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### Armstrong County WEATHER FORECAST

**TODAY**  
Windy, Temps Drop  
High 40, Low 16

**SATURDAY**  
Sunny but Cold  
High 30, Low 18

**SUNDAY**  
Looks Like Snow  
High 39, Low 30

## YOUR Pets NEIGHBORHOOD Orphan of the Week



JESS - "I am a four-year-old Shepherd Lab mix. I am a very friendly dog. I like walking with the volunteers in the field. They say I am very handsome. I was abandoned with my dog friend when our owner went to jail."



ANGEL was left behind when her family moved. She is shy and quiet, but will come to the front of the cage if you stop for a visit. She lived with other cats and gets along well with them. She needs an understanding family with patience who wants to shower her with love. She is house trained, spayed, and vaccinated. So visit JESS or ANGEL, call the Orphans of the Storm in Rayburn Township at 724-548-4520.

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An aerial view of the former Kittanning Junior High School property shows how a new high rise apartment building (center), commercial center (right), and parking lot adjacent to McKean Way alley would be configured.

## School Board Hears Plan for Jr High Property

The School District Board members heard official plans last night that would turn the now-vacant lot of the former Kittanning Junior High School into a three-story highrise property for senior citizens.

William J. Gatti, President of Trek Development Group, who has built and operates the Valley View complex in Manor Township and the Kittanning Cottages on North McKean Street in Kittanning, said the new highrise will accommodate 36 apartments of

senior housing.

"A portion of the units are set aside for persons on a fixed income. The remainder of the units would pay the prevailing market rate," Gatti said.

"We have applied for tax credits from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency last fall. We hope to be awarded those tax credits this Spring and begin building by the end of the year.

"The apartments would have either one or two bedrooms, out-

door terraces, and patios."

Gatti said they are also courting a bank which would build a branch office in the section of the property that formerly was the gymnasium for the school.

"We have reserved the eastern portion of the site of a little less than half of an acre for commercial development," Gatti said, although he wouldn't give specifics on the negotiations now in progress. Once built, the commercial building would set between

the current Honey Bear Sunoco convenience store and the new high-rise.

"Having some sort of business property was important to Kittanning Borough Council when we met with them. We tried to work with all the major players in the community to design something that would best serve the residents of the area," Gatti told board members.

The property across Vine Street that formerly served as a school playground would be donated to  
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