

Bob Evans' newest: Handheld breakfast

If you're not familiar with the Bob Evans brand, you are missing out. My son and I first tried Bob's prepared macaroni and cheese, and have been hooked ever since. The macaroni is tender and there's a nice amount of cheese. Plus, it's better than any I have made at home.

Bob Evans side items and entrees are usually found in the refrigerated section of the grocery store, near the delicatessen or with the packaged entree and lunchmeat areas. The lines include things like beef, chicken and turkey breasts with gravy, mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, pasta and rice dishes.

They also offer a selection of breakfast items as well. Along with sausage, bacon, ham, breakfast bowls and breakfast sandwiches are the new Breakfast Bakes. The product is a play on hash browns, but they kicked it up a notch by making them a handheld item mixed with other breakfast foods. They come in Sausage, Egg & Cheese; Bacon, Egg & Cheese, and Southwest versions, and cost about \$4 for a box of four.

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If you're a fan of chewy fruit candies, you might be interested in Hershey's new Bites line. It includes unwrapped Jolly Rancher Soft Chewy Bites, Jolly Rancher Sours Bites and Twizzler's Fruity Filled Bites. They're sold in 10-ounce resealable pouches that cost about \$3.

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You wouldn't want to include these Easter treats in an egg hunt or a basket, but they would still make a sweet addition to your Easter celebration. In stores now are:

■ Reese's Peanut Butter Ice Cream Eggs made with



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peanut butter ice cream with a Reese's swirl, dipped in milk-chocolate-flavored coating.

■ Mounds Ice Cream Eggs made with coconut-flavored light ice cream with coconut mixed in, dipped in dark-chocolate-flavored coating.

■ Birthday Cake Bars made with vanilla cake flavored ice cream surrounded by light vanilla ice cream, coated with a cake crunch.

Good Humor products are sold at most major supermarkets, and some convenience stores. Single-serve items cost about \$1.30 each, and multipacks sell for about \$4 to \$4.50 a box.

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Cooksimple is a company that was founded by Keith Laurver, a man who wanted to eat healthier, as long as it was "tasty, easy and accessible." He designed the line to be beneficial for those who lack the time to cook at home, so prep time is minimal. Most of the meal kits are designed to be made in one skillet, which really does help.

The products come in a variety of flavors, including Tamale Pie, New Orleans Jambalaya, Skillet Lasagna, Asian Burgers, Cranberry Wild Rice, Punjabi Curry, Tibetan Dal, Cowboy Chili and White Bean Chili. The mixes are gluten-free, have no added sugars or preservatives, are made with natural and organic ingredients, and make a family-size portion that serves four or five people.

For product information, recipe variations or to order, go to TheHealthyPantry.com, where a box sells for about \$5.

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