WEATHER OR NOT





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Top: Gas lines were already starting to add up to a three- or four-car wait by noon Monday as locals prepared for predicted ice and snow over the next few days. Above right: Sara Lee employee Ty Whitfield stocks bread at the Ingles in Seneca. "Once I'm done stocking, the bread won't stay on the shelf for long," he said. Above: Lindsay Haldeman shops with her daughter Abigail during an unusual Monday rush at Ingles as multitudes of customers flocked to buy bread and milk in response to rumors of a potential 5 inches of snow by Wednesday afternoon.

FORECAST: Snow will

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"There will be a lull on Tuesday night in Seneca where the snow will appear to have stopped falling, but that's just a lull," he said. " will not be over Tuesday. T snow will pick up and beco heavier stuff Wednesday."

Lane said he expects the Oconee area to get about a

Forecast calls for snow, ice ecome 'heavier stuff'

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Forecasts of more wintry weather sent local residents scrambling to grocery stores for bread and milk and caused backups at Oconee gas stations Monday, and things are "only going to get worse," according to a National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologist.

Justin Lane of the NWS in Greer said the storm would likely begin with a light accumulation of snow by this evening and could turn into "heavier stuff" by Wednesday.

"Walhalla, Seneca and those close areas can expect rain mixed with light snow Monday night to Tuesday night," Lane said Monday. "There won't be a heavy accumulation until Wednesday."

In anticipation of the inclement weather, Anderson, Oconee and Pickens school officials announced late Monday that schools will be closed today.

The weather will continue to develop across the area coming from the North Carolina border where a "rough cutoff of the snow" will be determined by the falling temperatures, according to Lane.

"We are probably going to see a line where the snow cuts off between North Carolina and some Upstate areas," Lane said. "Seneca, Walhalla, those areas closer to the corner should get light snow Tuesday — nothing really to worry about until Tuesday night."

According to Lane, cold air filtering from the Northeast will cause temperatures to fall into tonight.

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inch of snow beginning today, but more accumulation could come by Wednesday.

"What should be 'emptying the bread aisle,' so to speak, is the second round that will come Tuesday night as te peratures continue to fall he said.

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