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Doug Gerber, Michael Solomon, Leon Volk and Bill Biermann all participated in "No Shave November" and now the public has the chance to vote for their favorite beard by dropping a dollar in a jar at Smitty's Sports. All the proceeds go to Feed My Starving Children, a charity that distributes food around the world. The deadline to vote is Thursday, Jan. 3.

# Sherman County hit by blizzard Wednesday

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1:40 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., reports came in of a jackknifed semi-tractor rig on I-70 near Edson. James said that turned out to be a pickup truck that had been hauling a trailer. The wind had caught the trailer and flipped it over. At the same time, however, a multiple-vehicle accident involving a semi and a van occurred at Exit 19. James said the call was initially paged to the city fire department as happening under the overpass. When he arrived on scene he found road debris and a semi tire and hood on the ground. He went up the onramp and found a semi jackknifed across the eastbound lanes. "The front of the semi was just obliterated,"

he said. A passenger-side fuel tank was crushed and leaking diesel fuel. There was also a van off in the ditch with damage to its driver-side door. James said he was unable to locate anyone from the vehicle. James said the semi had lost control and smashed into the concrete barriers on the overpass. It jackknifed and came to rest blocking the eastbound lanes. The van was unable to stop in time and hit the trailer on its side and ended up in the ditch. There were no injuries and firefighters had the diesel leak stopped by 3 p.m. Several other accidents occurred on I-70 in Thomas County. Sherman County ended up with about 4.2 inches of snow. Yuma, Colo., received four to six inches. Further north, Nebraska got seven inches or more. One upside to the snowfall is that 2012 will not be the driest year on record. Wednesday's snow amounted to .28 of an inch of moisture. According to National Weather Service records, Goodland needed to have less than .17 of an inch of moisture in December to beat the record for dry years. So far in December, the city has gotten .35 of an inch. 1975 and 1956 will remain the driest years on record. Total moisture was 9.22 inches in 1976 and 9.19 inches in 1956. This year the total is now 9.37.

# Sherman County Health Fair scheduled for Jan. 26

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be mailed by providing a self-addressed and stamped envelop at the time of the blood draw. Two other free screenings offered prior to the health fair include the carotid ultrasound screening and the pulmonary function screening. Appointments for the carotid ultrasound can be made by contacting the hospital Radiology Department at (785) 890-6033 and appointments for the pulmonary function screening can be made by contacting the Respiratory Therapy Department at (785) 890-6023. Results from the pulmonary function screenings will be available at the health fair. Physicians from the University of Kansas Medical Center will also be

on hand at the health fair to conduct a variety of cancer screenings. Two dermatologists will be available that day for free skin cancer screenings and urologists will be available for digital rectal screening for prostate cancer. The DRE combined with the PSA, available at the blood draws prior to the health fair, are the best ways to screen for prostate cancer. The KU Cancer Center will also have a wide range of materials to distribute explaining the screenings and other issues including breast cancer early detection. In addition to all the services and health care providers, Goodland Regional Medical Center medical professionals will also participate in the health fair. Several areas will be represented including physical

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# Area rep to head budget committee

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Being chairman of the committee automatically gave Cassidy a seat on the House Appropriations Committee, one of the most powerful, he said. Appropriations controls the state's budget and meets with every other committee. Cassidy was on appropriations last session and said he has a good feel for it now. As vice chairman of the Education Committee, he said, he'll be trying to teach a lot of new people about education issues, including the new chair, Kasha Kelley of Arkansas City, who does not have an education background. "I'm hoping it slows the process down," he said. "Hopefully, we've

learned from last year." Cassidy emphasized that budget decisions are not just up to him. His committee will work hand-in-hand with the Senate Education Committee, the House and Senate leadership and the governor. "I'll speak up for us and what we care about, but its not just up to me," he said. Other than the chairmen, remaining committee assignments have been handed out. Cassidy said last year there were 22 people on the Education Committee and 14 on the budget committee. Cassidy said he has two more trips to Topeka scheduled before the session begins on Monday, Jan. 14.

# State department ready for winter storm

DEPARTMENT, from Page 1

- Salt spreader control equipment in trucks to help monitor and control how much salt is being put on the road for maximum effectiveness.
- Improved weather forecast tools to assist maintenance workers in choosing the right maintenance action at the right time and to provide real-time information throughout and after a storm.

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