

Remembering anniversary of terrorist attacks

By Ken Lay

Patriotic music played as the students, faculty, administration and staff at Karna High School paused to remember the biggest terrorist attack on American soil and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

On this cloudy morning on the 16th anniversary of a terrorist attack that brought the United States to a temporary standstill, the Patriot Day ceremony began with the Karna High School marching band playing the National Anthem.

The school's choral group then sang a rendition of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" as the Air Force JROTC raised the flag to half-staff. The band also played a patriotic piece and Karna JROTC Senior Aerospace Instructor Lt. Col. John D. Dornell read a narrative recounting the day in 2001 when four separate planes were hijacked by terrorists and crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania in suicide attacks.

"These attacks were catastrophic," Dornell said. "They



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Members of the Karna High School Air Force JROTC raise the Ameri-

Changes proposed for Knox County

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Knox County is being asked to make some major changes to its zoning regulations and the commissioners are beginning their learning curve about things like rural retreats, supportive housing and self-service storage facilities. The Metropolitan Planning Commission is proposing the changes and the Knox County Commission has scheduled a public hearing before considering the changes in a second and final reading next Monday.

Recently several commissioners had a special meeting with MFC to get more information about the changes. Commissioners Charlie Busier, John Schoonmaker, Evelyn Gill and Michele Carringer met with MFC Director Gerald Green and his staff.

The growing number of events like festivals, gardenings, weddings and such are being eyed as needing regulations.

several zones, including low-density residential, general residential, estates, transition and planned residential districts, are currently illegal.

Green told the meeting the proposed ordinance, a change to the Knox County Code, is to "enable legal operation" on those activities that are not currently addressed in county zoning ordinances. He said the idea has been to study ordinances in other counties, preserve family farms, protect neighborhoods, insure bathroom facilities, require adequate parking, etc.

Busier, who represents north Knox County which contains several rural areas outside of Halls and Powell, questioned the ordinance's requirements of 10, 20 and 50 acres for events. He also asked about the setback requirements from other properties.

Green replied that the regulations are for commercial events only and would not apply to things like weddings