Longtime fireman, friend dies Tuesday

By Teresa Caples

The Canonsburg Fire Department has a tragic friend and mourner today. James W. Coles, who joined the department's reserve force in 1968, died last night after a brief illness. He was 60 years old.

Coles was a valuable asset to the department, serving in various capacities over the years. He will be remembered for his dedication and hard work.

He is survived by his wife, two children, and four grandchildren.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

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Keetchie-water plan wins county support

By John S. Mullen

The Greene County commissioners agreed Monday to sponsor a water system project in the Keetchie area.

The project, which was proposed by the Keetchie Water System Association, would provide a new water supply for the area.

The project has been in the works for several years, and has received support from a number of local officials.

The commissioners voted 3-0 to approve the project, with Commissioner Jack D. Smith absent.

The next step is for the association to begin designing the system and seeking funding.

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BISD board considers need for athletic director

By Paul McClellan

The BISD board of education met Monday night to discuss the need for an athletic director.

Several members of the board expressed concern that the district has not had an athletic director in several years, and that it is time to consider bringing one on board.

"We need to look at this issue seriously," said Board Member Sarah Johnson. "The health and safety of our student-athletes is paramount, and we need someone to oversee that aspect of the program.

"We also need to consider the academic and social benefits of having an athletic program," added Board Member John Smith.

The board agreed to have further discussions on the matter at a future meeting.

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State emergency grant application sought

By Paul McClellan

Three city commissions in Greene County are pursing state emergency grant assistance to help with the costs of any potential hurricane that could affect the area.

According to City Manager Charles Thompson, the state has designated Greene County as a "first responder" area, meaning that it is eligible for these grants.

The city commissions are working together to prepare a grant application, which is expected to be submitted by the end of the month.

The grants would cover expenses such as overtime pay for city workers, and equipment purchases.

"We are doing everything we can to ensure that our residents are prepared," said Mayor Mike Colahan.

"This is a serious issue, and we are committed to doing everything we can to protect the safety and health of our citizens."
**PC Chorale begins tour**

The Chorale "Proudly, A Love" will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at the Chorale High School. The performance will feature the unique sound of the school's chorus and have a special benefit for a local charity. Attendees are encouraged to come early to secure their seats.

**GHS schedules blood drive**

Gary School High School will be conducting a blood drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11. Donors are encouraged to participate in this important event. For more information, please contact the school's administration office.

**Lee installed as vice president of fraternity**

Alpha Phi International Fraternity, Inc. has installed a new vice president. Lee, the son of Allen C. and Hazel B. Lee of Carthage, has been elected as the new vice president. He replaces the retiring vice president, who has served for four years.

**GHS to compete in regional finals**

The Gary School High School's marching band will be competing in the regional finals. The band has been practicing for months and is looking forward to the competition. Student members of the band are encouraged to come out and support their team.

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**GRACE NOTES**

**Baptist**

Burman to leave ministry at First Baptist to fulfill mission

The Rev. Jerry Burman will leave First Baptist Church in Carthage next month for an exciting new assignment. He has accepted a position as national missionary to the State of Texas.

**First Baptist celebrates 40th anniversary**

First Baptist Church of Carthage will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Sunday, October 26. The church was organized in 1947 and has served the community ever since. The celebration will feature a special service and a banquet.

**Fears.**

What would happen if your child were to lose life? Would you panic or be able to stay calm and collect your thoughts? In this month's edition of *Fearless Parents*, we explore this question and offer tips on how to prepare for such an event.

**Sports**

**Ponies split with Dogs, hang by thread**

The Pachelbel's V pent a hard fought battle against the Poodles, butcame out on top with a narrow victory in the final game of the series. Ponies will face the next team in their division in the upcoming weeks.

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**Top Sports Story**

**Regional Tournament Recap**

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