But big production came from hitters seven through nine in the title game. Hailey Nichols smacked a solo homer and scored two runs, while Laney Shrader doubled and also scored two runs. Vivian Boles added an RBI single and scored a run. "Seven, eight, nine came through right there," Green said.

Addison Pressley and Autumn Caywood also added RBI singles. Livingston's two hits featured a double and an RBI single. "Livingston always has quality at-bats," Green said. '... Autumn came up with

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Buckner MVP among many Ads, Dawgs, Hawks honorees

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2022 District 4-4A Baseball All-District Team and Superlatives was led by Lukas Buckner, Farragut sophomore shortstop, who was named Most Valuable Player (see photo with story above).

He was joined, superlativeswise, by senior teammate Jaxson Pease, honored as Pitcher of the Year, and sophomore outfielder Jack Alley, earning Rookie of the Year.

Other superlatives in 4-4A included Brooks Wright, Bearden sophomore, who was named Offensive Player of the Year.

Other Farragut Admirals earning All-District honors for 2022 were Eli Evans, Garrett Brewer, Landis Davila, Brennon Seigler, Mark Underwood and Jett Johnston.

Hardin Valley Academy honorees were Austin King, Logan Ozias, Adam Baker, Ty Denton, Micah Hoffmeister and Will Webb.

Other BHS Bulldog selec-

tions were Tripp Spencer, Brady Frederick and Evan Goins. All-Academic honorees in 4-4A included Matthew Kilbey of Farragut, Hunter Armstrong of HVA and Carson

Cooper of Bearden.





Nordin, BHS rule

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KNOXVILLE — Displaying skill and determination fitting of an experienced boys soccer team looking to right a "wrong" after last season's state title game loss, Bearden wasted no time in taking charge verses Maryville.

While standout junior Lucas Nordin led the way with a hattrick (three goals) and one assist, the Dawgs (15-1-3) scored just 39 seconds into its District 4-3A tourney title match Friday, May 13, at BHS's Radcliffe-Kelly Soccer Complex/ Turner-Allender Field.

"I guess you could say Lucas is on a tear," BHS head coach Ryan Radcliffe said after a 5-1 win, adding about Nordin's determination to score, "you kind of see that translate through the rest of the players."

As a team, "I thought this was one of the more complete games we've played all season," he said. "... This is one of the games I can look back on and say we know how to play a full 80-minute game."

Senior Cooper Cross scored that quick first goal in front of the net off a pass from Nordin on the left, near the baseline.

Junior Harrison Schwall added a late goal, assisted by sophomore Jack Raulston.

Softball wins

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some pretty good at-bats, too." Farragut blanked 3-4A tourney runner-up Karns 5-0 in a do-or-die Region 2-4A semifinals Monday, May 16, at FHS's Bellamy Field to secure a sectional game berth Friday, May 20. That puts the Lady Ads (37-3-1) just one win from another TSSAA Class AAA state tournament (May 24-27).



Above, below left photos by Alan Sloan/Below right photo by Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

(Above) Samantha Harvey of Farragut won Sectional pole vault. (Right) Sarah Lynn hands the baton to Lexi Foley as FHS won the 4 X 800. (Below) HVA's Gracie Waite was Sectional champ in shot put.



Tennis champs

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daughter, Riley, to whom he introduced the game as a young-

Riley Cassity has won 16 of 17 singles matches for the team this year, and beat Bearden's Ayla Hauser for both the dis-



trict and region titles in individual singles. She'll play a state quarterfinal match at the Adams Complex in Murfreesboro Thursday, May 26.

Cassity's only loss all season was to Hauser in team play during the district tournament May 9. Off the court, the two are good friends.

HVA T&F teams qualify in 27 events for state; 8 Sectional champs

FHS wins girls pole vault, 800, 4 X 400, 4 X 800; Bearden sprinter Rudolph 1st in 100-, 200-meter

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HARDIN VALLEY — As expected, Hardin Valley Academy track and field teams dominated among local foes during East Sectional state qualifier meet at HVA Saturday, May 15, qualifying for 27 events — eight

of those Sectional champs.

Meanwhile, the highlight for Farragut was first-place finishes from its 4 X 400 girls foursome (4:01.31) and 4 X 800 girls (9:42.44), in addition to senior Lexi Foley winning the 800-meter run title (2:18.15) and junior Samantha Harvey first in pole vault (10-00).

Bearden junior Laila Rudolph raced her way to firstplace finishes in the 100-dash (12.37) and 200-dash (25.64).

"They know all the other kids they play," coach Cassity said. "The camaraderie between these players ... after we won the district we had a pizza party for both teams. They're all sitting out there making lifelong relationships.'

Next year could be even better for the Lady Admirals.

Lydia Lively, Lady Bulldogs sophomore, won 300-hurdles (46.36). Cayden Douglas, BHS junior, was champ in boys high iump (6-06.00).

Hardin Valley champions

On the girls side, the Lady Hawks were relay champions in 4 X 100 (48.47) and 4 X 200 (1:43.30). Teammates Brooke Taylor and Sidnee Stanton traded first- and second-place finishes in long jump (Taylor first, 18-09.25) and triple jump (Stanton first, 38-08.00). Gracie Waite's toss of 38-05.50 won shot put.

HVA boys champs were in the 4 X 400 (3:21.63) and 4 X 800 (7:52.63), while Gavin English was first in long jump (22-01.25).

Class AAA state meet in Murfreesboro is Thursday, May 26.

None of the top-six postseason players graduate in '22 and two promising eighth-graders are coming up. In addition, junior Alyssa Thomas, limited this year because of injury, should be at full strength.

"My top six could be challenged (by in-team competition) next year," the coach said.



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(Left) Farragut High School 12th-Grade assistant principal Cara Vaughn, front, with seniors, clockwise from left, Kate Priest, Nick Blum, Cade Beooker, Madison Foshie, Maeve O'Sullivan and Keeleigh Rogers on their last day of school Friday, May 13. (Above) FHS seniors Alexis Foley, right, and Dawson Moore (not pictured) each received the Charlotte and Coach Lendon Welch Scholarship from the late couple's daughter, LeAnn Welch Mowery, during Senior Awards night Tuesday, May 10.

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Sunset, fun, awards

Marking last week for Farragut High School Class of 2022

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Farragut High School's Class of 2022 received quite a send-off during "Senior Celebration Week."

12th-Grade principal Cara Vaughn oversaw the activities, which officially kicked off Monday, May 9, with Senior Sunset, hosted by the Student Government Association, on Bill Clabo Field inside Eddie Courtney Stadium on campus.

"Students played spike ball and other games, and watched the sunset," said Vaughn, who noted it was the companion activity to the "Senior Sunrise" students enjoyed during the first weeks of senior year.

Tuesday, May 10, a "Seniors vs. Staff" basketball game was front and center, with the staff pulling out a 45-39 upset over the senior class players.

"The entire school was invited to attend and includ-

ed a staff and student cheering section," Vaughn said. "We had a hula hoop contest at halftime, and a performance from our 'cheer squad.'

Later that night, Senior Awards were presented, including scholarships and departmental awards.

Not a comprehensive list, but honors included: The Compass Award, given to Christopher Bove and

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Jin, Tang lead FHS Class of '22

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Saying he's "likely" to end up at an Ivy League school. Farragut High School's Class of 2022 valedictorian is Raymond Jin.

Listing engineering and research as major career pursuits, FHS salutatorian is Alice Tang.

Jin is well-known both in-

side and outside of school, especially during the year last while serving as the studentrepresentative Knox for County Board of Education.



Jin

While Jin said he has "always aimed to push myself academically, and do my best in class," he added, "becoming valedictorian was not one of

to my peers has never been too important for me."

Moreover, "I have tried to choose courses that I genuinely have an interest in, which has allowed me to thoroughly enjoy my education throughout high school," he said.

"One of the things that I have enjoyed most about high school are the great experiences that I have had," Jin added. "In the classroom, I have had the opportunity to learn from many excellent teachers who made learning both fun and fulfilling. Outside of the classroom, my clubs and other extracurriculars have enriched my time in high school beyond what I otherwise would have been able to have.

"Whether it be the fun I had in Las Vegas for the Mu Alpha Theta National Convention (a math competition) or meeting new people in New York City at the National Model United Nations conference, I will look back at my years in high school with great fondness in the years to come."



Farragut High School Class of 2022's Top 10 students, front row from left, are Rena Liu, Shravya Tathineni, Laura Gilliard, Alice Tang (salutatorian), Hannah Brennan and Joshua Lin. Back row, from left, are Selom Bediako, Keara Tibbs, Raymond Jin (valedictorian), Austin Strobel, Paul Kronzer, Michael Qi and Kelly Su.

serving on the Alliance for Education Equity Steering committee, president of FHS's Mu Alpha Theta, treasurer of State Mu Alpha Theta, and secretary of Junior State of America, Science Club and Model United Nations clubs.

He also was a member of the FHS "A" Team, which won first place this year in the Tennessee Science Bowl, among

numerous awards and accomplishments.

Beyond his own work, Jin credits his teachers in a number of ways.

"All of my teachers have made a difference in my life," he said. "They have all supported me throughout high school, whether it be academically or otherwise, and they have all helped me become the person I am now.

"I would also like to give recognition to all the wonderful school counselors that I have had a chance to work with," he added. "They made many parts of high school, like signing up for classes or applying to colleges, much less stressful than they would have oth-

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Top students

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erwise been. Although I have not officially committed to a college yet, I will likely go to Yale University for the 2022-2023 school year.'

Jin said his goal is earning a doctorate degree.

"I currently would like to become a university professor, but I'm open to doing something else if life takes me in a different direction," he added.

Jin is the son of Mingzhou Jin and Jun Feng.

Tang said the first word that comes to her mind in describing herself is "nerd. Not in a bad way of course, but sometimes I'll just hook on to a topic and end up going down a rabbit hole that I didn't quite mean to.

"I remember for Science Olympiad, one of my events was forensics, and I had to know how to interpret the results of paper and thin layer chromatography," she added. "But one thing lead to another, and I ended up spending maybe a couple hours learning about different types of chromatography and how they worked at the molecular level.

"Another time we were dissecting cats in anatomy. I am kind of a squeamish person, so when I was standing in the lab looking at our specimen, I started questioning why I had done this to myself. After a little bit though, my face was only inches above the cat peering down into the abdomen, and I was fine.'

Science has been a constant theme for Tang.

"My science-themed jewelry is probably enough to tip someone off — my DNA ring is my favorite," said Tang, who also has been involved in many STEM clubs.

"For this year, I was the president of Science Club, historian for MAO and president of the MAO State Convention Committee," she added. "For MAO State (a math convention serving as practice for the national math convention in July), we organized a two-day, 16-hour convention. It was probably one of the hardest things I've had to coordinate in a while since it was my first

in-person event in two vears."

Tang said two things she enjoyed at **FHS** "were the clubs and the competitions. She saidanother aspect she



really liked "were the teachers. Many of them showed me what truly loving a subject looks like, and it has grown my own love for learning.

"There are a lot of teachers that have made a difference in my life, each inspiring my love to learn," Tang added. "But two I want to especially thank are my physics teacher Mr. Milligan and my state Mu Alpha Theta sponsor Dr. Both-

"Mr. Milligan pushes me to think more and in different ways Dr. Bothman inspires me to be a better leader

Though Tang said her plans include going into engineering and "to get involved with research," she added, "What exactly I haven't fully decided on. ... I'm going to explore in college first before I make any decisions."

She is the daughter of Wei Tang and Yuping Wang.

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 Town of Farragut is hosting the inaugural Visit Farragut Hospitality Luncheon for area hoteliers, restaurateurs and business owners in Farragut's Community Center, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 24. Guests can purchase their \$10 tickets on-line https://www.eventbrite. com/e/visit-farragut-hospitality-luncheon-tickets-330657434287 and choose a boxed lunch. Guest speaker will be Mark Grenier, director of operations for Farragut's soon-to-open TopGolf, which is being built in the Town's Entertainment District along Drive. Outlet Anticipated

opening is sometime this summer. For more information, email Tourism manager Karen Tindal at ktindal@townoffarragut.org.

 Knoxville-Northshore & Hardin Valley/North Farragut chapters of MOMS Clubs International is hosting the West Knox Preschool and Activities Fair 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 4, in St. John Neumann Catholic School at 625 St. John Court

The event is free and open to the public, and offers a chance to learn about local preschool programs and children's activities.

This event was planned for earlier this year, but had to be rescheduled. For more information, visit West Knox Preschool & Activities Fair on Facebook.







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At \$37,000+, SJNCS students exceed Race for Education goal

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St. John Neumann Catholic School students raced to exceed a fundraising goal in the school's Race for Education event on the school's soccer field Wednesday, April

The effort, which involved students in all grades, raised more than \$35,000, which will be spent on new rubber mulch and to repair the playground fencing.

The school's goal was \$35,000, but as of Wednesday, May 11, the students already raised \$37,000 — and school officials expected more donations to come in.

"We're ecstatic," said the Rev. Joe Reed, SJN School and Church pastor. "We set a higher goal this year than we had last

"Thank goodness, the weather's beautiful today," he added. "It's going to be a great, fun day."

"(SJNC School and Church development director) Patrick Wade and (director of admissions) Mary Marlowe are really the ones who put this whole thing together," SJN director of communications Stephanie Greiner said.

"... It's been another big year in terms of all the fundraising so far," Wade said.

"We're just really grateful to the parents and the students.'

Greiner said students got donors to sponsor them so they could run, and Reed added they received other incentives as

"Some of the incentives are certain treats for individuals or for classes," he said.

Students ran or walked in hour increments to race from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Later that afternoon, they returned to the field for a fellowship event, which featured Kona Ice and throwing pies at principal Bill Derbyshire.

"(Derbyshire) had to dye his hair green because we hit our goal," Greiner said, adding other faculty dyed their hair green as well.

She said Race for Education is a fundraising planning organization Wade discovered last year.

"Just a few years ago, we were brainstorming what another school fundraiser would be," Wade said. "It's an organization that does this event all across the country, and it's run by a former school principal, so he really knows schools."

The 2021 race "was huge success," Reed said. At that time, the school raised \$45,000.



Photos by Tammy Cheek (Above) Nora Szelag, St. John Neumann Catholic School first-grader, participates in Race for Education fundraiser Wednesday, April 27. (Right) Patrick Wade, SJNCA and SJN Church development director, and son, David, enjoy the event. Wade was one of the fundraiser's main organizers.





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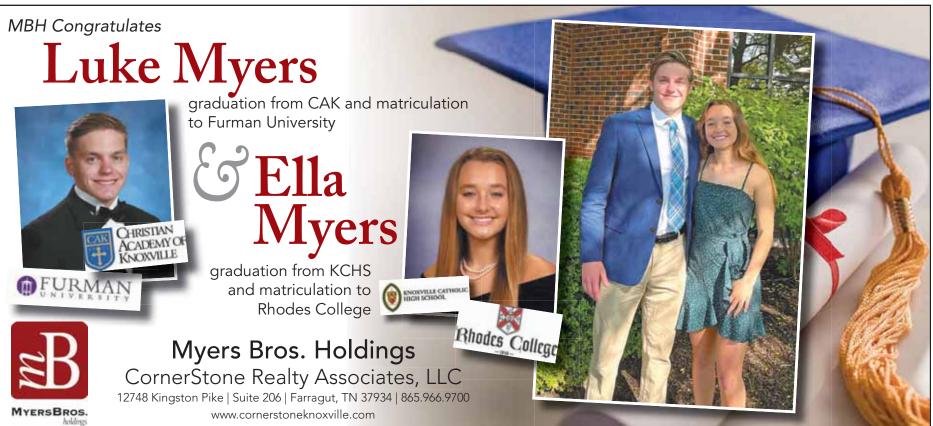
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(Above left) Sana Boghani, right, received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award from Marti Hobson, (Above, right) Laura Gilliard received several awards, including the Henry Naff Scholarship, from Optimist Club of Knoxville president Darrin Rhines.

More FHS Senior Celebration Awards

David Greene, right, and Janet Greene, left, presented the 28th Annual Michael David Greene Scholarship, in honor and memory of their son, to band students Olivia Layman, second from left. and Jami Holder. (See story and other photos beginning on page 3B and jumping to page 7B)



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead



Selom Bediako, right, (who won several awards) and Jenna Struck (not pictured) received the National Achievers Society Stole from Janea Peterson.



Kate Priest, second from right, received the NFL Players Association Scholarship from, from left, Ron McCartney, Chris Foote and Anthony Hancock.

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- 1. Approval of minutes for the April 26, 2022, meeting.
- 2. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Hopebridge, located at 11121 Kingston Pike.
- 3. Review of a primary ground mounted sign (monument type, reface) for Car Fix, located at 150 North Campbell
- 4. Review of an informational subdivision exit sign for the Farragut Crossing Subdivision, located at the intersection of Federal Boulevard and Farragut Crossing Drive.
- 5. Review of a primary ground mounted sign (monument type) for Fast Pace Health, located at 13013 Kingston Pike. 6. Review of a landscape plan for the multi-family phase/ portion of the Town Center at the Biddle Farms Development, located along Brooklawn Street.
- 7. Staff report wall signs approved in the past month. 8. Continued review and recommendations of potential
- amendments to the Sign Ordinance, with a discussion of wall signs and their review.

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Seniors

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Joselyn Duncan; Student Ambassadors recognized were Martin Aranda and Brett Holloway; and CTE-AG Science Awards went to Ashley Hilbelink and Emma Helton;

CTE-Business Students of the Year Awards to Carter Mayfield and Ashlev van Tol: ELA Awards to Samantha Molleur and Luke Wanca; Math Awards to Keara Tibbs and Raymond Jin; and NJROTC awards to Kuxh Nayee and Kilev Lum.

Performing Arts and Band Awards to Jami Holder and Caleb Wanca; Performing Arts-Chorus Awards to Christian Graves and Garrett McCloskey; Performing Arts-Orchestra Award to Jackson Presnell; Arts-Theatre Performing Awards to Hanna Liske and Mary Claire Carter; Physical Education Awards to Max Pham and Hunger Shields: and Science Awards to Joseph Martin and Selene Tan.

Social Studies Awards went to Laura Gilliard (who also received the Commercial Bank Spirit Scholarship) and Sana Boghani (who also received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award); and Visual Arts Awards to Magnolia Evans and Angelica Ruhbusch,

Among scholarships given were the NFL Scholarship to Kate Priest; Ned McWherter Scholarships to Selom Bediako, Olivia Layman, Kelly Su and Nathan Stewart; Optimist Club of Knoxville's Henry Naff Foundation Scholarships to Omayah El-Salim and Laura Gilliard; Michael David Green Scholarships to Olivia Layman and Jamisen Holder; Ryan Shoupe Scholarship to Evan Deucker; and Charlotte and Lendon Welch Scholarships to Alexis Foley and Dawson

Fun and festivities, including a slide show, continued Wednesday, May 11, with Senior Luncheon at The Lighthouse. Seniors also enjoyed "Party at the Pinnacle" Thursday, May 12, at Regal Cinemas in Turkey Creek, as breakfast preceded a screening of the new "Doctor Strange" movie.

On their last official day, Friday, May 13, seniors were surprised by "Spirit Balloons" along the senior parking lot.

Seniors also picked up their caps and gowns and boarded school buses to pay a visit to Farragut Primary School, "back to where many of them began their educational journey," Vaughn said. "They walked through the

halls 'high-fiving' students and hugging teachers. We then hosted 'Anchors Aweigh' ... and spent the last hour of the day signing yearbooks in the Commons area," she added.

Baccalaureate services were held Sunday, May 15, in Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church.

Graduation ceremonies are set to begin at 6 p.m., Sunday, May 22, on Bill Clabo Field.



Michelle Hollenhead

Farragut High School Senior Austin Cade was one of dozens of seniors who received "Spirit Balloons" Friday, May 13, commemorating the students' last official school day. The event, a partnership with Above the Rest Balloons & Event Designs, raised \$4,900 for auditorium renovations.

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Farragut Intermediate School Grandparents' Day

Farragut Intermediate School opened its doors Friday, May 13, for Grandparents' Day, allowing students and their grandparents to enjoy lunch together.

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1. From left, paternal grandparents, Paul and Jimmie Mayfield, grandson Andrew Mayfield and maternal grandparents, Debbie and Ken Bell. **2.** From left, paternal grandparents, Owen and Faye Hale, grandson Brady Hale and maternal grandparents, Susan and Archie Barrentine. **3.** Brenna Watson with her grandmother, Deborah Stevens. **4.** Dylon Long with his grandmother, Terry Cavett. **5.** Sandra and John Seffernick and their granddaughter, Mallory Bucklen.

Farragut Intermediate School Family Fun Night

Farragut Intermediate School was able to finally host its Family Fun Night event earlier this spring following a two-year break due to COVID concerns. The school was filled with families enjoying snacks, inflatables, games and baked goods, all to help raise funds for new playground equipment.

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1. Elli Cayton, left, and Sydney Roberts assembled one of many craft projects. **2.** From left are friends Lauren Neal, Emiliya Webb, Evelyn Barksdale, Lola Hardman and Rogue Besson. **3.** Farragut Middle School students helping with the event included Lucy Moore, left, and Blair Thurman. **4.** Enjoying ice treats were, from left, Juliette Helton, Claire Switzer and Charlee Brogan-Killam. **5.** Keri Stickley with two of her three children, Caitlyn, top, and Rob.



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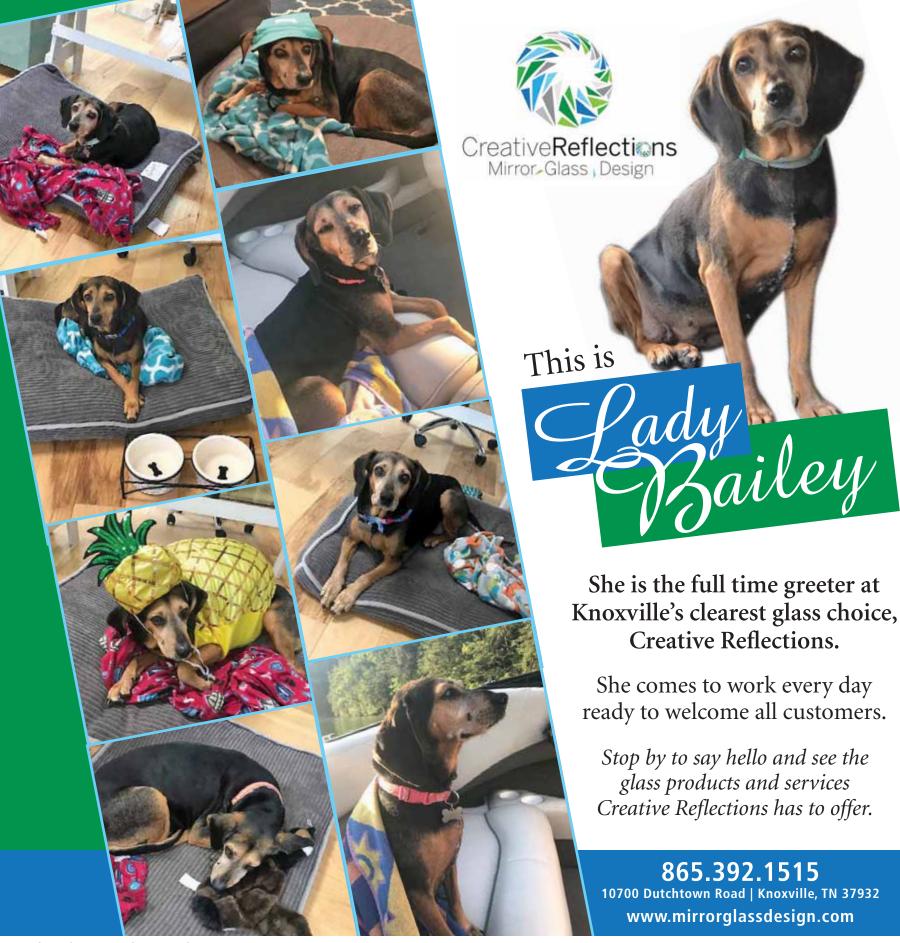
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Positive reinforcement

hat can pet owners do when their pets exhibit unwanted behaviors, such as damaging furniture or jumping up on people?

The first instinct may be to yell or punish the pet by being cross with him or her. However, many animal behaviorists believe that positive reinforcement training is the most effective way to address pets' behavioral issues.

Positive reinforcement training, according to The Humane Society of the United States, utilizes rewards for desired behaviors. The reward, whether it is a treat, praise, toys, or anything the pet finds rewarding, will eventually get the pet to repeat the behavior that earned him or her that reward. Rather than punishing a bad behavior, pet owners who utilize positive reinforcement reward good behaviors.

Positive reinforcement also is known as operant conditioning. It is a similar concept studied by famed Russian physiologist Ivan Payloy. When the dinner bell rang. Pavlov's dogs salivated. The American Kennel Club says that was classical conditioning because the dogs salivated involuntarily. However, operant training conditioning is when dogs learn to associate their behavior with certain results, all the while learning there are good and bad outcomes. The goal is to increase behaviors with pleasant consequences, such as receiving a reward. Experts say that by focusing on the positive, pet owners will

see fewer side effects than negative punishment training, such as aggression, fear, anxiety, and avoidance.

Timing is the key to positive reinforcement training. The reward must occur immediately after the desired behavior or the pet may not associate it with the proper action. So if the dog sits, then the reward has to come as soon as it gets on the floor. If the reward comes when he has stood back up, then the pooch may think the reward is for standing.

When practicing positive reinforcement, keep commands short and training sessions brief so that dogs can understand before they get restless. Dogs don't understand sentences, says HSUS, and they will lose interest if sessions are too long. Consistency also is essential. Each person interacting with the pet should use the same commands and cues to achieve the desired result, which is a well-behaved pet.

It may take time for a pet to acclimate to commands and training. But with patience, positive reinforcement can be effective.







Common behavioral issues that affect cats and dogs

Pet ownership can be both joyous and challenging. Every pet misbehaves from time to time, but when behavior issues become part of daily life, pet owners may be wringing their hands wondering how to get to the root of the problem.

Pet owners may not realize they can contribute to common behavior issues. Here's how to recognize and address pets who may need some behavior redirection.

• **Scratching:** Pet experts note that cats need to scratch as a way to remove the outer sheath of the nail. Scratching also is a way for cats to mark their territory in the wild. Provide plenty of safe and appropriate scratching posts so cats leave the furniture alone. Cordon off areas that are off limits

or try sour sprays or other repellents.

- Resource guarding: Many pets will show aggression when they guard their possessions from others, whether it is necessary or not. Pets have evolved from wild animals that had to compete for food, mates and territories, so it's understandable that genetics hasn't been so quick to catch up with the modern life of pampered pets. Pet owners can opt for adopting young pets that can be hand fed early on or touched or manipulated while eating or enjoying food treats to try to prevent guarding. Older pets who exhibit signs of resource guarding may need the expertise of a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist.
- Inappropriate urination: Just when you think your dog is house trained or a cat has embraced its litter box, you may find he or she is urinating elsewhere. Physical illnesses,

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Common cat health concerns

Content to keep to themselves most of the time, cats have a reputation of being more low maintenance pets than their canine counterparts. While they are very good at self-maintenance, cats are vulnerable to various illnesses and other health issues.



It is imperative for cat owners to recognize symptoms of common conditions and seek veterinary help to keep cats as healthy as they can be.

• Panleukopenia:

Commonly called Panleuk or feline distemper, this is a virulent virus in the parovirus group. It is common among feral cats or other areas where large congregations of cats gather. PetMD says almost every cat will come in contact with this virus early in its life. Treatment for feline distemper occurs on a case by case basis, though fluid therapy to prevent dehydration and maintain blood pressure is a common course of treatment.

• Feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD):

Estimates suggest as many as 3 percent of cats who visit the vet have FLUTD, which is a group of diseases with multiple causes. Symptoms include drinking more, straining to urinate, urinating in unusual places, crying while urinating, licking around the urethra, lack of appetite, and vomiting.

· Fleas:

Cats are subjected to various parasites, including fleas. Cats that spend time both outside and indoors may be especially vulnerable to flea infestation. Hair loss, skin infections, flea dirt on the skin, and constant scratching and licking are signs of flea infestation. If left untreated, fleas can cause anemia.

• Feline leukemia virus (FelV):

Feline leukemia was discovered in the 1960s and is one of the most commonly diagnosed causes of disease in domestic cats. FelV can severely inhibit a cat's immune system, advises the ASPCA.

• Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV):

Another virus that can affect cats' immune systems, FIV is slow-acting and may not show symptoms until years after initial infection. Cats may experience secondary infections as the virus takes hold. FIV is transmitted by deep bite wounds, during gestation or during birth.

• Deafness:

Many kittens are born without the ability to hear. It is more common in white cats with two blue eves.

• Tapeworms:

This internal parasite can rob a cat of nutrients as it resides in the small intestines. Tapeworms can sometimes grow to two feet in length. Weight loss and vomiting are potential symptoms. Owners may see a tapeworm coming out of their cat's anus while the cat is sleeping or relaxed.

• High-rise syndrome:

Unscreened windows pose a danger for curious cats. Falling from an elevated area can cause severe injuries. Contrary to popular belief, cats don't always land on their feet. The danger is so prevalent that veterinary professionals have dubbed this "high-rise syndrome."

Cats are vulnerable to various medical conditions and illnesses. Pet owners can do their research to ensure their companion animals get the care they need.



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What to expect at a veterinary dental cleaning

Oral health is as important for companion animals as it is for their owners. Left unchecked in pets, periodontal disease can lead to pain, trouble eating and other issues.

Pet owners are urged to brush their pets' teeth to help remove bacteria that can lead to tartar buildup. If oral hygiene is ignored, pets can develop tooth decay and other issues.

People know from experience what to expect when they go to a dentist for a cleaning, but a pet's oral cleaning may be an unknown — and that can induce anxiety. Most cleanings follow a similar pattern and recognition of that pattern can give pet owners an idea of what to expect at a veterinary dental cleaning.

Anesthesia

One of the main differences between a dental cleaning for a person and one for a pet is the use of anesthesia. According to Kulshan Veterinary Hospital, pets do not willingly open their mouths to give veterinary dentists access to perform cleanings. Anesthesia ensures that the animal will

remain still and the vet can remove any plaque and tartar that has built up. If a tooth needs to be extracted, sedation ensures that will go smoothly.

Pre-testing

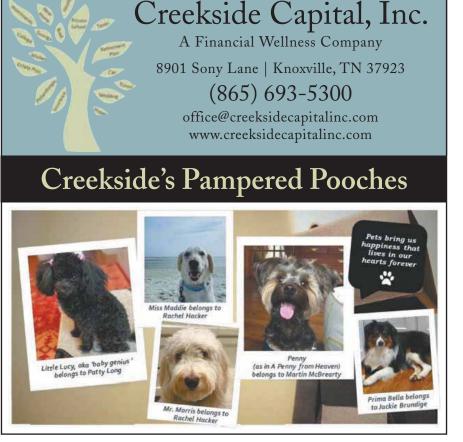
Since anesthesia will be used, vets often will run lab work and an EKG to determine if a pet is healthy enough to receive anesthesia. Testing ahead of time also helps the vet make the best decisions regarding which types of anesthetics to administer and in what quantities.

Examination and cleaning

The vet will conduct a thorough examination of the pet's mouth, noting any abnormalities. A dental probe is often used to evaluate bleeding gums and detect pockets in the gums where food can accumulate and potentially lead to decay.

After the examination, VCA Hospitals says tooth scaling will be performed, using both ultrasonic and hand scalers to remove plaque and tartar above and below the gum line. Teeth will then be

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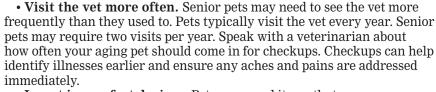


How to make aging pets more comfortable

ets are valued members of many families, and their owners typically do everything they can to ensure their furry friends live as comfortably as possible.

Care becomes even more important as pets get older. Just like people, aging pets may eat less and sleep more. They may have reduced stamina and even experience stiffness when getting up from sleep. Certain pets may experience failing eyesight, hearing loss and/or incontinence.

According to an American Pet Products Association survey, 67 percent of U.S. households have a pet and will have to cope with that pet becoming a senior at some point. Senior animals might need a little extra help as they age, particularly with regard to comfort. These tips can help.



• Invest in comfort devices. Pets may need items that can accommodate aches and pains or other conditions. For example, aging pets may benefit from a high quality orthopedic pet bed. Pet strollers and raised food bowls also can make aging pets' lives a little more comfortable.

• Address mobility issues. Aging pets may need help getting around. Non-skid carpet runners in high-traffic areas can help pets walk around securely. Steps or ramps can make it easier to get on or off beds or in and out of vehicles.

• **Install doggie doors.** Senior pets may need to relieve themselves more frequently. A doggy door can allow for faster access to the outdoors. Similarly, a litter box with a lower opening makes it easier for aging cats to use the litter box.

• Ensure ample protection against the elements. Aging pets may feel the weather more than younger pets. They may need sweaters and coats or booties to protect their paws from the snow and ice. Cooling or heating mats may improve comfort indoors.

• Purchase animal diapers. Some senior pets may not be able to

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such as kidney issues or diabetes, could be the root of the problem. Some animals that are not neutered or spayed may be engaging in "marking" behavior, which is spreading scent around a territory. Getting the pet fixed can alleviate the problem. Speak with a vet first to rule out certain issues.

• Barking: Barking to alert someone is at the home may be a trait people look for in a dog. But when a dog's barking becomes excessive, it could be indicative of a behavioral issue. Dogs may learn to use barking to their benefit. Some dogs may bark to get walks, food or attention — even if it's negative attention from a person saying "shush." Some breeds

naturally bark more than others. In such instances, barking may be reduced but not entirely eliminated. Again, a behaviorist may be able to help.

• Jumping up or overzealous greetings: Similar to barking, some pets greet all visitors to the home (or outside) by jumping up on people. This can be annoying and even dangerous if a big animal jumps on a small person. Reward calm behavior by only giving attention to the pet after he or she calms down. Lavishing attention on an animal as soon as you come home while it is jumping up sets a bad precedent and can lead to a jumping problem.

These are a few common pet behaviors pet owners may need to address to cohabitate peacefully with their animals.

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control themselves. Diapers and absorbent pads can keep them dry and prevent soiling around the house.

• Help the animal lose weight.
Pets should maintain a healthy body

weight, which can relieve pressure on joints and reduce risk for certain illnesses, including difficulty breathing and skin irritations. Speak with a veterinarian about the right foods and types of exercise for your pet to keep its weight in check.



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Is your precious pooch

joining you at the bathroom sink each day when you brush your teeth?

Tf so, you may want to think about having him or her learn the proper technique to keeping teeth clean — with your help, of course. Cleaning a dog's teeth is just as essential to the pet's health as a nutritious diet, grooming and regular exercise. According to the American Kennel Club, keeping a dog's teeth clean comes down to a few basic steps.

- Brush teeth. Teeth brushing is the foundation of good oral health. Brush a dog's teeth at least once a week or more frequently. Use toothpaste specifically designed for dogs. Never use toothpaste made for humans.
- Offer dental chews. Rely on a dog's natural inclination to chew with treats that also clean the teeth. Chews are designed to minimize the buildup of plaque.

- Use special oral sprays: Investigate dog dental sprays that kill bacteria that can make a dog's breath smell bad and contribute to tartar and plaque.
- Provide plenty of chew toys. In addition to dental chews, regular chew toys also scour the teeth and improve oral health. Rotate several toys to prevent boredom.
- Schedule professional cleanings. Dogs need dental cleanings and examinations at least every year. Some dogs are more susceptible to periodontal disease and will require more frequent cleanings. Consult a vet.

It may take some time for dogs to get acclimated to having their mouths handled and their teeth brushed, but over time they can grow accustomed to the process. Some dogs may even enjoy it.

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polished to remove any microscopic scratches that can snag bacteria and lead to subsequent build-up.

Monitoring

Throughout the procedure, a pet's vital signs are monitored and IV fluids are administered to keep the animal comfortable and safe. Before the pet is brought out of anesthesia, dental x-rays also may be taken to check for problems not visible to the naked eye. The pet also will be monitored after anesthesia in the recovery room.

At home

When the pet is released to go home, it is important for pet owners to keep up with dental cleanings. Do not use toothpaste designed for humans, as there are special animalsafe products for this purpose. Depending on what was done during the cleaning, the vet may prescribe antibiotics and/or pain medications.

Dental cleanings are an important component of overall pet care. Consult with a vet to learn more about pet dental cleanings.



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