

CENTRAL IOWA FORECAST

Today Partly Cloudy 84/64		Monday Partly Cloudy 85/67	
Saturday Partly Cloudy 86/65		Tuesday Storms 84/66	
Sunday PM Storms 86/67		Wednesday Storms 82/64	

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Temperatures	Barometer
Yesterday's High 86	Yesterday at 4 p.m. 29.94
Yesterday's Low 67	Daylight
Last Year's High 87	Sunrise Tomorrow 5:35 a.m.
Last Year's Low 70	Sunset Tomorrow 8:49 p.m.
Precipitation	River Level
Through 7 a.m.: 0.00 inches	Yesterday at 4 p.m. 12.30 ft.
Year-to-date: 10.69 inches	(flood stage is 18 feet for low-lying areas of Marshall County.)
Last year-to-date: 15.89 inches	

TODAY IN HISTORY



AP PHOTO

Joe Louis

Joe Louis looks with envy on two awards that belong to Henry Armstrong, left, shown during their meeting at Pompton Lakes, N.J., June 13, 1938. One belt is for winning the welterweight title from Barney Ross in 1937. The other belt is for Armstrong as the first boxer to wear three crowns at once. Louis, now training at Pompton Lakes for his Tony Galento fight for June 28, 1938. Louis as named "Ring" magazine's merit award as outstanding boxer of 1938.

Today is Friday, June 13, the 164th day of 2025. There are 201 days left in the year.

Today 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.

Also 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 consult with 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.

In 1983, the U.S. space

probe Pioneer 10, launched in 1972, became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system as it crossed the orbit of Neptune.

In 1996, the 81-day-old Freeman standoff in Montana ended as the 16 remaining members of the anti-government group left their ranch and surrendered to the FBI.

In 2000, the first meeting between leaders of North Korea and South Korea since the Korean War began as South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung met North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il in Pyongyang.

In 2013, the White House said it had conclusive evidence that Syrian President Bashar Assad's government had used chemical weapons against opposition forces seeking to overthrow him.

In 2022, the committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol was told that Donald Trump's closest campaign advisers, top government officials and even his family were dismantling his false claims of 2020 election fraud ahead of the insurrection, but the defeated president was becoming "detached from reality" and clinging to outlandish theories to stay in power.

'Treat it like a crop'

Ag experts gather at rural Haverhill farm to share CRP, wetland guidance

By **ROBERT MAHARRY**
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HAVERHILL — A crowd of at least 60 interested individuals gathered at a farm between Marshalltown and Haverhill on Thursday morning to learn more about the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and how landowners Tony and Roberta Brink have transformed the vast majority of their 180 acres back to prairie, wetlands and timber during an Iowa Learning Farms (ILF) field day.

The Brinks first bought their property in 1990, and fittingly, the area where the event was held was situated between two picturesque wetland areas just off of Marsh Avenue. The presenters included Iowa Nutrient Research Center Assistant Director Kay Stefanik, Marshall County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Doug Ruopp, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Private Lands Biologist Kevin Andersen and Cynthia Farmer from the Center for Rural Affairs. Marshall County Conservation staff were also on hand to help with prairie plant identification during a lunch catered by Katie J's of Marshalltown, and attendees were encouraged to walk the ground themselves and take in all of the natural splendor.

Each speaker focused on different issues related to the CRP program such as how long a native seeding takes to develop, mowing recommendations, cost share options and invasive plants and species. During his remarks, Andersen noted that about 90 percent of Iowa's 35 million acres of native prairies were wiped out between 1825 and 1900 as row crop farming proliferated, and efforts are finally underway, albeit slowly, to increase those numbers in the 21st century. During a subsequent interview, Brink said his decision to move in that direction on his own farm was a matter of "doing the right thing," and today, only about 20 acres are still considered tillable. He added, however, that it's not simply a "set and forget" project, echoing a comment Andersen had made earlier — treat it like a crop, because you're ultimately growing wild-life and native plants just like corn and soybeans.

"There was so much water coming through here, and I'm a water guy.



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Landowner Tony Brink stands in front of one of several wetlands on the 180 acres he owns between Marshalltown and Haverhill on Thursday. The property was the site of an Iowa Learning Farms (ILF) field day featuring a host of agricultural professionals from Iowa State University, NRCS and the Iowa DNR, and over 60 people attended.



Iowa DNR Private Lands Biologist Kevin Andersen was one of the presenters during the Iowa Learning Farms field day near Haverhill on Thursday.

I wanted to do everything I could to filter, stage, hold as much good quality water on my farm (as possible) for whatever reason," he said. "You can do so many things here. It's a great place for a kid, so I enjoy it."

He was especially grateful for the conservation professionals who came out to host the field day, and Ruopp, who hails from Marshall County himself, described Brink's farm as "the biggest gem of private land" locally.

"It's so wonderful to see a landowner who's dedicated to not just putting these different practices like wetlands (and) prairies (in), but taking the time to learn about them, know the ins and outs of them and take care of them in a way that they are going to be good for the nutrient reduction for wildlife, for the different plant species that we find in Iowa," Stefanik said.

Andersen marveled at the uniqueness of each farm he visits and invoked the oft-repeated phrase from "Field of Dreams"

— in his eyes, it is indeed heaven. He's also encouraged that more farmers are considering and utilizing CRP, especially on lands that may not be especially productive.

"Do we have what we had before? No. Will we ever have it again? No. That's not being negative. That's just being realistic," he said. "We're basically the number one ag producing state in the nation, so it's beautiful that we are able to do that. But I echo what Doug said (about) this being a gem, and I'm

so lucky to get to go out every day and look at gems."

And if one more person in the audience decides to put land in the CRP after hearing a presentation like theirs, Andersen, Ruopp and Stefanik all agree that their educational efforts were well worth the time they spent on them.

"Will it mean more prairie in Iowa, more wetlands? Maybe, and that's what we do every day," Andersen said. "I think it's really important to have these."

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