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## Remembering Flag History



Members of Yankton Elks Lodge hold flags that have flown over the United States, including the current U.S. flag on the right, during a Flag Day ceremony at Riverside Field in Yankton. The ceremony was held in between games of the Bob Deery Classic VFW Teener baseball tournament on Saturday.

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## Security Beefed Up At US Embassy In Iraq

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WASHINGTON — Security at the U.S. embassy in Baghdad was bolstered and some staff members were being moved out of Iraq's capital city as it was threatened by the advance of an al-Qaida inspired insurgency, a State Department spokeswoman said Sunday.

Jen Psaki said in a statement that much of U.S. embassy staff will stay in place even as parts of the country experience instability and violence. She did not say the number of personnel affected. The embassy is within Baghdad's Green Zone. It has about 5,000 personnel, making it the largest U.S. diplomatic post in the world.

"Overall, a substantial majority of the U.S. Embassy presence in Iraq will remain in place and the embassy will be fully equipped to carry out its national security mission," she said.

Some embassy staff members have been temporarily moved elsewhere to more stable places at consulates in Basra in the Shiite-dominated south of Iraq and Irbil in the Kurdish semi-autonomous region in northeastern Iraq and to Jordan, she said.

U.S. travelers in the country were encouraged to avoid all but essential travel and exercise great caution.

The State Department issued a travel warning for Iraq Sunday night that cautioned U.S. citizens to avoid "all but essential travel to Iraq. Travel within Iraq remains dangerous given the security situation."

"U.S. citizens in Iraq remain at high risk for kidnapping and terrorist violence," the travel warning said. The warning said that certain areas of Iraq are more dangerous than others, such as areas north of Baghdad and near the Syrian, Turkish or Iranian borders. Violence in many regions of the country is as intense as it's been since 2007, the warning said.

It warned of the dangers of a variety of improvised explosive devices, mines placed on or concealed near roads, mortars and rockets, and shootings using various direct-fire weapons. The attacks "often occur in public gathering places," the warning said.

Psaki said the movement of embassy personnel will cause the embassy to be "restricted in its ability to offer all consular services; but emergency services are always available to U.S. citizens in need at any embassy or consulate anywhere in the world."

Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby said in a statement that a "small number" of military personnel are helping to keep State Department facilities safe in Baghdad. He said embassy personnel are being moved by commercial, charter and State Department aircraft. But, Kirby says, the U.S. military has "airlift assets at the ready" should the State Department request them. A U.S. military official said about 100 Marines and Army soldiers have been sent to Baghdad to help with embassy security.

The State Department acted as the Iraqi government sought to bolster its defenses in Baghdad on Sunday. Despite the added security, a string of explosions killed at least 15 people and wounded more than 30 in the city, police and hospital officials said. And, an Islamic militant group behind the strife, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant or ISIL, posted graphic photos that appeared to show its fighters massacring dozens of captured Iraqi

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## Field Turfing Fundraising On Target

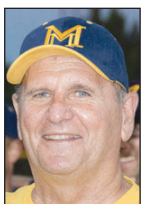
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Hosting over 200 games per year from youth to collegiate level baseball, Riverside Field sees a lot more action than most baseball fields on the northern Plains. This is one reason both Mount Marty College (MMC) and the Yankton Baseball Association (YBA) have banded together to raise money for new turf for the field and a brand new namesake — Bob Tereshinski Field.

Barb Rezac, chief advancement officer at MMC, said phase one will primarily focus on the infield and the addition of logos.

"Phase one of the project is to turf the infield of Riverside Field," Rezac said. "In the turf, it will say 'Bob Tereshinski Field' behind home plate, there will be Lancer logos on the field as well as Yankton baseball logos because all the Yankton programs use the field as well. It's a neat group effort between the city, the amateur baseball team, the youth baseball association and Mount Marty College."

The field is being named after former MMC and Post 12 Legion baseball coach Bob Tereshinski, who coached the Lancers to 332 victories — the most in school history. He was a 2007 inductee into the Mount Marty College Athletic Hall of Fame.



Tereshinski

Rezac said she's happy to see the project being named after Tereshinski.

"We're just grateful for the community support and this opportunity to name the field after a true legend in the baseball world here in Yankton," she said. "It's been kind of an honor to be part of the project and we're just excited to see it come to completion and to see what this will do for Yankton and for the baseball program here at Mount Marty."

MMC baseball coach Andy Bernatow has been involved with the fundraising as well. Bernatow at this point they are over halfway to their goal of \$229,000.

"We're over the 60 percent mark," Bernatow said. "We're over 135,000 at this point. I'm excited where we're at on things. We're to the point where we're setting dates."

Rezac said so far they've focused efforts on former players so far.

"We're working on gifts from all of the former baseball players who have come to the Lancer program and that

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## Making Butter



ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Clara (left) and Tamarae Starzl (right) of Gadsden, Alabama take a break from a roadtrip to the Black Hills to make butter during the Riverboats, Roads and Rails event at the Dakota Territorial Museum Saturday.

## Business Takes Initiative To Beautify Broadway

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Drivers along Broadway have a new sight to check out as they drive by. A collaboration between Naturescapes and Slumberland and Larry's Heating & Cooling owner Larry Olson has produced a new fountain in the Slumberland parking lot.

Olson said the intent of the fountain was to help improve the look of the community.

"We've been in business a long time," Olson said. "We like to give back to the community. We want a 'welcome to Yankton' type thing."

Olson was unable to disclose the cost of the project, but pointed out the fountain was totally financed in-house with no outside resources.

"We didn't get any help from anybody to do it," he said. "We didn't ask for any and we don't want any. The stone came from one of my



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

A new fountain installed by Naturescapes last week in front of Slumberland last week is an attempt by local business owner Larry Olson to beautify Yankton.

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