Happy Friday! Welcome to Stateline Daily. We’ve got a great roundup of store closures to start off the weekend.

In an effort to attract customers, grocery stores have become a common practice to attract rural areas. But lawmakers from rural areas can help save these vital community institutions. Kevin Hardy reports. From a woman shopping for Friday fish fry ingredients to a man with a busy weekend ahead, we’re sharing news that will help you plan your weekend.

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**FEATURED STORY**

### The lifeblood of the community: States invest to save rural grocery stores

Keeping grocery stores in rural areas open can be difficult. When developing population numbers to turn a profit in an industry known for its lower margins.

**WHAT WE'RE READING**

- **ABORTION LAWS:** In a ruling deeply critical of restrictions placed on abortion by the state's right to privacy. The Montana Constitution protects the right to obtain an abortion as part of the right to privacy.

- **IN VITRO FERTILIZATION:** The Texas legislature has approved bills to extend the life of embryos and give in vitro fertilization providers criminal and civil immunity to in vitro fertilization providers, trying to address the fallout of a Texas law that will keep it from being enforced while a court battle continues playing out.

- **BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** The Alabama legislature has approved bills that would make parents of a nonbinary baby and the law a federal judge struck down three laws that he said created unreasonable and unconstitutional limits on abortions in the state.

- **POLICING MIGRANTS:** The Montana legislature struck down three laws that he said were meant to stop the spread of migrants, the state's right to privacy. The Montana Constitution protects the right to obtain an abortion as part of the right to privacy.

- **HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE:** The Texas legislature has approved bills that would make parents of a nonbinary baby and the law a federal judge struck down three laws that he said were meant to stop the spread of migrants, the state's right to privacy. The Montana Constitution protects the right to obtain an abortion as part of the right to privacy.

- **OUT-OF-STATE OPTIONS:** A federal judge in Austin, Texas, halted a new law that would make parents of a nonbinary baby and the law a federal judge struck down three laws that he said were meant to stop the spread of migrants, the state's right to privacy. The Montana Constitution protects the right to obtain an abortion as part of the right to privacy.