

# Women leaders to meet on April 1

Women from all walks of life will join for a day focused on them at the Kansas Women's Leadership Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 1, on the Fort Hays State University campus.

Two keynote speakers will highlight different paths to leadership. Dr. Bonnie Dow, associate professor and chair of the Communication Studies Department at Vanderbilt University, will present "Performing Gender in Public: Women's Changing Modes of Political Leadership in the 21st Century."

Jackie Stiles, 10 years after leading the Missouri State University Bears to a Final Four appearance, has dedicated herself to educating the next generation of female leaders — on and off the court. Retired from basketball, Stiles still holds the single-game point Kansas high school record, 71, which she achieved playing

for Claffin. Men from the Fort Hays Interfraternity Council will present "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," an international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence. Speakers will explain why it is important for men to stand up against domestic violence and sexual assault and will share the story of their 2011 march, which will be at 6 p.m. the night before the conference. Participants will meet in Cody Commons in the lower level of the Memorial Union on the Fort Hays campus.

Topics at the conference's break-out session include social media and networking, servant leadership in the workplace and healthy media images for girls. Other sessions cover self-defense basics, women and technology, public speaking and how to overcome barriers and stereotype challenges women supervisors may

face. For the conference's special project this year, participants are asked to donate new youth-based party supplies for the 20th anniversary of the Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocates. Donations will be given by volunteers to youths in foster care around Kansas to help make these children's birthday parties more festive.

Registration deadline for the conference is Friday, March 18. The cost is \$99, including lunch. Partial student scholarships are available.

To register or for information, go to [www.kansaswomensleadership.org](http://www.kansaswomensleadership.org) or call Fort Hays' Center for Civic Leadership at (785) 628-5592 or the Women's Leadership Project at (785) 628-4312.

# Contest for youth promotes sobriety

The Kansas Department of Transportation is sponsoring its fifth annual arts contest encouraging Kansas youth to resist pressure and abstain from drinking alcohol until reaching the legal age limit of 21.

The contest allows Kansas' youth to express themselves creatively through music, art or writing in hopes of winning as much as \$3,000 in scholarships. Kansas residents, ages 14 through 20, are encouraged to enter the competition by logging onto [www.sobrietyrockssks.net](http://www.sobrietyrockssks.net). Entries are due Friday, April 15. Three separate \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in June for best music, best art and best writing. It is possible for one contestant to win in more than one category.

"Half of Kansas high school seniors report having consumed alcohol in the last month, many of them binge drinking," reports Pete Bodyk, manager of the department's traffic safety section. "High levels of drinking among teens of all ages make underage

drinking a serious and widespread threat to all Kansans' health and safety."

Potential topics could include peer pressure to drink alcohol, finding more to life than drinking, problems that are created or made worse by alcohol or why waiting until age 21 to drink is smart.

The newly updated home page at [www.sobrietyrockssks.net](http://www.sobrietyrockssks.net) features 2010 winners to inspire students thinking of entering this year.

Entries will be judged by instructors and professionals in the three categories, department of transportation representatives, and youth advocates from across the state. Judging will be based on creativity, originality, craftsmanship and the passion of the message.

Log onto [www.sobrietyrockssks.net](http://www.sobrietyrockssks.net) for contest information, a complete set of rules or for inspiration on the KDOT 2011 Sobriety Rocks Scholarship Contest.

# Hays Catholic radio station now online

Divine Mercy Radio, a Catholic radio station based in Hays, began streaming its signal March 4, which means people throughout the Salina Diocese can now listen via the Internet.

"We are very excited to bring this fine Catholic radio broadcast to more of the faithful," said Executive Director Donetta Robben. "We are thankful to Austin Gable, who took the time to get our signal streaming, and also to Casey Designs for hosting our domain and

web site." To get the signal on the web, listeners need to go to [www.kvdm.org](http://www.kvdm.org) and click on "Listen Live" on the front page. The station can be heard on the radio dial 88.1 FM from Russell to WaKeeney and Plainville to La Crosse, she said.

Robben said KVDM has changed the programming, which mostly comes from the Eternal Word Radio Network, so that it better fits this Catholic audience. "The Son Rise Morning Show

moved up an hour so that it now airs from 6 to 8 a.m. so listeners can listen during the morning drive time," Robben said. "We also now have Father John Corapi at 4 p.m. Monday through Friday."

Another change is adding Father Robert Barron's 15-minute reflection on the Sunday readings. This is aired Saturdays at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The readings are read prior to Father Barron's reflection, and it is followed by music.

Vocation Boom — a weekly one-hour broadcast featuring in-

terviews with bishops, priests, vocation directors, seminary rectors, seminarians and their families, as well as others with a passion for promoting priestly vocations — airs at 4 p.m. Saturdays, and will now be rebroadcast at 1 p.m. Mondays.

"We're hoping these changes will accommodate our listeners and enlighten them to be on fire for their Catholic faith," Robben said.

For more information and the daily schedule, go to [www.kvdm.org](http://www.kvdm.org).

# Learn about soybeans with network's webcasts

Focus on Soybean, a project of the Plant Management Network, is making two new webcasts available to growers through Saturday, April 30:

- Understanding Soybean Yield and Keys to Entering the 100-Bushel Soybean Club. Bill Wiebold, soybean extension specialist at the University of Missouri, helps consultants, growers, and others better understand soybean yield and what it takes to reach the 100-bushel threshold.

The presentation discusses yield and what influences it, along with six keys to increasing yield. Its goal is better understanding of how soybean plants produce. It can be viewed at [\[agementnetwork.org/edcenter/seminars/100BushelClub/\]\(http://agementnetwork.org/edcenter/seminars/100BushelClub/\).](http://www.plantman-</a></p>
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- Performance of First- and Second-Generation Roundup Ready Soybean Varieties. Shaun Casteel, soybean extension specialist at Purdue University, discusses yield comparisons. The effects of geography, maturity group and seed treatments are covered. Go to [www.plantmanagement-network.org/edcenter/seminars/RR1vRR2/](http://www.plantmanagement-network.org/edcenter/seminars/RR1vRR2/).

Focus on Soybean is a product of the Plant Management Network, [www.plantmanagement-network.org](http://www.plantmanagement-network.org), a nonprofit online publisher. Other presentations are available.

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