National Weather Service Tonight: Patchy fog after 1 am. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 38. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Patchy fog before 10 am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 74. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 76. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45

Monday: A slight chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 60. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Monday Night: A slight chance

of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Tuesday: A slight chance of

showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 51. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Wednesday: High, 58; Low 33

Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches 0.00 inches Month: 0.64 inches Normal: 2.15 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Smoky Hills was recognized for

the station's community-based lit-

eracy outreach efforts in partner-

ship with Bright Beginnings Early

The award was presented to

General Manager Lawrence Hold-

en on March 7 at the Council of

Chief State School Officers Ex-

Childhood Center in Dodge City.

Broadcasting.

Smoky Hills wins

national service award

BUNKER HILL - Smoky Hills schoolers through senior citizens,

Public Television has been hon- teachers, parents and caregivers,

ored with a My Source Commu- said DeLinda Mrowka, execu-

nity Impact Award for Education tive director the corporation's My

by the Corporation for Public Source public awareness initia-

Art may go to Congress

for the 2009 Congressional Arts Competition, sponsored by Congressman Jerry Moran.

All high school students in the First Congressional District may enter. The winning art work will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Moran said, "As a member of the Congressional Arts Caucus, I believe it is very valuable to recognize and encourage the artistic talents of high school students from across the district."

The Deines Cultural Center of Russell will host the 2009 com- able in the services section of petition. All submissions must Moran's website at www.jerrybe received at the center, 820 moran.house.gov.

Entries are being accepted N. Main Street, Russell, Kan., between Tuesday, April 21, and Friday, April 24, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Awards will be given in the categories of paintings, drawings, collage, prints, mixed media, computer generated art, photography.

Awards will be announced by Moran at a reception at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the center.

Students and teachers should contact Moran's Hays district office at (785) 628-6401 for information. Guidelines are avail-

Criteria for eligibility are lead-

communities, Lindquist said.

Leadership program accepting applications

MANHATTAN – The Kansas new 30-member class on June 1. Agriculture and Rural Leadership program will accept applications through Wednesday, April 15, to Kansas agriculture and rural from Kansans interested in participating in Class X.

The two-year program includes future is key to being selected," he study tours and monthly 48-hour seminars at sites across the state, said Director Jack Lindquist. The program schedules two national seminars and a "capstone" international tour during November \$15,000 per person. through March, production agriculture's "off season" in Kansas.

"KARL alumni and current class members both have gone out of their way to tell me that the 50day commitment (over two years) is much more than just well worth the investment," Lindquist said. "It's needed in today's changing and competitive environment.

Class X members will begin training in August with a weekend

Applicants must submit a completed profile form, available at www.karlprogram.com or from the office at (785) 532-6300.

The board will screen the profiles and select the top 45 applicants to be interviewed in May. The program will announce its

Smoky Hills Public Television

has been presenting literacy work-

shops for adults through its Ready

to Learn and Literacy Leadership

programs since 1994, said Leona

Breeden, the station's educational

In 2005, at the request of a

number of its Head Start partners

in southwest Kansas, Smoky Hills

expanded its literacy outreach to

the Hispanic community, offering workshops in Spanish on parent-

ing skills and early reading literacy for the parents of students enrolled

in Early Head Start and Head Start

Smoky Hills recently spotlight-

ed its outreach efforts through

Bright Beginnings to the Dodge

City Hispanic community as a part

of the station's My Source public

Smoky Hills' My Source team

programs, Breeden said.

awareness initiative.

services director.

Kansas Children outreach

Poison Prevention Week good time to review safety

It is natural for children to ex- Week has been designated by open container of something you shouldn't be under the kitchen sink or into the medicine cabinet, where hazardous chemicals and adult medicines are kept.

As this is National Poison Prevention Week (March 15-21), Safe Kids Kansas reminds parents to make sure they store hazardous materials – including cleaning products and medication - out of their children's reach.

Each year, unintentional poisoning kills about 100 children age 14 years and under. Poison control centers in the United States receive 1.2 million calls as a result of accidental poisoning of children age 5 and under. Nearly 90 percent of these occur in the home, and 56 percent involve nonpharmaceutical products such as cosmetics, cleansers, personal care products, plants, pesticides, art supplies, alcohol and toys.

ership experience and a devotion "It doesn't take much to make a small child sick," said Jan Stegelman, coordinator of Safe "Dedication to a more positive Kids Kansas. "Almost half of poison exposures for children under the age of 5 are caused by medi-Tuition for the nonprofit traincine. Children have faster metaboing program is \$1,500 per year lisms than adults, and anything or a total of \$3,000. Donors pay they ingest will be absorbed into the rest of the expense, valued at the bloodstream very quickly."

National Poison Prevention

plore their surroundings, but they Congress since 1961 to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. Child-resistant packaging is credited with saving hundreds of children's lives, but there is no substitute for active supervision and childproofing.

"If a product label says 'keep out of reach of children,' there's a reason," said Stegelman. "Keep it up high and in a locked cabinet.

"Safe Kids Kansas reminds parents to learn the toll-free poison control center number: (800) 222-1222. Keep it near every phone in your home and program it into your cell phone."

This number is supposed to connect you to the regional poison control center from anywhere in the United States.

"If a child is choking, having trouble breathing or having a seizure, call 911 instead," said Stegelman. "Follow the 911 operator's instructions. Do not induce vomiting or give the child any fluid or medication unless directed." Here are some additional tips:

• Lock up potential poisons out of sight and reach of kids. This includes makeup, medicine, plants, cleaning products, pesticides, art supplies, baking extracts and beer, wine and liquor.

• Never leave kids alone with an safekids.org.

wouldn't want them to ingest.

• Don't refer to medicine or vitamins as candy and don't involve children as helpers with your

medication. • Ask for medicines and products that have child-resistant caps. When giving medicine to children,

follow directions carefully. • Keep products in their original containers. Read labels to learn if

a product is poisonous. • If your home was built before 1978, test for lead-based paint and get your child tested for lead exposure. Children can build up enough lead in their blood to affect intelligence and development.

• Install a carbon monoxide alarm outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide can make a child seriously ill in concentrations that would barely affect an adult.

· Know which plants around your home can be poisonous.

· Discuss these precautions with grandparents and caregivers. Their homes might not be as well childproofed as yours.

For more information about poison prevention, call the Poison Control Center at (800) 222-1222, and press "3" or visit www.usa.

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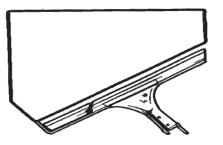


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ecutive Summit in Washington, sponsored by the corporation and the Public Broadcasting System. "The educational outreach activities that Smoky Hills conducts are a very important part of the services that make us far more than just a television station," Holden said. "It's gratifying to have the hard work our staff has done be recognized by our peers. They can see that we're making Kansas a better place to live and The awards were created to recognize public television stations for their commitment to provid- included Breeden, Rodrigo Loing educational services to pre- pez, producer; Kari Sparks, Web

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