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American culture wars began 100 years ago at Scopes Monkey Trial

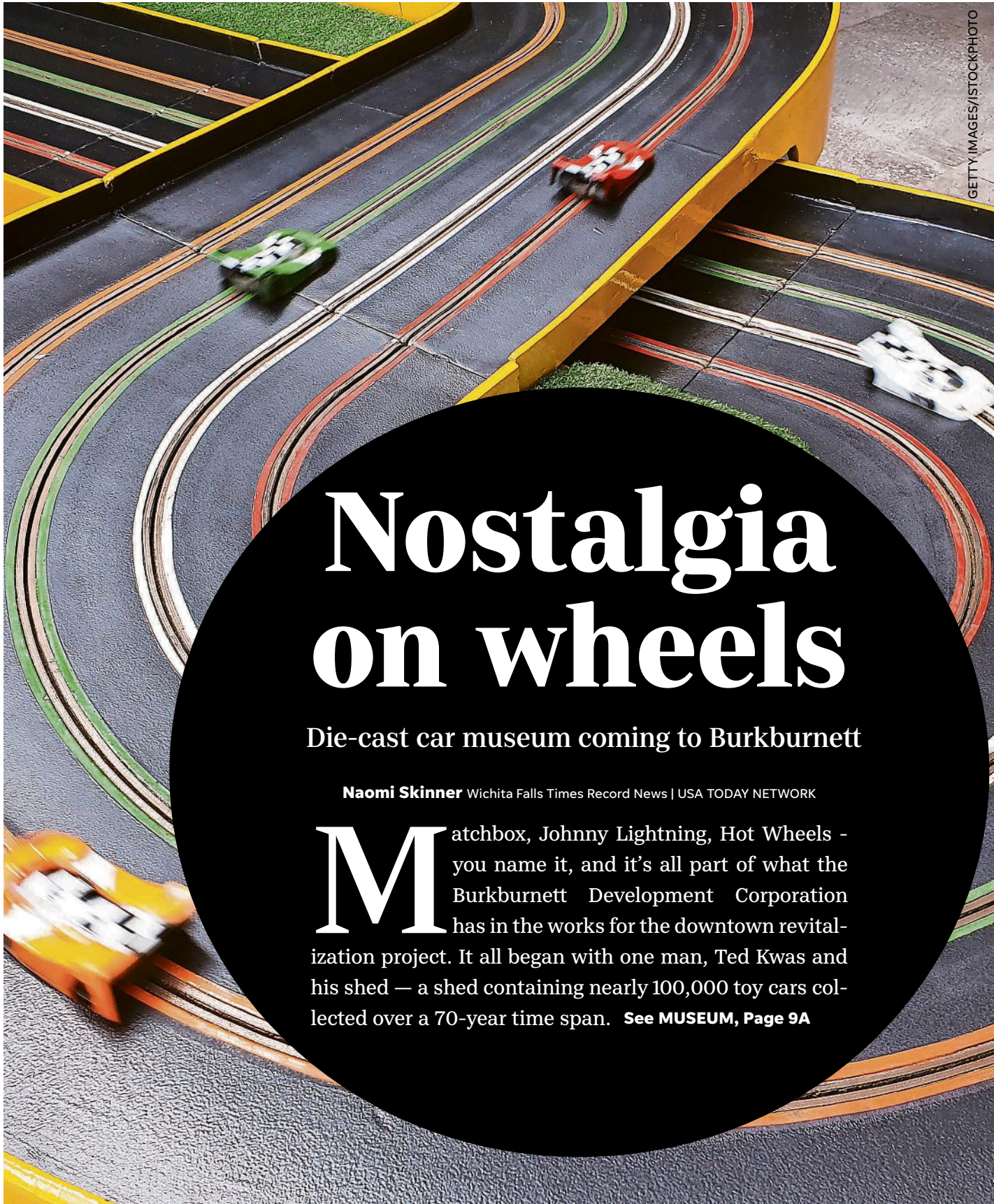


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## Nostalgia on wheels

Die-cast car museum coming to Burkburnett

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**M**atchbox, Johnny Lightning, Hot Wheels - you name it, and it's all part of what the Burkburnett Development Corporation has in the works for the downtown revitalization project. It all began with one man, Ted Kwas and his shed — a shed containing nearly 100,000 toy cars collected over a 70-year time span. **See MUSEUM, Page 9A**

## With little warning, man raced to save guests from flood at his RV park

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**CENTER POINT** — As rain fell in heavy sheets and the Guadalupe River muscled over its Texas banks with astonishing speed, David Chambers knocked on one door after another at his RV resort.

The once-idyllic RV park — named Guadalupe Keys Resort to evoke the laid-back vibe of the Florida Keys — boasted nine, fully furnished RVs for rent (each with its own barbecue pit), a small sandy beach shaded by towering cypress trees and lawn chairs for lounging and watching the gentle flow of the river.

At 6:50 a.m. local time on July 4, that same river was foaming and galloping — and headed their way.

"You got to get out!" Chambers yelled into one RV after another until all 15 people who had rented the units had evacuated.

Minutes later, the brown water had completely covered the park, flipping RVs upside down, smashing them against trees and stacking them in a corner of the park. The floodwaters pushed others miles downstream.

On July 7, Chambers sat on one of the



David Chambers, standing, JR Singley and Jeanny Mullen watch cleanup crews on July 7 at Guadalupe Keys Resort RV Park in Center Point. Chambers says he plans to rebuild the park, though he won't put RVs near the riverbank again.

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lawn chairs with friends and recalled the frantic moments when the river mauled his park. He was glad he was able to alert his residents and hustle them to safety.

But he — like others along the Guadalupe River corridor — said he was stunned not to have had better

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## Council to talk buses, rezoning, electric rates

Lynn Walker

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Wichita Falls city councilors will talk buses when they meet on Tuesday.

The council will consider buying two city buses for a total price of \$1,361,532 to replace two buses that will soon have 700,000 miles of use.

The meeting agenda says the buses will be eligible for state credits to pay for them.

Delivery time on the new buses is expected to be 18 to 20 months.

The council will also consider appropriating \$2,450,584 in federal and state funds to the city bus system. A

local match of \$308,202 is anticipated. The city also anticipates getting \$505,000 in revenue from the buses for Fiscal Year 2025.

Councilors are also scheduled to consider rezoning about 40 acres of land on Gregg Road near Southwest Parkway to allow developer Doug McCulloch to develop commercial and residential properties on the vacant land.

In other business, the council will consider:

- Suspending Oncor Electric's July 31 rate change request to provide time to study the request.
- Spending \$111,429 on computer workstations.

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