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Compare Kansas Obamacare Rates

By Drew Gonshorowski
Heritage Foundation

There are literally no comparisons to current rates. That is, [the Department of Health and Human Services] has chosen to dodge the question of whose rates are going up, and how much. Instead they try to distract with a comparison to a hypothetical number that has nothing to do with the actual experience of real people.

-Douglas Holtz-Eakin
President, American Action Forum-

Enrollment in Obamacare's health insurance exchanges has proven to be a somewhat difficult process amidst technical glitches and delays. Aside from the issues associated with actually purchasing health care, once an individual gets a quote for health insurance on an exchange, is the premium higher or lower than before?

Our research finds that for many states, the insurance on health exchanges will cost more than existing insurance. This study illustrates that the general experience for individuals shopping on the exchange is that of increasing premiums from what was available to them prior to implementation of the exchanges. Many families and individuals will face this reality as they apply for coverage, and the implications of experiencing sticker shock are important to consider if enough people choose not to sign up for coverage for various reasons.

Methodology

The Heritage Health Insurance Microsimulation Model (HHIMM), in concordance with insurer data compiled by Mark Farrah and Associates, is used to create a snapshot of what it looks like to shop for insurance prior to exchange implementation. This data is used to build weighted average premiums within the rating areas, similar to the process described in the most recent release from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

First, we use expected age distribution in the individual market from the HHIMM. Next, we use census data for the county populations in order to scale up to the state level, creating something that is

roughly comparable to the weighted averages presented by HHS. This comparison is different from others in that, rather than comparing specific plans, it is designed to capture the difference in premium levels between the exchange and what could be acquired in the market.

This paper is meant to provide a necessary segue to HHS's data summary, creating an apples-to-apples comparison of exchange data to what the costs are for individuals. Effectively, we have used the same methods that were employed to provide summary data on the exchange markets to prior insurance data in order to get the closest comparison.

Some state-based exchanges have data releases that are more limited than the 36 federal exchanges. For state exchanges, some premiums must be estimated. As is the case with all studies built to address the changes in exchange premiums, it is important to note that when more data becomes available, results could vary slightly.

This study considers the data as released by HHS. States with little data released are omitted from this study.

Results

Individuals in most states will end up spending more on the exchanges. It is true that in some states, the experience could be the opposite. This is because those states had already over-regulated insurance markets that led to sharply higher premiums through adverse selection, as is the case of New York. Many states, however, double or nearly triple premiums for young adults. Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, and Vermont see some of the largest increases in premiums.

The Obama Administration is desperate for younger people to enroll to prevent an adverse selection death spiral. As pointed out by Sam Cappellanti at the American Action Forum, "The enrollment of these low cost young adults...is essential as they are required to subsidize the costs of insuring the elderly and chronically ill." [6] However, young adults face a penalty for not enrolling that is projected to be far less than the

Comparing the Costs of Buying Health Care Insurance

This table shows the average one-month premium change in buying health insurance in the non-group market versus the Obamacare exchanges.

	ADULT AGE 27			ADULT AGE 50			FAMILY OF FOUR		
	BEFORE	EXCHANGE	% change	BEFORE	EXCHANGE	% change	BEFORE	EXCHANGE	% change
Alabama	\$165.00	\$216.12	31.0%	\$285.00	\$368.31	29.2%	\$676.66	\$730.01	7.9%
Alaska	\$198.00	\$341.58	72.5%	\$398.00	\$582.05	46.2%	\$1,020.45	\$1,153.84	13.1%
Arizona	\$102.00	\$261.87	156.7%	\$315.00	\$446.24	41.7%	\$792.38	\$884.51	11.6%
Arkansas	\$105.00	\$285.00	171.4%	\$215.00	\$385.00	79.1%	\$761.26	\$948.82	24.6%
California	\$174.00	\$215.00	23.6%	\$225.00	\$255.00	13.3%	\$860.33	\$890.00	3.4%
Colorado	\$275.00	\$192.35	-30.1%	\$330.00	\$245.00	-25.8%	\$1,024.36	\$962.39	-6.0%
Connecticut	\$149.37	\$245.27	64.2%	\$249.00	\$435.00	74.7%	\$802.68	\$987.00	23.0%
Delaware	\$129.35	\$258.60	99.9%	\$267.00	\$440.71	65.1%	\$731.44	\$873.52	19.4%
District of Columbia	\$153.27	\$155.00	1.1%	\$225.00	\$345.00	53.3%	\$545.13	\$629.00	15.4%
Florida	\$151.40	\$264.45	74.7%	\$257.00	\$450.67	75.4%	\$724.98	\$893.27	23.2%
Georgia	\$98.12	\$263.28	168.3%	\$263.00	\$448.69	70.6%	\$732.34	\$889.32	21.4%
Idaho	\$92.45	\$172.35	86.4%	\$262.00	\$351.00	34.0%	\$624.08	\$682.00	9.3%
Illinois	\$116.45	\$249.72	114.4%	\$298.00	\$425.56	42.8%	\$753.23	\$843.50	12.0%
Indiana	\$197.45	\$264.77	34.1%	\$249.00	\$451.21	81.2%	\$712.80	\$894.38	25.5%
Iowa	\$205.00	\$230.21	12.3%	\$347.00	\$392.32	13.1%	\$729.00	\$777.61	6.7%
Kansas	\$87.40	\$200.14	129.0%	\$198.00	\$341.08	72.3%	\$553.92	\$676.05	22.0%
Louisiana	\$129.20	\$266.38	106.2%	\$315.00	\$453.96	44.1%	\$800.56	\$899.79	12.4%
Maine	\$225.00	\$282.59	25.6%	\$329.00	\$341.00	3.6%	\$945.86	\$954.57	0.9%
Maryland	\$129.00	\$142.00	10.1%	\$243.00	\$275.00	13.2%	\$593.79	\$614.00	3.4%
Michigan	\$117.30	\$255.85	118.1%	\$305.00	\$436.01	43.0%	\$771.41	\$864.22	12.0%
Minnesota	\$106.00	\$122.00	15.1%	\$216.00	\$265.00	22.7%	\$716.90	\$760.00	6.0%
Mississippi	\$163.00	\$213.00	30.7%	\$364.00	\$500.00	37.4%	\$854.92	\$943.00	10.3%
Missouri	\$159.00	\$244.06	53.5%	\$299.00	\$415.92	39.1%	\$743.80	\$824.39	10.8%
Montana	\$150.00	\$213.80	42.5%	\$278.00	\$364.35	31.1%	\$666.11	\$722.19	8.4%
Nebraska	\$125.00	\$213.34	70.7%	\$298.00	\$363.57	22.0%	\$680.98	\$720.62	5.8%
Nevada	\$168.00	\$172.00	2.4%	\$297.00	\$445.00	49.8%	\$620.00	\$625.00	0.8%
New Hampshire	\$220.00	\$221.71	0.8%	\$359.00	\$377.84	5.2%	\$739.09	\$748.91	1.3%
New Jersey	\$329.00	\$319.33	-2.9%	\$550.00	\$544.20	-1.1%	\$1,081.50	\$1,078.66	-0.3%
New Mexico	\$105.00	\$189.00	80.0%	\$315.00	\$354.00	12.4%	\$822.72	\$849.00	3.2%
New York	\$500.00	\$356.00	-28.8%	\$500.00	\$356.00	-28.8%	\$763.26	\$712.00	-6.7%
North Carolina	\$135.00	\$257.39	90.7%	\$364.00	\$438.64	20.5%	\$824.85	\$869.41	5.4%
North Dakota	\$116.00	\$247.30	113.2%	\$215.00	\$421.44	96.0%	\$634.81	\$835.33	31.6%
Ohio	\$247.00	\$243.12	-1.6%	\$421.00	\$414.32	-1.6%	\$824.47	\$821.21	-0.4%
Oklahoma	\$135.00	\$213.02	57.8%	\$298.00	\$363.02	21.8%	\$680.29	\$719.53	5.8%
Oregon	\$115.00	\$178.20	55.0%	\$201.00	\$215.90	7.4%	\$676.65	\$689.43	1.9%
Pennsylvania	\$167.00	\$220.36	32.0%	\$289.00	\$374.05	29.4%	\$689.38	\$744.13	7.9%
Rhode Island	\$285.00	\$205.00	-28.1%	\$354.00	\$297.00	-16.1%	\$834.42	\$802.13	-3.9%
South Carolina	\$205.00	\$246.19	20.1%	\$315.00	\$419.56	33.2%	\$762.59	\$831.60	9.0%
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Tennessee	\$135.00	\$214.70	59.0%	\$278.00	\$365.90	31.6%	\$667.91	\$725.24	8.6%
Texas	\$115.00	\$229.95	100.0%	\$205.00	\$391.88	91.2%	\$599.72	\$776.74	29.5%
Utah	\$126.00	\$220.91	75.3%	\$268.00	\$338.04	26.1%	\$648.54	\$693.88	7.0%
Vermont	\$150.00	\$366.00	144.0%	\$250.00	\$402.00	60.8%	\$682.64	\$805.00	17.9%
Virginia*	\$165.00	\$581.55	252.5%	\$278.00	\$991.03	256.5%	\$704.76	\$1,964.29	178.7%
Washington	\$124.00	\$215.00	73.4%	\$314.00	\$355.00	13.1%	\$720.68	\$745.00	3.4%
West Virginia	\$215.00	\$229.48	6.7%	\$359.00	\$391.07	8.9%	\$757.83	\$775.14	2.3%
Wisconsin	\$140.00	\$277.91	98.5%	\$289.00	\$473.61	63.9%	\$788.82	\$938.72	19.0%
Wyoming	\$289.00	\$364.95	26.3%	\$540.00	\$621.96	15.2%	\$1,186.00	\$1,232.78	3.9%

* Virginia figures are as reported. However, errors are likely leading to higher expected premiums. Source: Heritage Foundation calculations using the Heritage Health Insurance Microsimulation Model, exchange premium data from healthcare.gov, and state-run exchange data from state press releases.

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insurance coverage they could receive.

Our findings confirm that younger populations see larger percentage increases in premiums. A state that exhibits this clearly is Vermont, where the increase for 27-year-olds is 144 percent and the increase for 50-year-olds is still 60 percent, but far less. All states exhibit this

relationship.

Many individuals will experience sticker shock when shopping on the exchanges. It is clear that many policies and cross-subsidization within Obamacare will lead to upward shifts in premiums. These policies include the health insurance tax, essential health benefit and actuarial value regula-

tions, less allowed age variability in premiums, community rating, and guaranteed issue.[7] However, real uncertainty, amidst a rocky start, surrounds what enrollment will look like in the exchanges.

Fantasy Savings

Obamacare will leave many people paying more for their health insurance. The health-

care.gov website is learning to crawl, with additional data trickling in. However, based on information already released by HHS, states, and insurance plans, the claims of savings on premiums for the average participant is a fantasy.

—Drew Gonshorowski is a Policy Analyst The Heritage Foundation.

Healy: History Teacher of the Year

Manhattan, Kansas. Terry Healy, a gifted education teacher at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and Marlatt Elementary School, has been named the 2013 Kansas History Teacher of the Year. The award is cosponsored by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, HISTORY® and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on behalf of its Preserve America program.

Healy has worked in the Manhattan-Ogden school district as a gifted educator since 1989.

During that time, she has led students on numerous field trips, developed and ran a History Day Club, and organized the "Sleeping Heroes" project during which students

researched, photographed, and submitted information on over 130 Civil War soldiers' graves of Riley County, Kansas.

Healy will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and will be in the running to be named the 2013 National History Teacher of the Year this fall. The library of Woodrow Wilson Elementary and Marlatt Elementary will receive a core archive of history books and educational materials from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and HISTORY®. Healy will also be invited to a 2014 Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar. Woodrow Wilson Elementary and Marlatt Elementary will be named Gilder Lehrman Affiliate Schools.

"This award gives us the chance to recognize great histo-

ry teachers across the country," said Lesley S. Herrmann, Executive Director of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. "It puts exceptional educators front and center." Inaugurated in 2004, the National History Teacher of the Year Award promotes and celebrates the teaching of American history in classrooms across the United States. The award honors one exceptional K-12 teacher of American history from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and US Territories.

The 2013 award honors elementary school teachers of kindergarten through sixth grade. The selection of the state winner is based upon several criteria, including: at least three

years of classroom experience in teaching American history; a demonstrated commitment to teaching American history (including state and local history); evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom; effective use of documents, artifacts, historic sites, oral histories, and other primary resources to engage students with American history.

From the state winners, one is recognized as the National History Teacher of the Year and will be honored in a fall ceremony. The winner, together with the nominator and two of the winner's students, will travel to the national recognition ceremony with expenses paid by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Students Named National Merit

Manhattan High School students Tyler Belin, Stian Clem, Katherine Culbertson, Julie Pfromm, and Jonathan Turnley have been named Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

In late September, more than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT® receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Commended Students are named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index score that may vary from year to year and is typically below the level required for participants to be named Semifinalists in

their respective states. Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit® Scholarships, some of these students do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

"Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program."



Kansas: No More Obamacare Enrollments

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

Zip. Zilch. Nada. Nil. None. Slice it any way you want, the answer is still the same: Obamacare navigators told Kansas Watchdog that, because of continued problems with HealthCare.gov, so far they've enrolled exactly zero people into the new federal health care exchange that went live more than three weeks ago.

But the consortium guiding the Sunflower State's health care advisory program is trying to look on the bright side.

"They don't have to provide that information to us in the report for another month or so, so we don't have any real good

numbers at this point," said Katrina McGovern, communications coordinator for the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved.

So, hey, at least they've got time. Any bets on whether HealthCare.gov will be up and running by then?

Now, this isn't to say there has been a complete dearth of enrollments. Both McGovern and Linda Sheppard with the Kansas Insurance Department say insurance companies have confirmed enrollments are happening, just not through navigators, though no specific number has been provided.

That doesn't exactly inspire

a whole lot of confidence.

So, as it stands, the hundreds of Kansas navigators created, trained and rolled into action courtesy of a nearly \$900,000 federal grant have been wholly unable to accomplish their primary goal of enrolling folks into Obamacare. McGovern said many are focusing on educating people for the time being.

Jill Foss, a Hutchinson-based navigator with Prairie Star Health Center, said the rollout is a work in progress.

"I wouldn't call it frustrating," Foss said. "It's a little bit disappointing."

sewer system via the Lakeside Heights sewer system.

Hobson said the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the request for sewer and water services with the governing body for both Districts and how to best provide such service.

Hobson said if the request is approved, plans and specifications will have to be developed whereas we can obtain competitive bids on extending both services. Hobson said the University Park sewer system is currently operating below capacity. Additional connections will not adversely impact the wastewater treatment plant or lift stations. Staff would recommend the Riley County Commission enlarge the Lakeside Sewer District to include the applicant's property and construct the improvements.

Hobson said the University Park water system also has the capacity to connect additional users. Staff would recommend the Riley County Commission approve the connection to the University Park Water District utilizing either method referenced above.

Hobson said in all cases staff would further recommend the respective district own the new lines to allow for future connections.

Hobson recommended extending the Lakeside Sewer Benefit District.

Boyd suggested Hobson contact Ron Schwab and have him contact property owners adjacent to the sewer and water lines to see if there is more interest in water and sewer services.

The Board agreed by consensus to instruct Hobson contact Ron Schwab to have him contact property owners adjacent to the water and sewer lines to assess interest in connecting to the services.

9:27 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Hobson discussed the consultant selection recommendation for three box culverts. Hobson said staff recommends the County Commission agree by consensus to authorize the Public Works Department to begin negotiations with SMH Consultants to establish a fee for these design services.

The Board agreed by consensus to authorize the Public Works Department to begin negotiations with SMH Consultants to establish a fee for these design services.

9:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Work Session

9:30 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:40 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:37 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Boyd moved to direct counselor to proceed as discussed. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Holeman reminded the Board of the need for Riley

Valerie Libertus, a navigator with Flint Hills Community Health Center in Emporia, has kept busy filling out applications in preparation for when the federal exchange gets on its feet. So far she has tallied 15 applications – 11 filed electronically, four filled out on paper.

But Sayre Schuck, a Hays-based navigator with First Care Clinic Inc., said she has put off processing physical paperwork in hopes the electronic exchange starts working soon.

"I just think the paper applications are going to take longer (to process)," Schuck said.

County to have a security plan in place prior to January 1, 2014, under the 2013 conceal carry statute.

Holeman presented the revised legislative conference agenda.

10:00 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director

Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Wilson announced Riley County 4-H has been selected as the recipient of a leadership grant to develop a business plan to grow the 4-H program.

10:09 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Schoen discussed the lack of locker room space at the LEC.

Schoen said they are looking for members for the Community Advisory Board.

Schoen discussed Riley County Police Department coverage in north county.

Lewis asked on the status of moving the shooting range.

Hobson said he will have to contact the consultant on the firing range.

10:22 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Vargo presented year to date budget and expenditure reports.

10:35 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Bob Isaac, Planner; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Wedel played the Vision 2025 video.

Wedel presented a PowerPoint on the Vision 2025 plan.

11:12 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Check on all of Kansas State's Football games with write ups and photos at manhattanfreepress.com

Crafty Seniors

The Crafty Seniors will be having their last sale before Christmas on October 24, 25, & 26, 2013 at the Manhattan Town Center Mall. There will be a lot of handmade crafts to choose from. You can find unique and one of a kind gifts for giving. We will be open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

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Tools & outdoor equipment: JD 425 all wheel steer lawn tractor; JD XL178 riding mower, 15hp v-twin, mulching deck; Krause folding ladder; Stihl MS170 chainsaw, Craftsman 21" mower, Vigoro yard wagon, yard roller, yard sprayer; horse trough; JD yard cart; Log chains; Sm. 2 wheel trailer; Extension ladders; 5hp tiller; Craftsman tool boxes; S&K 1/2" socket set; deep well sockets; Craftsman socket sets; box end wrenches; Craftsman, Plomb, others; floor jack; bottle jacks; Craftsman, belt sander, angle grinder, jigsaws, orbital sander, circular-saw, router, laser level, belt sanders, & other hand tools; Dremel tool; B&D polisher; vise grips; crescent wrenches; Craftsman 2hp tablesaw. Bench grinders; Craftsman 10" bandsaw; Ryobi 18V drills; Ryobi circular saw; Large vise; misc chemicals; universal meat grinder; live trap; 4- 265 75R 17 tires; Propane grill; bird baths; many other tools.

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners
Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building October 17, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment,
Commission Comments, & Business Meeting

Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Hobson said the City of Manhattan will remove the walnut tree adjacent to the parking lot recently purchased.

P. Collins discussed the disaster drill.

Lewis discussed the Juvenile Detention Center meeting.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for several properties. (Removed by Editor for space.)

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Rim Development, LLC (263-07-0-10-04-003.00-0) for tax year 2011. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$130.54. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with Flint Hills Appraisals, Angie McIlvaine. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to participate in the State House County Project. The \$1,000 will be funded from the Board of County Commissioners' budget. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$269,246.97 and the following warrant vouchers for October 18, 2013:

2013 Budget
County General \$297,486.75
Health Department 93,332.65
County Auction 783.27
Riley Co Juvenile Service 6,638.92
Motor Vehicle Operations 6,386.16
21st Jud Dist Teen Court 1,247.38

Riley Co Adult Services	8,596.42
Capital Improvements Fund	111,244.96
Solid Waste	158,651.44
County Building	1,521.56
Landfill Closure	1,295.51
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	4,048.32
University Park W&S	6,145.30
Hunters Island Water Dist	301.79
Carson Sewer Benefit Dist	155.91
Deep Creek Sewer	174.19
Moehlman Bottoms	165.93
Valleywood Operations	47.39
Terra Heights Sewer	1,615.04
Konza Water Operations	1,061.69
Lakeside Heights Sewer	78.80
Lakeview/Cliffside Street	215.16
TOTAL\$701,194.54

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.
Boyd moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; and Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor, attended.

Hobson said in August, Ron Schwab contacted his office to see what the possibilities were for connecting to the University Park sewer and water systems. Mr. Schwab's property is located in the Lakeside Heights subdivision, which is not a part of the University Park subdivision.

Hobson said the proposed connections were discussed briefly at the September University Park Advisory Board meeting. In reviewing the proposal, staff determined it would be best to connect the property onto University Park water and the sewer onto the new Lakeside Heights system. Estimates for these proposed connections were provided.

Hobson said Mr. Schwab attended the October meeting of the Advisory Board and made a formal request for water and sewer. The Board discussed the request and voted to recommend connection to the University Park water system and the University Park

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Kansas State Wildcat Sports

Snyder Is A Success Because...

By Mark Janssen

KSU Sports Information

Bill Snyder is the best. That's agreed upon.

No, this season has had its ups and downs, but who would you rather have coaching your Wildcat team right now than Bill Snyder?

Use to the Wildcat players of yesteryear or today, but by star-status created by recruiting gurus, the Kansas State coaching staff does more with less than any program in the country.

The question is how?

How can Snyder, and his staff, mold a collection of 2- and 3-Star athletes, plus a handful of yearly walk-ons, into a team that last year won the Big 12, and in recent history has had tremendous success against schools like Texas?

How? What exactly is the key to success?

Snyder will talk about the intrinsic values and buying into being a little bit better today than yesterday, and a tad better tomorrow than today. It's a phrase that he's used and re-used ... well, since 1989 when he strolled onto the K-State campus.

But can it be that simple?

Running game coordinator Dana Dimel says K-State's success starts with what he calls Snyder's "master plan."

"It's a structure that has been tweaked with time, but it's an ultimate plan that serves as our foundation from year to year," said Dimel, who has been a head coach at Wyoming and



Coach Bill Snyder in 2004. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)

Houston. "It's our ultimate plan that, if executed, will bring success."

Dimel says the plan starts with intense evaluation of players and a focus on how they will fit into the K-State system.

Then, Dimel says, "It becomes a focus on player development and attention to detail in practices. What we get out of practice every day is more than what other programs

get out of their practices. Our practices are long, but with a lot of detail. If you can work through it as a player, that's where our players have an edge."

Assistant coach Mo Latimore, who has also coached at UTEP and Missouri, says Snyder's success starts with work ethic: "I think other programs baby their kids more, while we demand more out of

our kids. That's true on the field where all kids love to play football, but our guys know that we truly care about them going out and making it in the world. I think our players understand that, and in turn are willing to work harder than most guys."

Andre Coleman is new to the coaching staff, but he was a Wildcat player from 1990-93 when he was first introduced to Snyder's program and work ethic.

"Once you get that taste of winning it's easy to buy into whatever the coaches ask," said Coleman, whose K-State years included five, seven, five and nine wins. "Like nowhere else I've ever been, there is a commitment to achievement at Kansas State that starts with Coach Snyder. It's the culture. Once you put in the work, Coach Snyder's system becomes machine-like. There's a culture of winning when you buy into the system."

Laughing, Coleman, a modestly recruited talent out of Hermitage, Pa., said, "I'm a living example of buying into Coach Snyder's system and the maturing process that one gets

within that system. It's what makes up the foundation of K-State football. It's a process that 'if' you buy into, you're going to be a winner on, and off, the field."

Passing game coordinator Del Miller uses the terms "persistence" and "consistency" in defining what separates Snyder from the other elite coaches in the nation.

"When a normal player or coach says I've done everything I can do ... I'm tired, coach asks for more," said Miller. "That's true with everyone under his supervision."

Former Kansas State quarterback Lynn Dickey has viewed Snyder's program from the outside looking in and marvels at his results.

"Every year you go to those early games and ask, 'Where did that guy come from?'" said Dickey.

Last year it was 6-foot-9, 320-pound Cornelius Lucas, who went from not playing at all as a freshman and sophomore, to an All-Big 12 left tackle as a junior.

"You see guys like this at all levels," Dickey said. "They've never been pushed beyond

exhaustion into that twilight zone. Once a kid can push past that certain barrier there can be that moment of, 'Holy cow ... I can play!' It just clicks. The coaches have been on you for two years, but there comes a time when 'you' have to say, 'I can do this! This system does work.' They finally see the light of Bill's system."

Past coaches under Snyder echo the words of those of today.

Rod Humenuik, a member of the 1994 staff said, "He is meticulous. A lot of coaches have a plan for every hour, but he has a plan for every minute."

Bob Elliott, who knew Snyder while at Iowa as a graduate assistant and defensive coach, and later as a defensive coach at K-State starting in 2002, said, "I don't think anyone can believe how hard he works until you see it. There is maybe one percent of the people in this country who can concentrate like he can."

If not a football coach, Elliott said of Snyder, "I think he would be a great general ... a General (Norman) Schwarzkopf type."



Coach Bill Snyder in 2013. (Photo by Jon Brake)



Coach Bill Snyder in 2009. (Photo by Ben Brake)



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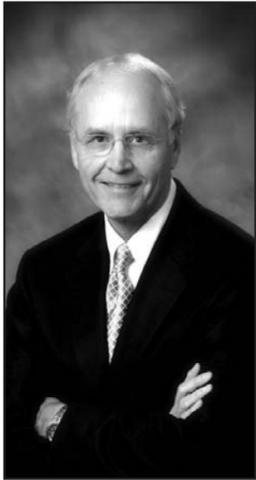
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The Conservative Side...

Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

Whoa Nelly! There's quite a dust-up brewing in Riley County over the county commissioners establishing a Public Building Commission (PBC). The PBC, once established, would have authority to do things like construct, acquire, enlarge, furnish, equip, operate and maintain buildings for governmental use. And the publisher here - amongst many others - is up in arms about it.



Bob Strawn

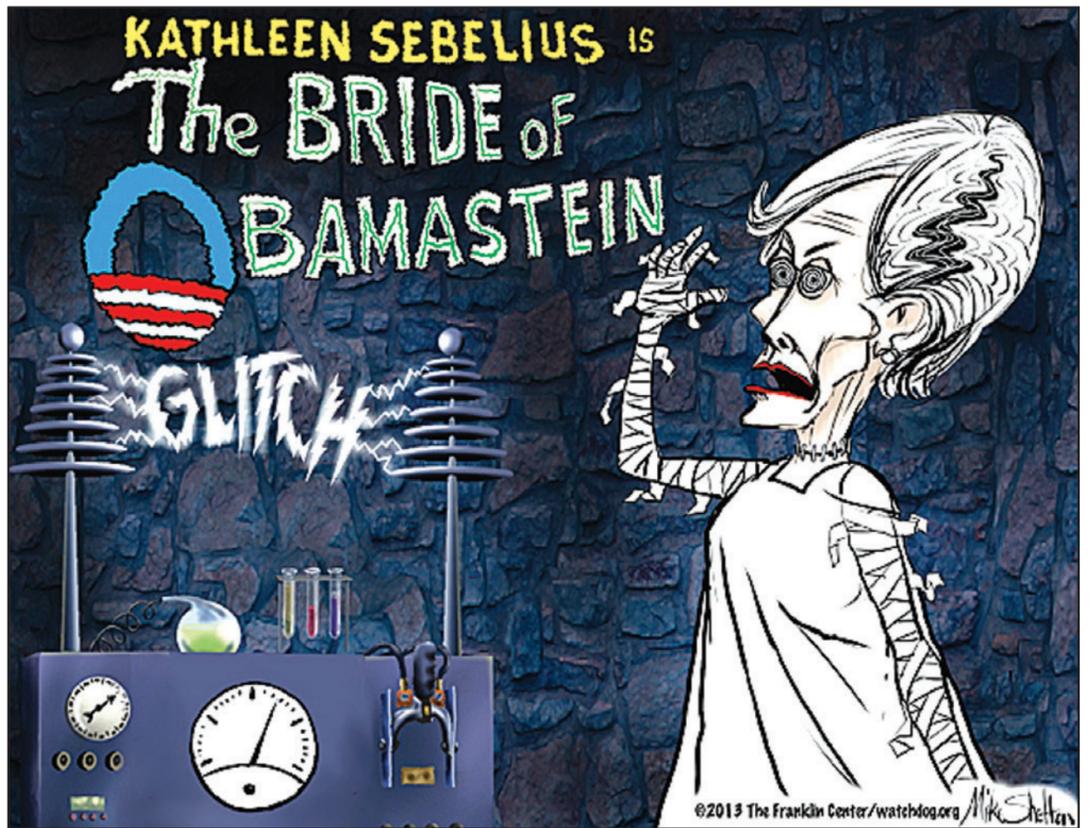
The flash point seems to be that the PBC allows the county to spend more than \$300,000 on buildings without a public vote. Former commissioner Bob Newsome alluded to that in his Sunday letter to The Manhattan Mercury, suggesting we throw the rascals out - those being the current county commissioners - for considering such a thing. Never mind that previous commissions have long deliberated over the idea before these three guys ever thought of running for office; nor the reality that 34 PBC's already exist in Kansas.

To wit we suggest the old saw: "there are no facts, only interpretations." As evidence, the aforementioned \$300,000 red herring. Do you believe then-Commissioner Bob Newsome and his peers, Mike Kearns and Alvan Johnson, spent less than 300 grand on the county shops - the \$11,000,000 Taj Mahal up there north of

town? Or do you remember voting on that multi-million dollar expenditure? Didn't think so! Because neither happened, other than a small piece of the action back in 1984 that went to vote allowing the county to sell their old shops on Anderson, where you'll find Sonic and Walgreens today.

The reality is that the county can spend all the money it wants, as long as it does so from "reserves." So, those of us who favor a "starve the beast" approach to government, well, perhaps we have good reason to oppose the Public Building Commission. But let's make that choice understanding that there's a world of difference between presumed facts and actual truth here. The truth is that the county commission can currently spend whatever it feels is appropriate, the best example being the county shops, as long as it taxes and funds the expenditure beforehand.

In addition to the above list, a PBC generally has the power and authority to negotiate leases for its government buildings; issue revenue bonds; establish rents; rent its buildings to any government agency; and, acquire title to real property.



So folks, this is mostly about how money is managed. And yes, to be fair, it's also about debt. But it is not about limiting commissioners' spending authority. If county commis-

sioners Bob Boyd, Dave Lewis and Ron Wells choose to move forward, we hope they seat themselves as the PBC (that's today's plan) so we can throw the rascals out if they make bad

choices. And we also hope they establish a citizen advisory committee, understanding that commissioners are probably not as smart as we may think. But in the end, we want

them to do what they believe in their hearts to be right, so they don't have more reasons to cringe when they see their image in the morning-after mirror.

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- Directions**
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Free Press Big 12 Sports

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Kansas State 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Result/Record
08/30/13	Kansas State vs. North Dakota State		L 21-24 0-1
09/07/13	Kansas State vs. Louisiana-Lafayette TV		W 48-27 1-1
09/14/13	Kansas State vs. Massachusetts	Manhattan	W 37-7 2-1
09/21/13	Kansas State at Texas *	Austin, Texas	L 21-31 2-2
10/05/13	Kansas State at Ok State *	Stillwater, Okla.	L 29-33 2-3
10/12/13	Kansas State vs. Baylor *	Manhattan, Kan.	L 25-35 2-4
10/26/13	Kansas State vs. West Virginia *	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
11/02/13	Kansas State vs. Iowa State *	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
11/09/13	Kansas State at Texas Tech *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
11/16/13	Kansas State vs. TCU *	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
11/23/13	Kansas State vs. Oklahoma *	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
11/30/13	Kansas State at Kansas *	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA

Big 12 Standings

Team	Big 12 Record	Over All Record
Texas Tech	4-0	7-0
Baylor	3-0	6-0
Texas	3-1	4-2
Oklahoma	3-1	6-1
Oklahoma State	2-1	5-1
TCU	1-3	3-4
West Virginia	1-3	3-4
Kansas	0-2	2-4
Kansas State	0-3	2-4
Iowa State	0-3	1-5

Big 12 Conference Schedule

Date	Home Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
* Sat, Oct 26	TCU	Texas		
	Fort Worth, Texas			6:30
* Sat, Oct 26	Kansas	Baylor		
	Lawrence, Kan.			6:00
* Sat, Oct 26	Kansas State	West Virginia		
	Manhattan, Kan.			2:45
* Sat, Oct 26	Oklahoma	Texas Tech		
	Norman, Okla.			2:30
* Sat, Oct 26	Iowa State	Oklahoma State		
	Ames, Iowa			11:00
* Sat, Nov 02	TCU	West Virginia		
	Fort Worth, Texas			2:30
* Sat, Nov 02	Kansas State	Iowa State		
	Manhattan, Kan.			2:30
* Sat, Nov 02	Texas	Kansas		
	Austin, Texas			2:30
* Sat, Nov 02	Texas Tech	Oklahoma State		
	Lubbock, Texas			6:00
* Thu, Nov 07	Baylor	Oklahoma		
	Waco, Texas			6:30 p.m.
* Sat, Nov 09	Iowa State	TCU		
	Ames, Iowa			TBA
* Sat, Nov 09	Texas Tech	Kansas State		
	Lubbock, Texas			TBA
* Sat, Nov 09	Oklahoma State	Kansas		
	Stillwater, Okla.			TBA

Kansas 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result	Result/Record
9/7/2013	University of South Dakota	Lawrence, Kan.		<u>W - 31-14</u> 1-0
9/14/2013	Rice University	Houston, TX		<u>L - 14-23</u> 1-1
9/21/2013	Louisiana Tech	Lawrence, Kan.		<u>W - 13-10</u> 2-1
10/5/2013	Texas Tech University	Lawrence, Kan.		L - 16-54 2-2
10/12/2013	TCU	Forth Worth, TX		L - 17-27 2-3
10/19/2013	Oklahoma	Lawrence, Kan.		L - 19-34 2-4
10/26/2013	Baylor	Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
11/2/2013	Texas	Austin, Texas	2:30 p.m.	TBA
11/9/2013	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.		TBA
11/16/2013	West Virginia	Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
11/23/2013	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa		TBA
11/30/2013	Kansas State	Lawrence, Kan.		TBA

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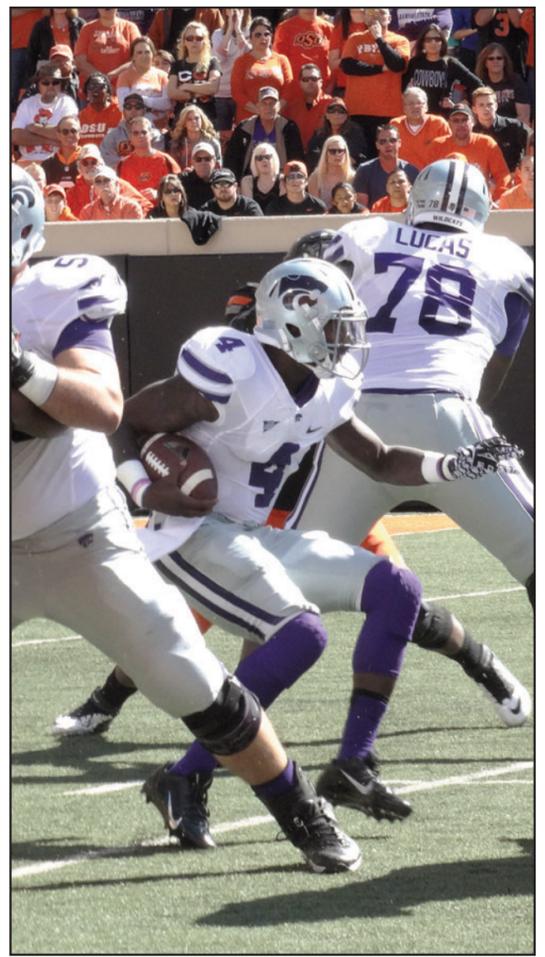
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Kansas State's Tyler Lockett (16) was named to the Midseason All Big 12 Team. (Photo by Ben Brake)



Kansas State's Quarterback Daniel Sams was named to the third team.

Midseason

Cats Named To All Big 12

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Nine Kansas State players were honored for their play through the first six games of the 2013 campaign as Phil Steele released his Midseason All-Big 12 football teams on Wednesday.

Wide receiver Tyler Lockett, linebacker Blake Slaughter and defensive back Ty Zimmerman earned first-team honors, while offensive linemen B.J. Finney and Cornelius Lucas along with defensive end Ryan Mueller and defensive back Randall Evans were named to the second team.

Rounding out the honors for the Wildcats on the third team

were quarterback Daniel Sams, offensive lineman Cody Whitehair and Lockett as a kick returner.

Lockett ranks second in the Big 12 with 6.2 receptions per game while he is fourth with 95.0 receiving yards per game. With the quick start to his junior campaign, the Tulsa, Okla., product has moved into the top-10 in school history in career all-purpose yardage and became the 17th player in school history with 1,000 career receiving yards.

Slaughter, a senior who red-shirted the 2012 season, leads the team and ranks second in the Big 12 with 52 total tackles

to go along with two sacks and three pass breakups. He has carded at least seven tackles in five of six games, while he has reached the 10-tackle mark on three occasions.

A native of Junction City, Kan., Zimmerman ranks second on the team with 43 tackles and picked off his 11th career pass against Louisiana and returned it 32 yards for his first-career touchdown. The senior is tied for sixth in school history in career interceptions and ranks fourth in career interception-return yards.

Following an off week, Kansas State returns to action Saturday, October 26, as the

Wildcats host West Virginia in a 2:45 p.m., contest at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The game, which will be televised by FOX Sports 1, serves as the annual Homecoming game and is the celebration of the 150th year of Kansas State University.

A limited number of tickets in reserved seating areas returned by West Virginia, along with standing-room only tickets, are available by contacting the K-State Athletics Ticket office online at www.kstatesports.com/tickets, by phone at 1-800-221-CATS or inside the main ticket office in Bramlage Coliseum.



Wildcat Linebacker Blake Slaughter (53) is on the all Big 12 Team. (Photo by Ben Brake)



Defensive back Ty Zimmerman make the 1st team. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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Luckey Jr. High Falls In Tournament

The Manhattan's Lucky Jr. High School Volleyball team fell to Linn in the 1st round of the Twin Valley Volleyball Tournament held Monday at Hanover.

The Tournament was won by Valley Heights with Hanover coming in second.

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Linda
and
Jon
Brake)



Luckey Jr. High Volleyball Coach Aaron Brockman called time during the first game of the Twin Valley Volleyball Tournament to talk to the team. Luckey fell in two games.



Mallorie Reimer (19) gets ready to hit a serve as Malary Tajchman (20) and Lewis looks on.



Lexi Lewis (3) puts the ball back over the net.



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