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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ HAULING RELIEF AID TO PUERTO RICO

Captain Jon Ketchersid, son of Morning Fax editor Bob Ketchersid and a graduate of McMinn High School, flew this FedEx plane to San Juan, Puerto Rico, last Friday to deliver food and water to Hurricane Maria victims. FedEx has been sending three planeloads of supplies daily. Jon says tons of supplies are stacked along the airport tarmac, going undelivered due to a lack of truck drivers. The U.S. Army has sent several trucks and drivers to Puerto Rico to help deliver the food and water. Jon said the airport still does not have electricity. He also said from the air you can see thousands of blue tarps covering houses that had their roofs blown away or heavily damaged.



National & World News

◆ Raging wildfires in Northern California have destroyed at least 1,500 structures and forced the evacuation of 20,000 residents. Two people have died from the fires. Fires are burning across eight counties, including Napa, Sonoma and Yuba. Altogether, 57,000 acres have been devastated.

◆ Cecilia Franco, became the 13th person to die when her nursing home lost air conditioning from Hurricane Irma just weeks after her husband, Miguel Antonio Franco died from the incident. Authorities claim that another patient was confirmed to have died, bringing the total to 14.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Civitan Club's 8th Annual Golf Tournament will be held October 16th at Ridgewood Golf & Country Club. The entry fee is \$50 per person or \$200 per team. For more information, call 829-5219.

✓ The guest on this week's Athens Area Chamber of Commerce radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Matt Daniels of Caylor Packaging & Warehousing, Inc. You can hear "Chamber Chat" Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 or FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

✓ The last day of Early Voting for the City of Calhoun election to be held on October 19th, will be Saturday, October 14th from 8:30 to noon at the election commission office in the courthouse.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday - Showers. Possible t'storms after 9 a.m. High 83.

Wednesday - 40% rain & t'storms. High 84.

Wed Night - Partly cloudy. Low 58.

Thursday - Sunny. High 81.

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VEC To Start Broadband

Volunteer Energy Cooperative president Rody Blevins says the co-op's pilot broadband programs will be built in Bradley County, specifically from a substation near Highway 60 and Rabbit Valley Road. Blevins told attendees at the co-op's annual meeting at Meigs Middle School last Saturday that VEC hopes to start hooking up internet, television, and telephone service around Dec. 1st. He says the basic internet service will have a speed of 100 megabytes. Hundreds of VEC members attended Saturday's meeting, where scores of door prizes were distributed. Singer Mandy Barnett from Crossville provided the entertainment.

(Staff Photo)



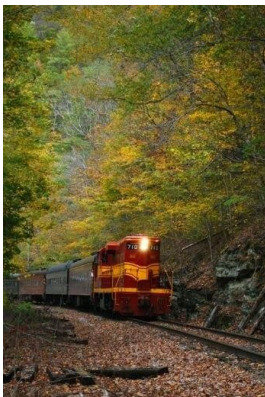
Obituaries

♦ **Kenneth Anthony Keen**, age 70, of Madisonville, died last Thursday at his home. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 13 points to 22,761. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 5 points to 2,544, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 10 points to 6,580.

NATE TAKES DOWN A TREE

The remnants of Hurricane Nate brought heavy rain (1.92 inches) and high winds to McMinn County Sunday. County Highway Commissioner Dan Evans took this photo of a tree that went down on County Road 220.



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