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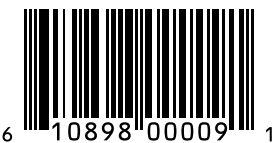
Today is Saturday, June 13, the 164th day of 2026. There are 201 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 13, 1971, The New York Times began publishing excerpts of the Pentagon Papers, a top secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam since 1945 that had been leaked to the paper by military analyst Daniel Ellsberg.

Postal delivery information:

On this date:

- In 1942, during World War II, a four-man Nazi sabotage team arrived by submarine on Long Island, New York, three days before a second four-man team landed in Florida. (All eight men were arrested within weeks, after two members of the first group defected.)
- In 1966, the Supreme Court ruled in *Miranda v. Arizona* that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional rights to remain silent and to consult an attorney.
- In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall to become the first non-white justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.



Photos submitted

Groundbreaking of the new Rural King Store Support Center campus.

New Rural King HQ

Company to invest \$75M in Mattoon location

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced that Rural King will invest \$75 million to construct a new Store Support Center Campus in Mattoon, where the company's leadership and support departments will be based, including merchandising, IT, finance, operations, marketing, human resources, legal and other key business functions.

The new campus will include three key components: a new Store Support Center, the relocation of Rural King's flagship Mattoon store and a 40,000-square-foot event center. The flagship store will relocate from its current location at Cross County Mall and once again be directly connected to the company's Store Support Center. By maintaining a direct connection to an operating store, support teams can test new ideas, strategies, layouts and operational initiatives in a real-world environment while staying closely connected to the needs of customers and associates. The mall location will be backfilled once the store has relocated.

The event center will be designed to host company meetings, educational training sessions and events. In addition to supporting Rural King, the facility will be available for community use and will accommodate a wide variety of events, including conferences, trade shows, concerts and other gatherings, with a maximum capacity of about



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Architectural Expressions LLP, based in Champaign, is leading the design and supporting the project, which will be located at the northwest corner of the Interstate 57 and Illinois Route 16 interchange.

The company broke ground on the project Thursday, which will create 100 new full-time jobs and retain 719 existing full-time jobs in Coles County. Construction is expected to be completed during the first half of 2028.

"With its new expansion, Rural King is building on its storied legacy in Illinois by creating new jobs and investing

in the community and region," Pritzker said in a press release. "Illinois is proud to collaborate with job creators who expand opportunities for our people while committing to growing in our state."

Rural King's expansion reflects the state's ongoing commitment to strengthening regional economies and supporting long-term growth in communities across downstate Illinois. Through intentional economic development programs and investments, Illinois continues to support businesses that

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Small food assistance nonprofits eligible for new state grant program

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Small volunteer groups that provide food assistance to Illinoisans in need could be eligible for a new round of grant money under a program announced this week.

The Charitable Trust Hunger Relief Grant program will provide grants of up to \$5,000 to 10 nonprofit organizations that don't have full-time employees to purchase food for those in need. Applications opened June 1 and will remain open through July 31, Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs announced Wednesday.

The announcement comes as

food assistance groups experience increased need due to cuts to federal food assistance, including the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. Feeding America, the country's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, states that for every meal the organization provides, SNAP provides nine.

"Hunger and food insecurity is a hidden epidemic afflicting children who cannot ask for help and adults who find it difficult to ask for help as they juggle two or more jobs," Frerichs said in a statement June 10. "Small, local food pantries and soup kitchens are prepared to help these innocent lives because they see those



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Canned goods in a pantry.

suffering in the shadows. That is why we created this desperately needed hunger relief program,

as these organizations try to help

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