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Armstrong County WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY
Mostly Sunny
High 69, Low 48

THURSDAY
Mostly Sunny
High 71, Low 45

FRIDAY
Thunderstorms
High 74, Low 53



YOUR Pets NEIGHBORHOOD Orphan of the Week



IZZY's story begins when she and her puppies were at a shelter that had no room for them. They were slated for euthanasia with only hours left. Bethann

ann at Orphans of the Storm learned of their plight and contacted a foster home who cared for her little family until they were ready to find homes. She was a good mother and took great care of her puppies. She was friendly with the foster's cat. The whole eight weeks she was in foster, she never made a mistake in her pen and she will hold her business until she gets out. So she is very likely house trained, or will catch on very quickly. She is a great size and very loving and affectionate, and loves dog biscuits.

STEVIE was alone and pregnant. She snuck into a lady's basement to have her four kittens. Four weeks later, she was taken to a foster home where she was a wonderful mother and did a great job raising her babies. While her kittens have been adopted many years ago now, Stevie is still waiting at the shelter for someone to take her home and make her part of their family. Stevie has been waiting for more than four years now. She is extremely shy and it takes a long time for her to make up to you. Stevie is independent and likes attention on her terms. She is good with other cats and house trained. Stevie needs only the best home -- a very kind and special person who wants to give this timid kitty a chance to see what a loving home is like.



To make an appointment to see these orphans, call Orphans of the Storm animal shelter: 724-548-4520.

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Japanese Music Featured During Tonight's Band Concert

The award-winning Armstrong Junior High Band will perform a spring concert tonight at 7PM in the high school auditorium.

Armstrong Junior High Band received the highest possible rating at Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Adjudication on May 3rd.

This evening will feature an eclectic selection of pieces. The Junior High Band, consisting of seventh and eighth graders, will perform five pieces.

In addition, members of the Junior High Band will perform in chamber ensembles. Chamber pieces will include music for pairs of flutes, saxophones, and marimbas, as well as pieces for mixed ensembles, percussion ensembles and solo piano.

An all-new Armstrong Taiko, an ensemble for grades 9-12, will also give it's debut performance.

Rob Reams, the Junior High Band director at Armstrong Jr./Sr. High School, with the help of an ASD Foundation Grant, started Armstrong Taiko this spring. In addition to Armstrong Taiko, Rob Reams currently teaches Leechburg Taiko, performs with Pittsburgh Taiko and occasionally teaches taiko workshops at Slippery Rock University.

Reams said that Taiko, although it has existed in Japan for centuries, has only existed in its current form for fewer than 70 years. In 1951, Diahachi Oguchi, a jazz drummer, developed the concept of playing Japanese



Musicians of Armstrong Taiko - a Japanese-style of percussion music, performing at tonight's Armstrong Junior High Band Concert includes: (left to right) (Front) Isabella Nanney, Madison McGaughey (Back) Gavin Hohn, Aleena Hohn, Liz Gilbertsen, and Baine Johnson

drums (taiko) in an ensemble setting.

Previously taiko were used for religious ceremonies and festivals. The concept of kumi daiko (playing drums together) spread to the United States in the 1960s when Seiichi Tanaka opened San Francisco Taiko Dojo. In

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