8. Tim Hattrick and Willy D Loon got their start at KMLE before embarking on a 10-year run at Clear Channel competitor KNIX, which cut the duo loose a year ago (CAT 12/19/2007). Joining them at KMLE are Becky Lynn Ottinger and Andrea Hiland. Tim & Willy recently held their local Christmas @ Night Breakfast Show benefit, despite being off the air. They...
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replace Dave Pratt, who exited Dec. 18. “The whole process, from deciding to leave KNIX to spending the year not working, to finding our way back to the airwaves on KMLE has had a magical feeling,” Hattrick says. “We’ve had a lot of fun along the way, but I think the best is yet to be!” Upon their launch, Tim & Willy and current MD/middayer Gwen Foster give KMLE two-thirds of the weekday lineup heard on KNIX just 18 months ago.

Hadley To GM In Wichita
Former Clear Channel/Wichita GSM Laura Hadley has joined crosstown Connoisseur Media, which includes Country KVWF and Adult Hits KIBB, as GM. She replaces Doug Downs, who exited the company earlier this month.

Daniels In Louisville
Former KGHE/Fresno APD/MD/midday host Kris Daniels joined WQNU/Louisville as morning host (6am to noon) this morning (12/29), a move we hinted at earlier this month (CAT 12/15). Also joining the station is former Crosstown Top 40 WDIX PD Shane Collins for the noon to 6pm shift. PD Matt Killion tells us that night talent has not yet been chosen.

Cape Cod Country
Cape Cod Broadcasting’s Top 40 WKPE/Hyannis, MA went straight to Country with John Michael Montgomery’s “Be My Baby Tonight” at midnight Dec. 25. The station, which had been playing wall-to-wall Christmas music prior to the flip, continues to be helmed by OM/PD Wayne White. Taking on mornings is Cluster Vet Ben Runnels, and former Middayer Shai moves to afternoons. There are no current plans to hire additional airstaff. The station is streaming at www.capecountry104.com.

KIIIM Helps Kids
Citadel’s KIIIM/Tucson tripled its annual Penny Pitch goal by collecting 3,006,462 Lincolns ($30,064.62) for the Arizona Children’s Association, which maintains the station’s Family Emergency Fund. James Otto’s Dec. 11 performance in the area contributed $4,950 toward the total.

Gig Alerts
• KKWF/Seattle PD Scott Mahalick is seeking an APD/afternoon personality with established relationships in the country industry and Selector/Audio Vault proficiency. Airchecks and resumes to hrjobs@entercom.com.
• CC SVP/Programming Clay Hunnicutt is looking for someone to join WUBL/Atlanta morning teamers Kristen Gates and Todd Veal. Airchecks and resumes to Hunnicutt at WUBL, 1819 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30309.
• Webster & Associates PR is seeking an experienced publicist and new media specialist. Interested parties can send resumes to Sr. Publicist Bonnie Brozik here.
• Ruby Radio’s Country KEBG/Elko, NV & Hot AC KHIX Denis “Catfish” Miller has an opening for a live on-air personality on KHIX, with voicetracking duties on KEBG. Airchecks and resumes to Jobs@rubyradio.fm.

Industry News
Former Disney Music Publishing/Nashville VP Lisa Ramsey-Perkins has joined Sony/Nashville as Sr. Dir./A&R. She reports to EVP/A&R Renee Bell and will develop new artists for Upcoming Album Releases:

- Jan. 27 Pat Green What I’m For (BNA)
- Feb. 3 Dierks Bentley Feel That Fire (Capitol)
- March 24 Eric Church Carolina (Capitol)
- March 31 Keith Urban TBA (Capitol)
- April 7 Emerson Drive Believe (Midas/Valory)

Album release info to news@countryaircheck.com.

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the label group’s four imprints; Arista, BNA, Columbia and RCA.

Former Music City News Media &
Marketing Intern Jamie Marconette has joined
AristoMedia’s Video Promotion department.

Artist News

Tim McGraw and Raul Malo have been added to the list of performers for the 2009 MusiCares Person Of The Year banquet honoring Neil Diamond in L.A. Feb. 6. They will join Coldplay, Adele, Foo Fighters, Josh Groban and Jennifer Hudson. Proceeds from the event benefit the organization in providing financial and medical assistance for musicians.

Lucy Angel have been invited to perform at the Great Hall Of The People in Beijing, China Jan. 3, making them the first country act to do so.

Jett Williams has named the official spokesperson of the Orphan Foundation Of America, which focuses on education, mentoring and workforce development for youth who have aged out of the foster care system. Williams, who was born five days after her father Hank Williams, Sr.’s death, was legally adopted by her paternal grandmother Lillian Stone. When Stone died only a few weeks after finalizing the adoption, Williams became a ward of the state and lived in a series of foster homes before being adopted.

As the organization’s spokesperson Williams will appear at a variety of speaking engagements, PSAs and special events.

Rissi Palmer will co-host the 20th Annual Peach Drop on New Year’s Eve in Atlanta with WXIA-TV meteorologist Paul Ossmann. Julianne Hough will take the stage at 11:30pm as the event’s headliner. The show will be syndicated nationally in over 40 markets; check local listings.

Trace Adkins has filmed a 60-second spot, as has Clint Eastwood, encouraging people to donate to the Honor Flight Network. The segments will air before feature films in 1,600 cinemas nationwide. Honor Flight Network arranges and
finances trips for American veterans to visit their war memorials in Washington, D.C.

Carrie Underwood’s “Just A Dream” took the No. 1 spot on CMT’s Top 20 Videos of 2008 followed by Sugarland’s “All I Want To Do” and Kenny Chesney’s “Shiftwork.” Underwood was also CMT.com’s most-streamed artist with her “All-American Girl” video reaching 1.4 million streams alone.

**Life Notes**

Count us as 6,000 and one. Congrats to Lady Antebellum’s Charles Kelley on his engagement to Cassie McConnell. Kelley’s Facebook page has already been bombarded with thousands of congratulatory messages.

Our thoughts and prayers are with High Five Entertainment’s Danny Petraitis, who is battling Primary Central Nervous System Lymphoma – brain cancer, in short. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy and is hospitalized at Centennial in Nashville. The family is in dire need of financial support, and a fund has been established at SunTrust Bank’s Music Row branch, Attn: Diane Pearson, 1026 17th Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37212. You can keep up with Petraitis’ progress at www.caringbridge.org/visit/dannypetraitis.

**Chronicle**

Our deepest condolences are extended to family and friends of longtime Country radio personality Michael Bandy, who passed Dec. 20 after battling liver failure. As part of the Bandy & Bailey team, Michael worked at WHKW/Louisville, WLLD/Columbus, WBUL/Lexington, WKHX/Atlanta and, most recently, Cumulus’ WLXX (The Bear)/Lexington. The station is requesting memorial gifts be made to Kentucky Children’s Hospital here.

Our condolences also extend to family and friends of Mississippi guitarist/songwriter/producer Delaney Bramlett, who died in Los Angeles Dec. 27 at age 69 following gall bladder surgery. As cofounder of the southern R&B group Delaney & Bonnie with his first wife, Bonnie Lynn, the duo performed with Eric Clapton, George Harrison and Dave Mason, who appeared in the late ’60s and ’70s as “Friends” among their group’s many luminary backing musicians. A former collaborator with Mac Davis, Dennis Morgan and Leon Russell, Bramlett’s songs have been cut by Ray Charles, Patty Loveless, Dwight Yoakam and many others. Among his survivors is daughter and accomplished Nashville singer/songwriter Bekka Bramlett.
Seeking Employment

Here’s a roundup of contact info for some of the fine folks who’ve parted ways with prior gigs in the last several weeks.

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Clay Anderson
“Shes Could’ve Been Mine”

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- Bob McNeill (PD), KHTY Sacramento

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