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## 7 DAY FORECAST

## Hokes Bluff SRO Robbie Deason honored



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Standing left to right: Board Member Tim Langdale, Lt. Jason Plunkett, Officer Robbie Deason and Dr. Alan Cosby.

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

Hokes Bluff Elementary and Middle School resource officer Robbie Deason was honored with the School Resource Officer Achievement Award at the Side School Safety Summit.

Deason, who has served in law enforcement since 2010, is an integral part of the Hokes Bluff Elementary family and community, according to Assistant Principal Jamie McCain, who nominated him for the award.

"His daily presence brings warmth, safety and encouragement to everyone he encounters," McCain said. She added that Deason is well loved by students because of his consistent interactions and involvement with them.

McCain said Deason greets students each day with hugs, high-fives and fist bumps of encouragement. "Every day, Officer Deason can be caught

walking the hallways and securing the school perimeter, ensuring that our little eagles are protected and cared for," she said.

In addition to his general school resource officer duties, which include providing safety training for faculty and staff, Deason implemented and coordinates the Hokes Bluff Elementary School flag team for fifth-grade students, teaching the importance of proper flag etiquette.

He also supports students beyond the school day by assisting with car and bus duty and attending school events.

Providing safety and serving as a positive influence for students, faculty and staff are not only the most important aspects of his job, but also his favorite parts, Deason said. He emphasized the importance of helping others, especially those less fortunate.

Deason said his experiences in law enforcement have taught him the value of resiliency and persistence. "Do the best you can do, and if it doesn't work out, learn from it and do better — different — next time," he said.

He credited Officer Rick Hill, a longtime school resource officer in Rainbow City, with inspiring his career in service. Deason said Hill's positive influence on students and the impact he was able to make motivated him to pursue a similar path.

When asked about his proudest accomplishment, Deason said it comes in moments when former students approach him years later and share that they remember his kindness and guidance.

Deason said his advice to new or incoming resource officers is to love what they do and commit to the job for the right reasons — to help people.

"I work at Hokes Bluff Middle and Elementary School with great administrators, staff and teachers," Deason said. "I love what I do."

## Wintry mix possible across Alabama this weekend

By Kaitlin Hoskins  
News Editor

State meteorologists are monitoring a pair of weather systems expected to affect Alabama from Friday through the weekend, bringing periods of rain, falling temperatures and the potential for wintry precipitation in some areas.

According to Jim Stefkovich, meteorologist for Alabama Emergency Management Agency, an upper-level disturbance will move across the state Friday evening into early Saturday, producing widespread showers. After a brief break, a second system is expected to arrive Saturday evening into Sunday morning, accompanied by another surge of cold air.

It is this second round of precipitation that could bring a change from rain to a rain-and-snow mix or possibly snow, particularly in areas south of Interstate 20 before the system exits the state.

Stefkovich stated several outcomes are still possible. In one scenario, precipitation could end before temperatures drop enough to support snow, though this is currently considered unlikely. Another possibility is that any snow that does fall would melt quickly due to warm ground temperatures, especially if precipitation amounts remain light as currently forecast.

A third, less certain but higher-impact scenario involves the development of a low-pressure system in the northern Gulf

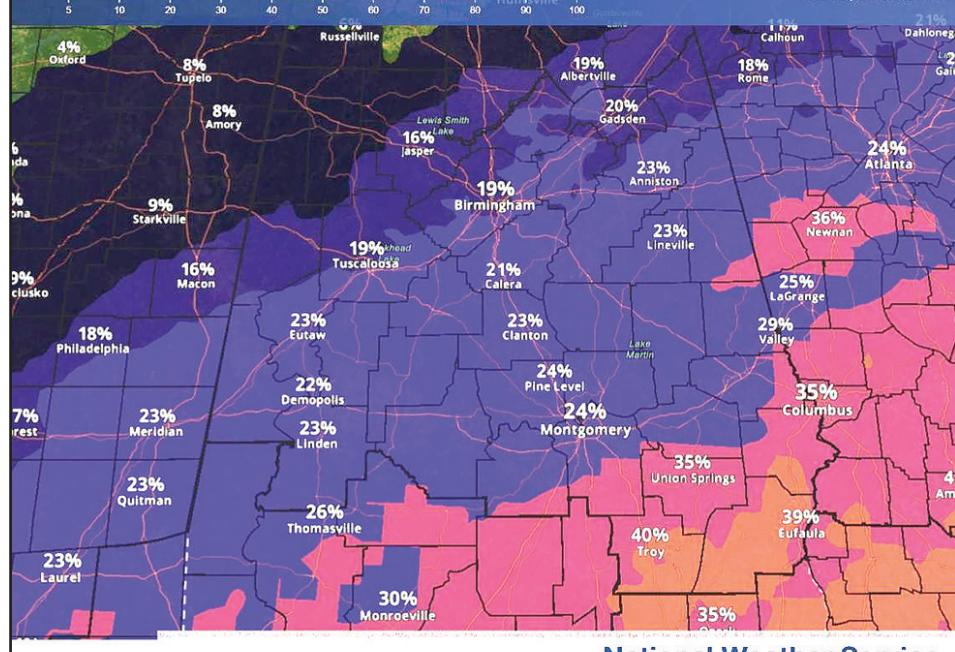
of Mexico as the cold air arrives. If that system strengthens, it could draw additional moisture into Alabama and increase the potential for accumulating snow. The stronger the low-pressure system becomes, the greater the chance for measurable snowfall.

Meteorologists caution residents not to rely on social media graphics showing extreme snowfall totals, noting that forecast models are still struggling to resolve the exact track and strength of the system. Current snowfall probabilities are based on blended guidance from multiple weather models used by the National Weather Service.

Temperatures across the state will remain well below normal through early next week. Thursday is expected to be cold and breezy, with highs in the 30s across north Alabama and 40s elsewhere. Wind gusts of 15 to 25 mph will make conditions feel colder, with overnight lows dropping into the 20s.

Friday will bring milder daytime temperatures, ranging from the upper 40s in the north to the mid-60s along the coast, followed by lows in the 30s and 40s. Saturday highs are forecast in the 40s across northern areas and near 60 in the south, with overnight lows falling into the teens in north Alabama and lower 30s near the coast.

Sunday is expected to be the coldest day of the period, with highs only in the lower



30s in the north and mid-40s near the coast. Morning lows will be widespread in the teens and lower 20s. Cold conditions continue into Monday and Tuesday, with highs generally in the 40s north and 50s south before cooling again Tuesday.

Residents are encouraged to stay updated on the forecast as confidence increases over the next several days. Residents are also encouraged to drip water faucets to prevent ruptures when the temperatures drop below freezing.

## Chick-fil-A restaurant coming to Highway 77

By Kaitlin Hoskins  
News Editor

Popular southern chicken restaurant Chick-fil-A is moving forward with plans

to add a second restaurant in Gadsden following action by the Gadsden City Council.

During its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, the council approved an agreement with

the popular fast-food chain to develop a new location along Alabama Highway 77 near Interstate 59 at Airport Road, city officials confirmed.

The proposed site sits on

roughly three acres of city-owned land adjacent to the Church of the Highlands campus. Under the terms of the agreement, Chick-fil-A will construct its restaurant on approximately 1.7 acres

and is required to begin building within 30 months.

City leaders noted that the project does not include any tax abatements.

Chick-fil-A previously operated a location inside

the Gadsden Mall, which closed in 2023.

The Atlanta-based chain operates more than 3,000 restaurants nationwide, including over 60 locations in Alabama.

## Local native lands administration role at CVEC



JACKIE BREHM EDMONDSON

Jackie Brehm Edmondson has stepped into the role of manager of marketing and member services for Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC). She brings three decades of experience in public relations, marketing, journalism and community engagement to the position.

At CVEC, Edmondson is responsible for developing and implementing marketing programs for the Coosa Valley family of service companies, including Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative, Coosa

Valley Propane and Coosa Valley Technologies. She will also lead Member Services initiatives aimed at continuing strong relationships between CVEC employees and the cooperative's members.

"Jackie's experience, leadership and passion for serving communities make her an exceptional addition to our team," said Jon Cullimore, general manager of CVEC.

Edmondson is a graduate of Troy

University, where she earned a degree in public relations and print journalism. She launched her career as a lifestyles reporter for newspapers in Alabama and North Carolina before transitioning into public relations (PR).

Her first professional PR role was with the Richmond County School System in North Carolina, where she served as director of public relations and volunteerism. After three years, she returned to her home state of Alabama to join The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Gadsden as manager of internal communica-

tions and public relations, a position she held for 13 years. She then spent a decade at Gadsden State Community College as director of public relations and marketing.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Edmondson has been widely recognized for her extensive community service. She is currently on the Public Relations Committee for the Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama.

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Little Caesars

**HOT-N-READY**  
PIZZA

# NEWS

## Area students earn college honors and degrees

Several local students were recently recognized for academic achievements at Troy University and Samford University during the Fall 2025 semester.

Troy University announced students who completed graduation requirements during the Fall 2025–2026 academic year. Local graduates include Evan Oliver of

Rainbow City and Tara Cunningham of Gadsden.

Troy University also released its Chancellor's List for Fall Semester and Term 2, honoring full-time undergraduate students who earned a 4.0 grade point average. Those recognized include Isabella Edmondson of Glencoe, Aislyn Godfrey of

Rainbow City, Taylor Gray and Samineyen Blount of Gadsden, Christopher Rains of Attalla, and Zachary Stanford of Boaz.

In addition, Samford University named 2,575 students to its Fall 2025 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours. Local honorees include Judd

Malone, Jake Malone, Kimberly Cornelius, Garrett Shoars, Jillian Shoars, and Albert Theriot of Gadsden; Joanna Rayburn, Paige Martin, and Lauren Weaver of Rainbow City; Jason Knowles and Samuel Pence of Southside; Biak Chin Sung of Altona; and Kinsleigh Akins and Ella Ford of Gallant.

## Blood clots pose health risk; experts urge awareness

Blood clotting is a natural and necessary process that helps the body heal after injury, but when clots form improperly and do not dissolve, they can block blood flow and lead to life-threatening complications, according to medical experts. Nationally, blood clots contribute to a death approximately every six seconds in the United States.

Dr. Kerri Bally, a pulmonologist with Etowah Pulmonology Associates, said blood clots can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender, though certain factors significantly increase risk.

"Clots can occur suddenly, leading to a lack of blood flow," Bally said. "The impact can be severe and, in some cases, fatal. Early recognition and treatment are critical."

Risk factors include pregnancy, cancer treatment, major surgery, and prolonged hospitalization. Additional contributors include obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking, a family history of blood clots, and being over the age of 60.

Symptoms of blood clots vary depending on where they form. Pain is common at the site of the clot and may occur in the arm, leg, or abdomen. Sudden swelling in one limb — particularly if it is warmer or redder than the other — may also signal a problem.

One of the most common types of clots, deep vein thrombosis (DVT), typically forms in the large veins of the legs or arms. The danger with DVT is that a clot can travel to the

lungs, causing a pulmonary embolism.

Pulmonary embolisms can present with symptoms such as chest pain that worsens with deep breathing, shortness of breath, coughing up blood, rapid or irregular heartbeat, or a sudden increase in pulse rate. In some cases, sudden death may be the first symptom.

Medical professionals urge individuals experiencing these warning signs to seek immediate medical attention. Diagnostic testing, including imaging scans, can help determine the cause of symptoms, and certain clot-dissolving medications may be effective if administered within hours of symptom onset.

Prevention, Bally said, begins with understanding and managing personal risk factors. Regular movement is one of the most effective ways to reduce clot risk, particularly after long periods of sitting, travel, or surgery. She recommends standing and stretching frequently, flexing the legs and feet while seated, and considering compression garments during extended immobility.

Patients preparing for surgery or those with elevated risk factors should discuss preventative strategies with their healthcare provider, including whether medication is appropriate.

Maintaining overall cardiovascular health also plays a role in prevention. Doctors advise eating a heart-healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight, managing stress,

and controlling chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol.

Gadsden Regional Medical Center, a 346-bed acute care hospital serving Etowah County, offers inpatient and outpatient services and is accredited by The Joint Commission. The hospital provides specialized care in cardiology, pulmonology, sleep medicine, and stroke services.

Residents seeking more information or a primary care provider can schedule appointments online through the medical center's website.

*Submitted by Will Mackey, Marketing Director, Gadsden Regional Medical Center*

### HAPPENING TODAY

#### Unity Parade set for Friday

The 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Parade will take place Friday, Jan. 16, along Broad Street in Gadsden.

The parade is themed "American Freedom: Re-ignite the Dream" and

is intended as a community celebration of unity, hope, peace and love.

Parade lineup will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the old YMCA parking lot, with the parade scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Caring 4 Justice Cause Charity Foundation.

For more information, contact CiCe Curry at 256-467-3780 or by text at 256-441-0706.

#### Mardi Gras Parade set for Feb. 7

The Krewe of Rowdy Revelers will present a Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at 4 p.m. The parade will feature floats, beads and music along Broad Street in Gadsden.

Entry fees vary by participation type and include \$15 per horse (refuse catch bags required), \$25 for walking-only krewes or groups, \$30 per classic car group or club, \$50 for floats or float sponsors, \$75 for business signage entries and \$150 for corporate entries.

Those interested in participating can sign up online at: <https://docs.google.com/form/s/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkgWGDsLk17qCmeEAst9bUlp78zO-us1WDLpe7qyl5x4ltvg/viewform>.

For more information, contact Deborah Miller at 205-359-0375 or deborahmiller72@outlook.com.

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She is also on the Worlds of Work of East Alabama Planning Committee. She has served as board president for the United Way of Etowah County, the Boys and Girls Club of Gadsden/Etowah and the Alabama Community College System Public Relations Association. Her involvement

with the Chamber of Commerce of Gadsden/Etowah has included leadership of the Excellence in Education Committee and service on the Existing Business and Growth Committee and the Leadership Etowah Committee. She has also contributed her time to the Gadsden Public Library Foundation, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer

Society Relay for Life and the American Red Cross.

Her dedication to service has earned her numerous honors, including recognition as a Super Citizen by the Liberty Legacy Foundation and Attalla Elementary School, the Beverly Burton New Board Member of the Year by the Alabama Area Council of the Boys and Girls Clubs and Woman

of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama.

Edmondson lives in Glencoe with her husband, Todd. They are parents to Sarah Kate, 22, and Mary Elizabeth, 20.

Coosa Valley Electric serves 18,500 consumers in Talladega, St. Clair, Shelby, Clay, Etowah and Calhoun counties.

earned ASCAP Song of the Year honors. Her work has also been recorded by artists including Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire, Tim McGraw, Martina McBride, Parmalee, and Katharine McPhee.

Haury brings his own extensive catalog and experience, with collaborations and recordings by several well-known country artists. The evening promises a behind-the-scenes look at the songwriting process and a night of music and storytelling celebrating the craft of country songwriting.

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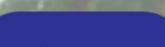
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# LIFESTYLE

## To live not knowing



*Arranging  
the  
Pieces*

Tabitha Bozeman

This week, I have turned the heaters on and off in the house. We've piled on layers of sweater and jackets, and stripped right back down to short sleeves the next day. It is January in Alabama, the time when we live in the space between seasons, not knowing from one week to the next what to expect, and the unknown plays a big role in getting ready for work and school each day. Spring semester is off to a great start, and with it, a new literature class. Literature often forces us to sit with the disconcert of contradiction and the unknown.

This matters for all of us in today's noisy, polarized, scary world.

This week, I was getting ready for literary analysis class that acknowledges complexity and how more than one thing can

be true at the same time. This can be a very uncomfortable truth to acknowledge. It is so much easier to believe there is only one right answer on a test question, or that there is only one correct way to view a situation.

Tolerating the discomfort of not knowing what to think without rushing to a conclusion is a skill, not a failure.

Gilda Radner said "Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Delicious Ambiguity." As I read with my girls, on my own, and even with students, this is something we discuss frequently. Reading isn't about having all of the answers, but about paying attention to the details. It is about weighing all of the possibilities, braiding together the ones that fit, and coming up with new ideas and approaches to age-old questions and human experiences.

Reading teaches us how to listen without interrupting. It trains our minds to consider empathy instead of immediately demanding agreement. Reading allows us to experience complexity without chaos. Reading doesn't always hand us nice, neat answers, but it does provide space to sit with our questions. Without questions, there would

be no learning. Jiddu Krishnamurti described it like this: "There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning." If we cannot tolerate the uncertainty of the unknown, we cannot learn. If we cannot learn, we cannot fix what needs to be fixed.

Today, I intentionally make more time for reading than I have in the past. I used to have the luxury of time. I could just wait until I had nothing else to do, then I'd pick up a book. Life is so busy these days that I have to make time to read. If I don't it will fall by the wayside, usurped by chores and work and mindless scrolling. And, I cannot survive mentally and emotionally in the world around me right now without giving myself at least as much positive reading as negative — and the negative sneaks up in videos, e-mails, Facebook and Instagram Reels, TikToks, memes, headlines, blurbs.

The everyday experiences of so many around us right now are heavy and scary and unpredictable. There are those who believe they have all the answers and the right to strip others' rights. There are those who believe they cannot reason their own

beliefs and ideas, and so they take up those of the loudest around them. There are those who are terrified to rock the boat for fear of retribution, so they are quiet in their uncertainty. But, we don't need to be scared of uncertainty. Uncertainty spurs us to ask questions, and questions are how we learn and grow. Reading helps us consider questions and ideas and experiences that may be new and unfamiliar. It allows us to experience empathy for situations unlike our own. These are the skills necessary for a better world — not having all the answers. Richard P. Feynman says it this way: "I can live with doubt and uncertainty and not knowing. I think it is much more interesting to live not knowing than to have answers that might be wrong. If we will only allow that, as we progress, we remain unsure, we will leave opportunities for alternatives. We will not become enthusiastic for the fact, the knowledge, the absolute truth of the day, but remain always uncertain ... In order to make progress, one must leave the door to the unknown ajar."

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## Beginning of the Meighan Bridge



**Looking  
at the  
History**

Danny Crownover

Back in 1947, shortly after James E. Folsom took over as governor of Alabama, he made a tour of the state. He went with director Ward McFarland of the state highway department and the highway committee of the legislature to get firsthand information about the needs of highway and bridge construction in various counties.

When they came here, they were met by Gadsden's Lt. Gov. James C. Inzer, speaker William Beck of the House of Representatives and Etowah County representatives James Allen, E.L. Roberts and Edward B. Miller, Gadsden's mayor J.H. Meighan and associate commissioners Morris Ford and Robert McElroy and other interested parties.

Mayor Meighan, who acted as spokesman for the city officials, made the first official plea for a new bridge across the Coosa River, declaring that Gadsden offered one of the best examples of what improved traffic-ways can do toward building a community.

In launching the campaign for a new bridge, something that had been talked about for several years, the mayor said that 20 years ago the only crossing on the river was on the L. & N. Railroad bridge.

At that time there were a few small stores on the east side and a comparatively small number of homes. The population of East Gadsden was estimated at around 300.

In 1927, he said, the state built the Broad Street (Memorial) bridge at a cost of \$393,640.30. Two years later the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company located its dixie plant in East Gadsden and that section started building.

Business houses, a bank, a branch post office, schools, churches, small manufacturing plants, the Alabama School Of Trades, Starnes Park and Campbell Court with 250 dwelling units, the Gadsden Ordnance Shell Plant, Burns Park with 320 dwelling units, the Army Air Forces Depot, hundreds of new homes and 110 dwelling in Brookwood Addition soon followed.

The Alabama Power Company also announced the building of a \$14,000,000 steam power plant in East Gadsden. Goodyear started out with 750 employees and in 1947 it had 3,500.

The mayor also stated that he and his associates had reason to believe that a large industry would take over the shell plant and would provide an additional payroll of five million dollars a year...

within three or four years. He was speaking of the Allis-Chalmers plant which was in operation.

He said that Gadsden had experienced a phenomenal growth, and that the greatest part of it was on the east side, all of it largely the result of building the river bridge in 1927.

The state's investment of \$399,640.30 had been returned to the state treasury many times through the location of the Goodyear plant alone. The expansion had reached the point, he said, where the one bridge across the Coosa River was not adequate to take care of the traffic.

In March, 1946, state engineers made a traffic survey in Gadsden. It showed that in a 24-hour period, 14,884 vehicles crossed the river bridge, including 374 regularly scheduled buses, road buses on state highways.

(In August of 1968, Meighan Bridge had a traffic count of 27,000 vehicles per day while Memorial Bridge had 21,000.)

The mayor said that a year after that survey was made the traffic was much heavier and that there were times when traffic jams were of a serious nature. He pointed out, too, that in 1930 Gadsden's population was 24,042 and in 1940 it was 36,975. In 1946 a special census showed a population of 51,340 with 11,107 of that number residing in East Gadsden.

The mayor concluded with this statement: "I hope that the state will see fit

to invest in another bridge in Gadsden, which will not only take care of our present traffic needs but will also make possible further returns to our state treasury through revenues and additional employment to our people."

Since that meeting the city commission was able to furnish even more startling figures about the growth of the city and its need for a new bridge.

The bridge was finally built. On December 18, 1954, the bridge officially was dedicated, with Mary Spence Meighan and Lynn C. Meighan, granddaughters of the late mayor, cutting the ribbon to open the bridge to traffic. A short ceremony took place in a brisk, cold wind, with Congressman Albert Rains delivering the dedicatory address.

Following the speech by Rains, James E. "Big Jim" Folsom, governor-elect, was introduced and spoke briefly on his association with Meighan. The wife of the late mayor, with son J. Herbert Meighan Jr., had the seats of honor on the speakers' platform.

Since Meighan Bridge opened, it has now become a traffic bottleneck. With six lanes approaching either sides of the 4-lane bridge, public officials are now planning a whole new bridge over the Coosa River with more lanes.

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## Hope starts here: Share a meal, share love



**ECHOES  
FROM THE  
KITCHEN**

Samantha Hill

In a world that often feels divided, I've found solace in moments of unity and kindness. From a young age, God instilled in me a love for serving others; so much so, that I chose to enroll in ministry school for missions and outreach. That decision changed my life; it led me to my calling.

One of the most impactful experiences was serving alongside the incredible team

at Mercy Chefs. They taught me what it truly means to feed others, not just with food, but with love and hope. In those kitchens, I learned that a warm meal can be more than nourishment; it can be a lifeline, a reminder that someone cares.

I'll never forget one particular dish: Chili Mac. It was simple, hearty, and comforting, a warm bowl that felt like a hug for people who had lost everything. Watching someone take that first bite and seeing their shoulders relax, their eyes soften; that's when I understood the power of food. It's not just about flavor; it's about healing, dignity, and connection.

That season planted a seed in me that continues to grow today. Every time I step into the kitchen, I'm reminded of the power a simple meal has to bring comfort and connection. If you know someone who's hurting, consider sharing a dish with them.

It doesn't have to be elaborate, just made with love. Sometimes, that small gesture is all it takes to remind someone they're not alone. And if you feel led to do more, visit Mercy Chefs online and discover how you can help bring hope to those in need.

### Comforting Chili Mac

1 lb. ground beef  
1 small onion, diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce  
1 can (15 oz) diced tomatoes  
1 can (15 oz) kidney beans, drained and rinsed

2 cups beef broth  
2 Tbsp chili powder  
1 tsp cumin  
Salt and pepper to taste  
2 cups elbow macaroni (uncooked)  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

### Instructions:

1. In a large pot, cook ground beef over medium heat until browned. Drain excess fat. 2. Add onion and garlic; sauté until softened.

3. Stir in tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, beans, beef broth, chili powder, cumin, salt, and pepper. Bring to a simmer.

4. Add macaroni and cook until pasta is tender (about 10-12 minutes), stirring occasionally. 5. Remove from heat and stir in cheddar cheese until melted and creamy. 6. Serve warm; preferably with a side of cornbread and a smile!

Samantha Hill graduated from Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts with a Culinary Arts degree. Samantha was the sous chef at Gadsden Country Club for two years, but is currently an assistant bakery manager for Publix.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 3 Councilman Larry Avery will conduct a community meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Carver Community Center located at 1030 Tuscaloosa Avenue.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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# DEVOTIONALS

## A lesson from Memaw's kitchen



My maternal grandmother's birthday was this past week. I called her Memaw. She grew up in the deep South and had the Southern accent to prove it. She had a perfect way of stretching out single-syllable words and knew exactly when to throw in a "bless your heart." She and Governor Ivey could have been voice twins.

My birthday is in January, too, along with her son—my uncle. It was tradition for Memaw to make a yellow cake with homemade fudge icing for us. She always garnished it with pecan (pronounced /puh-KAHN/) halves in concentric circles around the top of her two-layer delicacy. It is a tradition I have missed now for almost 20 years since she went to Gloryland. I have tried many times to make the cake the same way she did, but nobody makes it like Memaw.

There's something legendary about the way our grandmothers cook. They don't always need fancy gadgets or culinary de-

grees—just a pinch of this, a dash of that, and a whole lot of love. Which reminds me of a story I shared last year.

It was 1993, and my sister was a newlywed, determined to impress her husband with a breakfast-for-dinner. She hadn't cooked much beyond college mac-and-cheese, but how hard could biscuits and gravy be?

She laid out her ingredients and started with biscuits, following the recipe on the flour bag. Feeling unsure, she called Memaw for guidance.

"Hey Dahlin,'" Memaw answered in her sweet Southern drawl. "Whatcha doin'?"

"I'm cooking breakfast for dinner and need your help," Sister said. "The recipe on the flour bag calls for baking soda and baking powder, but I don't have any powder."

"Honey, just add a little extra soda. It'll be fine."

So my sister grabbed the box of baking soda from the freezer—the one meant to absorb odors—and tossed in two teaspoons. Following Memaw's instructions, she cut in the Crisco, added buttermilk, kneaded the dough, and rolled it out. With no biscuit cutter, she used a juice glass just like Momma did, and popped them in the oven.

Next came the grits. With Memaw still on the phone, she boiled water and measured as told, but paused over the printed directions. "Memaw, the box says 'yield:

two cups.' What's yield?"

"Oh, I don't know, Sugar, I always leave that out of mine."

Satisfied, she dumped in the grits and let Memaw go. She fried the bacon, scrambled eggs, and pulled the biscuits from the oven—oddly yellow and hard as bricks. She was crushed.

When her husband came home, sensing how hard she had worked, he bravely ate a tough yellow biscuit (with a hint of freezer burn), extra-crispy bacon, and rubbery eggs. The saving grace? Perfectly buttered grits.

He complimented the grits, and to this day, that's how we fix them—just like Memaw—without the yield.

My sister had worried about the "yield"—the exact measurement the recipe would make. But, Memaw reassured her that it wasn't necessary—she always left it out and they came out fine. This reminds us of God's Grace: we don't have to "measure up" perfectly—or even understand the directions—to receive His love. As 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness (ESV)."

God doesn't require us to meet some spiritual "yield" before He helps us. Paul tells the Corinthians that God's Grace—His undeserved favor, love, and strength—is enough for any mess we're in or trial we face. And Paul would know. When he

begged God to take away that pesky thorn, God basically said, "Nope, but here's some Grace. It'll do."

Just like Memaw's grits didn't need yield to be made with love, our lives don't need flawless measurements for God to work through us. He delights in taking what we have—our brokenness, our efforts, our obedience—and making something beautiful.

In fact, this passage shows us that when we are at our wits end—our weakest—that is when His power is on full display.

When we stop striving to measure up and simply trust Him, we experience the freedom of grace. And that is something we can shout from the rooftops!

Where in your life are you still trying to "measure up"? How can you rest in the truth that God's grace is enough for you today?

God's Grace is not based on the world's idea of strength or our own self-reliance, it is in humble dependency on a Faithful God.

So, if you're worried about measuring up this year, relax! God's grace yields everything you need. No fancy gadgets, no perfect recipe—just trust and obey.

And if anyone tells you otherwise, then bless their heart.

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## Praying for our leaders

BY MICHAEL BROOKS

The Roman god Janus was the god of two faces. A mature face looked back with reflection. A youthful face looked forward with anticipation. How fitting the first month of the year is named for him in the sense that we do both things.

I looked back at 2025 in my inaugural sermon this year suggesting we'll remember January 2025 with the images of two U.S. presidents.

Former president Jimmy Carter died shortly after Christmas in 2024 after celebrating his 100th birthday the previous Oct. 1. His funeral was conducted at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 9 last year. The simple gravesite for him and first lady Rosalynn Carter opened

to the public last July in Plains, Georgia.

Jimmy Carter was an humble Baptist deacon and Bible teacher. He taught adults at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains about 70 percent of the time in his retirement years before COVID-19. Andrew Greer published an anthology of these lessons last fall in his book, "More Than A President—Sundays With Jimmy Carter."

Maranatha has a simple church chores sign-up list as many rural churches do. For many years the Carters were on the volunteer list. Mrs. Carter would come on her assigned Saturday and clean the building, and President Carter would take his turn mowing the grass. I'd imagine he's the only president in history who mowed grass with Secret Service protection!

A few days after Carter's funeral, a new

president was inaugurated on Jan. 20. Grover Cleveland had been the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms as our 22nd and 24th chief executive, but Trump became our 45th and 47th president.

How might one describe President Trump? With respect, I don't think we'd call him humble, but would choose adjectives like "proud," "brash" and "unfiltered."

These two men are from different political parties and vastly different in so many ways, but they share one thing in common: they're elected officials Christians are exhorted to pray for.

During the early months of the Watergate crisis, televangelist Oral Roberts said, "No Christian has a right to criticize the president until he first prays for the president."

I think Roberts was correct.

Scripture doesn't tell us all we'd like to know about political engagement. Jesus didn't conduct a voter registration drive or sponsor a march on Jerusalem or Rome. It fell to the Apostle Paul to speak three simple principles: we obey civil authority, we pay taxes and we pray for all those in authority over us (Romans 13, 1 Timothy 2).

Modern church leaders do well to offer public prayers for our president and other leaders with frequency, reminding us all to do the same in daily devotion.

"Reflections" is a weekly faith column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church, Alabaster, Alabama. The church's website is [siluriabaptist.com](http://siluriabaptist.com).

### Weekly Bible Verse

**“ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. ”**

- 1 John 4:20-21 (King James Version)

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# OBITUARIES



**Eeron Danyale  
Graham Edwards**

**GADSDEN** - Eeron Danyale Graham Edwards, age 45, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on April 20, 1980, in Gadsden, Alabama.

Eeron was a woman whose life was defined by love, determination, and devotion to her family. She attended Emma Sansom High School before continuing her education at Jacksonville State University, where she proudly served as a cheerleader. She later attended Auburn University, where she graduated, and went on to Harrison Pharmacy School, reflecting her strong work ethic and commitment to helping others.

Eeron enjoyed reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Above all else, her greatest joy was her daughter, Tomee. Eeron cherished every moment with her, especially the simple comfort of snuggling together, which brought her unmatched happiness.

She is survived by her loving husband of 23+ years, John Edwards; her beloved daughter, Tomee Edwards; and her parents, Aaron and Debra Graham; Brother, Dray Graham, and all of whom will forever cherish her memory.

A visitation will be held Friday at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Gadsden. A funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m., with Bro. Mat Alexander officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Collier-Butler Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Bo Arthur, Cory Brown, Tom Clanton, Jared Edwards, Dray Graham, Nick Myers, Jason Plunkett, Jeramey Shoffitt, Paul Cunningham Jr., Luke Peek, and Riley Edwards.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Westbrook Christian School, First Baptist Church of Gadsden, Gadsden Regional Medical Center; Rana Davis; Dr. Andy Vann; Dr. David Spigel; Dr. Castillo Elquis; ProHealth Hospice; and the Sarah Cannon Research Institute for their compassionate care, support, and dedication shown to Eeron and her family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Eeron Edwards Memorial Fund (donation options to be announced at later time), honoring Eeron's passion for education and her lasting legacy.

Eeron's life, though far too short, was filled with love, grace, and meaning. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

**Carmen Marie Douglas**

**ATTALLA** - Carmen Marie Douglas, born on November 15, 1982, in Alabama, passed away on January 8, 2026, at the age of 43. Carmen was a resident of Attalla, Alabama.

**Candace Shropshire**

**CARTERSVILLE, GA.** - It is with deep sympathy we announce the passing of Candace Shropshire of Cartersville, GA, who transitioned on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the age of 38. We ask that you keep her family

and friends in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult time.

Candace R. Shropshire was born on October 20, 1987 to the union of the late Thomas Shropshire and Claudette Chatman in Gadsden, Alabama.

Candace was loved and cherished by so many and she was crazy about her kids and family. She was always laughing, dancing, eating and acting silly. Candace was full of life, to know her was to love her.

Candace was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Shropshire; grandparents, Alva J. Chatman and Joe Chatman, Attalla, Alabama; James (Katie) Shropshire, Gadsden, Alabama.

On January 5, 2026, she gained her heavenly wings in the comfort of her home in Cartersville, GA.

Candace leaves to cherish her many memories her daughter, Olivia Shropshire, Cartersville, GA; son, Jacob Brown, Cartersville, GA; mother, Claudette Chatman, Cartersville, GA; sisters, Tiffany Chatman, Adairsville, GA, Cedricia Williams, Cartersville, GA, Thomas Shropshire, Gadsden, AL; brothers, Antonio Shropshire, Torron Shropshire, Galan Hoyt, all of Gadsden, AL; uncles, Brien Chatman, Arrington, TX, Everett Chatman, Howma, LA; great-uncle, James (Cynthia) Mitchell, Atlanta, GA; great-aunt, Estell Mitchell, Gadsden, AL; special friend, Kristy Richardson, Cartersville, GA, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services to be announced at a later date.

Services to

# OBITUARIES

## William Rodney Martin

**GLENCOE** - William Rodney Martin, age 72, of Glencoe, Alabama, passed away on January 6, 2026.

Rodney was born to William O. Martin and Imogene Martin, both of whom preceded him in death. He was employed by Goodyear Tire and Rubber for many years. He spent his life devoted to his family and will be remembered for his quiet strength, steady presence, and the love he had for those closest to him.

He is survived by his children, Charlie Martin (Ashley) and Laura Hood (Blake); and his beloved grandchildren, Reagan, Mallory, Charlotte, and Henry, who were a great source of joy and pride in his life.

Rodney was preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia Martin; his brother, Michael Martin; and his parents, Wil-

liam O. Martin and Imogene Martin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Crestwood Funeral Home.

The family would like to express special thanks to the MICU staff at Gadsden Regional Medical Center for their continuous support, dedication, and compassion.

Rodney will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who William Rodney Martin, age 72, of Glencoe, Alabama, passed away on January 6, 2026.

## Savannah Ruth Coffey

**ROCKLEDGE** - Savannah Ruth Coffey, age 92 of Rockledge, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at her residence.

She is survived by her children; Diana (Greg) Pate, Lynn (Anthony) Rowan, Judy (Jimmy) Calvert, Scott (Lee) Coffey, Teresa (Kevin)

Marshall, sister; Sandra Oliver of Gadsden, 9 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her dear husband of 52 years; Vandel Coffey, parents; Auby and Lula Hallmark, grandson; Chris Pate, and brothers and sisters.

Special thanks to Dr. Debora Reiland and staff, Enhabit Home Health & Hospice of Gadsden, caregiver Melissa Williams, Rachel Epperson, and Tammy Sauls

She dearly loved her grandchildren and loved for them to come visit and spend time with her. She was an avid Alabama Fan and she loved to cook.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Enhabit Hospice and St. Jude's Hospital.

A Private Graveside Service will be at Hillcrest Cemetery. Bro. Rickey Hall will be officiating. Pallbear-

ers will be Matt Mosley, Heath Rowan, Zachary Coffey, Aden O'Rourke, Jason Rowan, and Scott Coffey.

## Scott Swary

Scott Swary, born on April 28, 1964, passed away on January 10, 2026, at the age of 61.

## Todd Wright

**GADSDEN** - With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Todd Wright on January 7, 2026, at the age of 60. Todd was born on

January 27, 1965, in Gadsden, Alabama, and lived a life devoted to hard work, integrity, and family.

Todd began working at Wright Hearing Center at the age of 16, a business founded by his father and later took over ownership.

Todd worked alongside his two sons who continue to help run the business today.

Todd was also active in the hearing industry, serving on multiple professional boards. He also proudly served nine years in the United States Army. Known for his strong work ethic and dependability, always taking pride in providing for those he loved. Outside of work, he enjoyed boating, fishing, spending time at the beach, cheering on Alabama football, and listening to music—especially Kenny Chesney. He especially treasured time spent with his wife and grandchildren.

Above all, Todd was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He was known for his steady presence, kindness, and willingness to help others.

Todd was preceded in death by his parents, Sharon Gale Pfister and Clarence W. Wright, and his sister, Marie L. Hendrix.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Brenda E. Wright; his children,

Joshua Wright (Carlie Theodoroy), Matthew Wright (Jackie); his grandchildren, Hayes Wright, Griffin Reeves, Ellis Wright, and Jack Wright; and his brother, James Warren Wright (Dana), special Mother-in-Law, Frances Nelson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service celebrating Todd's life was held on January 11, 2026, at Collier-Butler Funeral Home. Burial followed at Williams Southside Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital. The family extends special thanks to Rich and Sarita Tanner, Rosa and Corey Foster, and Tammy and Daryl McClure for their support.

Todd will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

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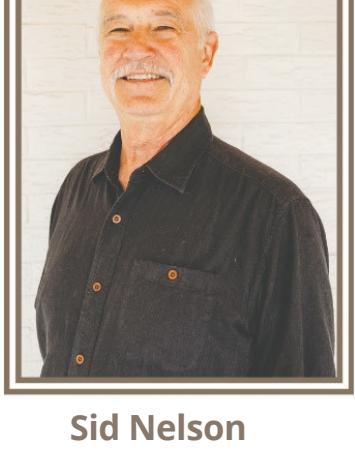
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# SPORTS

## SHS tennis team honored at state championship ring ceremony

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

Sardis High School Principal Josh Wallace and Assistant Principal Mattie Cofield welcomed family members, friends and fans to the state championship ring ceremony for the Sardis High School girls tennis team on Jan. 6, 2025.

Wallace offered a special welcome to Dr. Alan Cosby and members of the Etowah County Board of Education in recognition of their attendance and continued support throughout the season.

Under the direction of head coach Amanda Johnson, who recently completed her 12th season with the Lions, along with assistant coaches Evan Johnson and Dustin Young, the team finished the 2025 season with a perfect 20-0 record. The Lions claimed tournament championships at Russellville and Pell City and captured the AHSAA Section 6 Tournament title, sweeping all nine events and scoring a record 84 points.

At the 2025 AHSAA Class 4A-5A Girls State Tournament, the Lions totaled a school-record 65 points and won the state championship by 23 points.

The team produced two singles state champions, one singles state finalist and two doubles state champions. Sardis was the only public school girls team to win a state championship since the AHSAA combined the 4A and 5A classifications in 2015.

Members of the SHS state championship team include:

Callie Rae Bonds — No. 1 singles sectional champion and state finalist; No. 1 doubles sectional champion and state finalist

Jayden Johnson — No. 2 singles sectional champion and state quarterfinalist; No. 1 doubles sectional champion and state champion

Taylor Johnson — No. 3 singles sectional champion and state champion; No. 2 doubles sectional champion and state champion

Jesa Leigh Bonds — No. 4 singles

sectional champion and state champion; No. 2 doubles sectional champion and state champion

Landrey Johnson — No. 5 singles sectional champion and state quarterfinalist; No. 3 doubles sectional champion and state semifinalist

Libby Kate Talton — No. 6 singles sectional champion and state semifinalist

Julia Phillips — No. 3 doubles sectional champion and state semifinalist

Lila Bryant

During her tenure at Sardis, Johnson has led the Lions to eight Section 6 championships and eight appearances at the Class 4A-5A State Tournament, finishing among the top seven teams each year.

School leadership also extended special thanks to Corey Ray, president of First Bank of Boaz, for presenting the team with the state championship sign that will be displayed at the tennis complex and for the bank's continued support of the SHS tennis program.



## Sardis Middle School hosts county basketball tournament

By Karla McArthur  
Correspondent

Etowah County junior high basketball teams and coaches were recognized for strong performances during the county Junior High Basketball Tournament, hosted by Sardis Middle School from Jan. 6-10.

Hokes Bluff Middle School's eighth-grade girls basketball team, coached by Drew Hall, captured the county championship after defeating Sardis Middle School 34-30 in the final.

The Lady Eagles advanced to the championship game with a 29-26 overtime win against Rainbow Middle School.

Hokes Bluff finished the season 17-4, averaging 34.5 points per game while allowing 19.3 points per game. Baylee Rowland, Kylee Noles and Kelsie Holliday each scored more than 100 points during the season. Rowland, Noles, Holliday, Lilli Wood and Willa Neal were named to the all-county team. Jenna Staats was named the county tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Sardis Middle School's Ella Payne and Abby Sims were also named to the all-tournament team.

Rainbow Middle School's seventh-grade boys basketball team, led by head coach Landon Johnson and assistant coach Hudson Jones, defeated Sardis Middle School 45-25 to claim the county championship. Terry Bates, Baker Tubb, Owen Sigler and Andrew Estes were named to the all-tournament team. Bates was named tournament MVP.

The Panthers entered the tournament with a 14-6 record.

Sardis Middle School's seventh-grade girls basketball team, coached by Adam Lawrence with assistant Justin Terrell, defeated Rainbow Middle School 45-9 to win the county championship. The Lions entered the tournament with a 10-0 record. All-tournament team honors went to Abigail Lawrence, Addison Lawrence, Maci Clark and Brynlee Walker of Sardis and Charleigh Bellamy, Mallory Aaron and Sadie Carter of Rainbow. Sardis Middle School's Addison Lawrence was named MVP.

Sardis Middle School's eighth-grade boys basketball team, coached by David Burt, defeated Hokes Bluff 42-39 to secure the county championship. The Lions reached the final after defeating Gaston 51-15. All-tournament team honors went to Grayson Lee, Connor Clark, Rylan Garrett and Rylan Smith. Lee was also named MVP.

Other players named to the seventh- and eighth-grade all-tournament teams included Bryer Moore and Pacey Kidd of West End; Zane Bowen, Dasie Street and Jayanna Ayers-Baker of Gaston; Lukas Wagnon, Marcelo Juan Diego, Ridge Ranpey and Callie Cook of Glencoe; Tanner Hall, Christian Houston, Ellis Martin and Raynlee Daugherty of Rainbow Middle School; and Tate Simmons, Jaxon Ponder, Will Miller and Bryson Langley and Grayson Frytag of Hokes Bluff. Dax Wallace, Brady Rowan and Cash Gilmer represented Sardis Middle School.

Sardis Middle School made school history by advancing all four of its basketball teams to the county championship games.

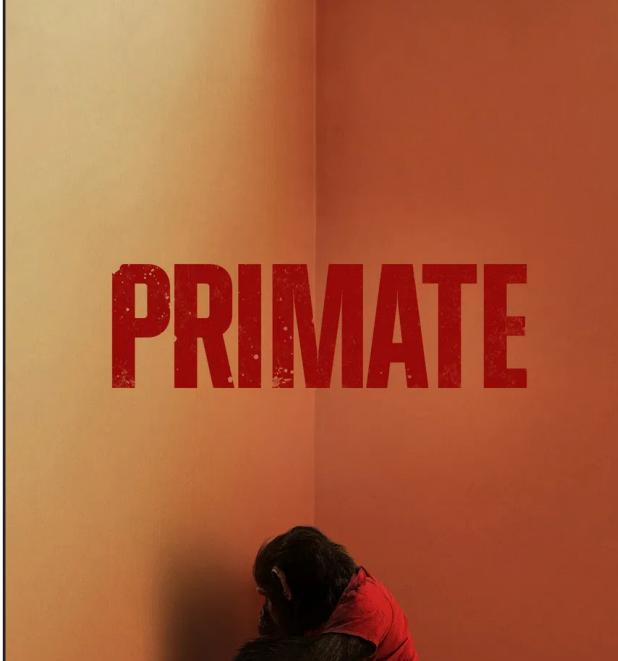
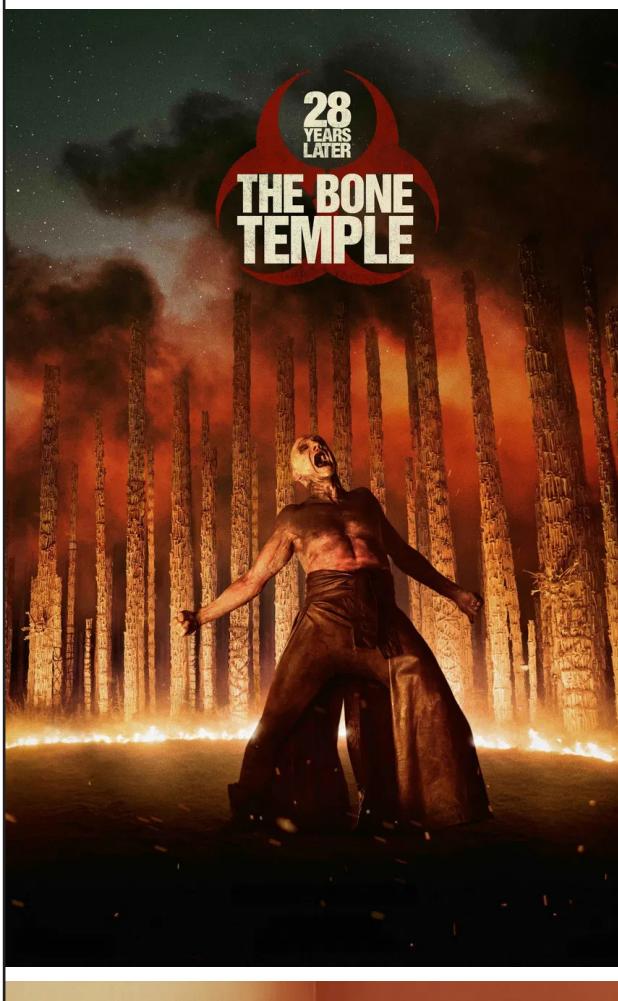
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Food City Fresh, Whole-In-Bag  
**Boston Butt**  
Per Lb.

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Fruitist, Jumbo Blueberries (9.8 Oz.) or Basket & Bushel  
**Jumbo Baking Potatoes**  
8 Lb.

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Selected Varieties  
**Eckrich Smoked Sausage**  
14 Oz.

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Selected Varieties  
**Coca-Cola Products**  
6 Pk., 16.9 Oz. Btls.

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Selected Varieties  
**Wright Bacon**  
24 Oz.

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Selected Varieties  
**Frito-Lay Multi-Pack Chips**  
8-12 Ct.

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Selected Varieties  
**Maruchan Instant Lunch**  
2.25 Oz.

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Deli Fresh, Mustard Potato Salad,  
Macaroni Salad or  
**Cole Slaw**  
Per Lb.

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Frozen, Selected Varieties, Boston Market Meals  
(13-15 Oz.), Marie Callendar's Pot Pie (10 Oz.),  
**Eggos Waffles or Pancakes**  
8.4-14.8 Oz.

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Selected Varieties  
**King's Hawaiian Rolls**  
12 Ct.

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Selected Varieties  
**Food Club Chunk White Chicken**  
5 Oz.

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Selected Varieties, Hormel Mary  
Kitchen Hash (14 Oz.) or  
**Dinty Moore Beef Stew**  
20 Oz.

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Selected Varieties  
**Food Club Condensed Soup**  
10.5-10.75 Oz.

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Selected Varieties  
**Little Debbie Snack Cakes**  
10.6-16.2 Oz.

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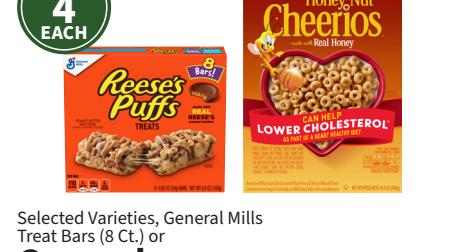
Selected Varieties, Lance Crackers (10 Ct.),  
Skippy Peanut Butter Wafer Bars (7.8 Oz.),  
Sargento Cheese Sticks (9-10 Oz.) or

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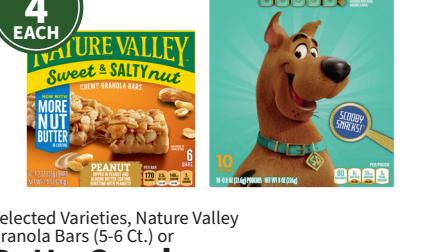
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**Mott's Applesauce Pouches**  
12 Pk.

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Selected Varieties, General Mills  
Treat Bars (8 Ct.) or  
**General Mills Cereal**  
10.4-11.7 Oz.

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Selected Varieties, Nature Valley  
Granola Bars (5-6 Ct.) or  
**Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks**  
6-10 Ct.

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Selected Varieties  
**Celsius Energy**  
12 Pk., 12 Oz. Cans

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Selected Varieties, Totino's Pizza Rolls (100 Ct.) or  
**Fruit2O Variety Pack**  
20 Pk., 16 Oz. Btls.

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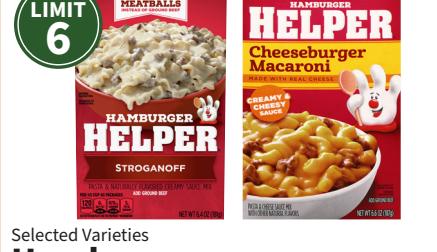
Selected Varieties  
**Smart Ones Frozen Dinners**  
6.49-11.5 Oz.

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Selected Varieties, Cinnamon Rolls or  
**Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits**  
5 Ct.

**2/\$ 3**  
With Card



Selected Varieties  
**Hamburger Helper**  
4.7-7.6 Oz.

**3/\$ 4**  
With Card



Selected Varieties, Propel Water (6 Pk., 16.9 Oz. Btls.),  
White Castle Sliders (4-6 Ct.), Motor City  
Pizza (22.43-29.44 Oz.) or  
**Tombstone Pizza**  
18.4-27 Oz.

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**Chuck Roast**  
Certified Angus Beef  
Per Lb.

ValuCard Price.....6.99  
Digital Coupon.....1.00

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COUPON

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10  
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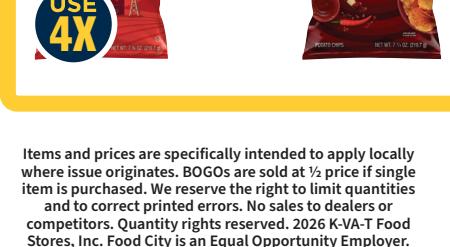
**Lay's Potato Chips**  
Selected Varieties  
5-8 Oz.

ValuCard Price.....2.99  
Digital Coupon.....1.00

FINAL  
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**Food Club Tomatoes**  
Selected Varieties  
14.5-15 Oz.

ValuCard Price.....0.99  
Digital Coupon.....0.50

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Cottonelle Bath Tissue (6 Mega Rolls),  
Flushable Wipes (42 Ct.) or  
**Scott Paper Towels**  
6 Double Rolls

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With Card



Selected Varieties, Deep Clean Laundry  
Detergent (75 Oz.), Power Sheets (35 Ct.) or  
**Arm & Hammer Laundry Detergent**  
100-105 Oz.

**6 99**  
With Card

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