# Congress to open Tuesday

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House and Senate office buildings would reopen on Tuesday, as officials had hoped. These sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said testing was continuing but it was not clear whether all the results would be in hand by the beginning of the work day on Tuesday.

Officials discovered anthrax over the weekend in a building where mail for House offices is processed. These officials said there had been no test results yet indicating anthrax in any of the other House office buildings, leaving authorities to wonder whether an as-yet undiscovered piece of mail was the source of spores found on a mail room machine.

The anthrax outbreak first surfaced more than two weeks ago in Boca Raton, Fla., when one employee of American Media Inc. died of the disease, and a second was hospitalized.

Postmaster General John Potter said the U.S. Postal Service was increasing security at its facilities and beginning to introduce technology that can sanitize mail. But he said postal workers were not being ordered to wear gloves and face masks.

There was a brief scare at another government building in Washington when the Supreme Court building was closed after a powdery substance was found in the clerk's office today. Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said the material was tested and determined to be construction-related material.

Over the last  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  weeks four men, including one who died, have been diagnosed with inhalation anthrax, a disease not seen in this country since 1978. Six others, including two postal workers in New Jersey, have been infected with a highly treatable form of anthrax that is contracted through the

Health and postal officials said they do not know how Richmond, one of the Washington postal workers, came into contact with enough anthrax to allow the bacteria to travel into his respiratory system and lodge deep in his lungs.

Surgeon General David Satcher said nhalation anthrax has been fatal about 80 percent of the time. "But that's in the past. We have different technology today," he said on CNN's "Late Edition" Sunday. "It is not yet hopeless."

Health investigators moved quickly to determine whether anthrax was present in either of two postal facilities. ficer, Motavar, complained that the

### Preparing for the season



Registered Nurse Carol Guyer gave Richard Parish a flu shot Friday at the Sherman County Health Department's last open clinic for this year. The clinic targeted senior citizens and people at high risk for catching the flu. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

# Bombing campaign in third week

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As the bombing campaign went into its third week, the strikes near front lines suggested the start of a more agof northern-based opposition forces facing the fundamentalist Taliban regime.

But it was unclear whether the poorly armed and poorly trained opposition forces would be able to make the north. significant gains against either the capital Kabul or the northern city of marked the most substantial U.S. Mazar-e-Sharif — something they have been unable to accomplish since the air campaign began Oct 7.

A northern alliance intelligence of- miles north of the city.

area. "We are satisfied, but we would like a broader bombardment over a report today of any opposition adlarger area," said Motavar, who like many Afghans uses only one name.

Haji Gul Rahman, a deputy brigade gressive American campaign on behalf commander at Bagram, north of Kabul, said there were casualties among the Taliban, but he couldn't say how many.

In the capital, the Taliban's official Bakhtar news agency reported heavy bombing today at positions 30 miles to

Bombing in the same area Sunday strikes to date against Taliban positions defending Kabul from the northern alliance forces, stalled for years 12 to 25

Bedraggled opposition fighters tion depot, Khan said.

attacks were not over a wide enough watched, excited, as smoke and dust billowed up. However, there was no vances.

> As sunset approached, two U.S. jets dropped six bombs, five of them on Taliban front line positions north of Kabul, while another fell on the northern alliance side. There was no word on casualties.

U.S. jets also mounted fierce attacks throughout the night around the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, where opposition and Taliban forces have been stuck in a seesaw battle for days. The strikes devastated two heavily fortified bases that had been guarding the southern approach, damaged tanks and artillery sites and destroyed an ammuni-

# New board to help bring ideas to life

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### Conservation Service.

Each county has two representatives on the council, and some of the counties also have an advisory board. In Sherman County, Bowker represents the conservation district, while Goodwin was recently appointed to represent the county. Bowker, who has been on the council for about two years, and Goodwin formed the advisory board.

Before Goodwin was appointed and the advisory board was established, Bowker said, it was tough to get a project from Sherman County before the council. She noted council members voted last year to form the county advisory boards to filter out projects.

"It didn't do me much good to be on it," Bowker said. "It was virtually impossible to bring projects to the council."

She said it started coming together when she bumped into Goodwin at a movie rental shop in Goodland and he told her about projects the Goodland Development Corp. wants to accomplish. She asked if he wanted to be on the council, and he said, "Yeah."

The board approved two of the in Sherman County. corporation's projects this month, bringing the ideas to the council, which also approved.

People can contact any of the board tive fees.

members for information or to share ideas, Bowker said, adding the group meets on the first Monday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at Ray's Cafe, 118 E. 17th.

At the board's first meeting this month, members approved the development corp's projects to build a 110,000 square foot community center/sports arena behind the Comfort Inn on K-27 and to establish a \$20 million endowment fund to help businesses, students and organizations in Sherman County.

Goodwin said the council has agreed to try to find \$30,000 to pay for feasibility studies for the community center/sports arena, which could cost about \$3 million.

He said the council will also try to find \$20 million for the endowment fund, with annual interest from the fund used for business development. scholarships, development corp. projects and to help non-profit organizations

Bowker said she first became interested in the council when it helped the Northwest Animal Shelter board, of which she is a member, secure a \$15,000 grant to spay and neuter pets

"I was impressed," she said, noting the council takes a portion of the money it finds to pay for administra-

# Kansas farmers watch for agriterrorist attack

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas farmers before. accustomed to keeping a close eye on the weather and prices at the local grain elevator are now on the lookout for anything that could indicate a terrorist attack on their crops.

"We are embarking on a new effort to ensure our safety and ensure the safety of our food supply," said Kansas Farm Bureau spokesman Mike Matson. "I think the biggest change out there is just an increased awareness."

Matson said many farmers are "flying blind" about potential risks and how to prevent agriterrorism, but farmers and ranchers are more vigilant and aware of their operations than ever safety precautions on Kansas farms.

Strangers stopped along a country roadside looking over a farm are likely to be reported to police. Barns that once stood open are more likely to be tightly locked to protect against theft of chemicals or equipment.

Fewer strangers will be allowed hunting rights or other access to farm property.

Concerns about foot-and-mouth disease, which led to the slaughter of thousands of livestock in Europe in the spring, and Karnal bunt, which infected wheat crops in Texas, have heightened awareness of the need for



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