



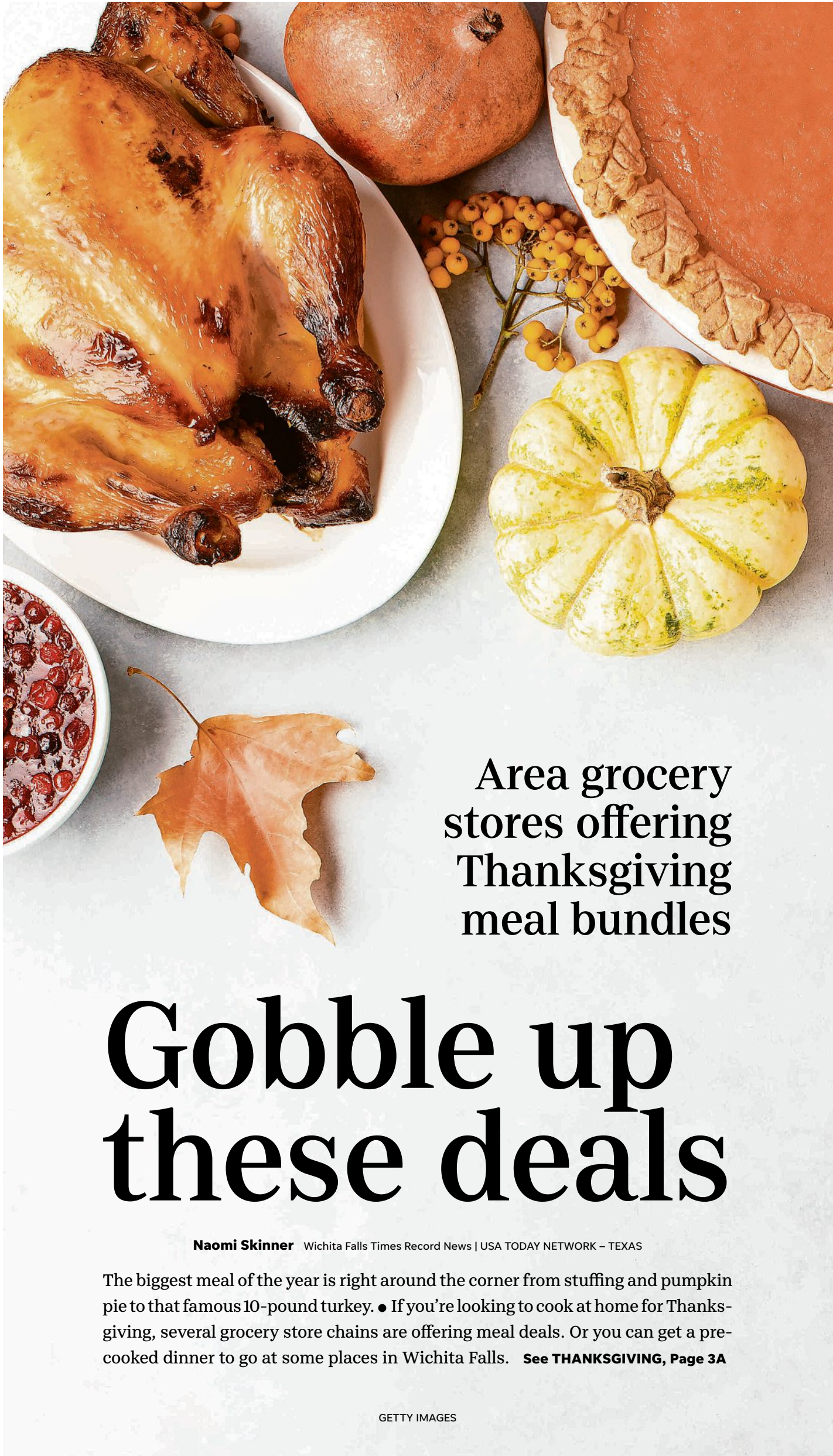
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Area grocery stores offering Thanksgiving meal bundles

Gobble up these deals

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The biggest meal of the year is right around the corner from stuffing and pumpkin pie to that famous 10-pound turkey. • If you’re looking to cook at home for Thanksgiving, several grocery store chains are offering meal deals. Or you can get a pre-cooked dinner to go at some places in Wichita Falls. **See THANKSGIVING, Page 3A**

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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

City Council set to vote on moving more funds

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The Wichita Falls City Council on Tuesday will vote on moving more money from the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce to Forward Wichita Falls.

FWF is a nonprofit whose website says it is “the forward motion driving Wichita Falls toward economic vitality and community prosperity.”

The meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Events Center, 1000 Fifth St. It is open to the public and will be streamed live on the city’s Facebook page.

Councilors will vote on moving \$200,000 from the Chamber of Commerce to FWF for “Downtown Marketing & Development.” The money would come from the city’s 4B Sales Tax Corporation, which is funded by sales tax revenue.

This comes after the council voted on Oct. 21 to allocate \$2.36 million to FWF and to defund the chamber, which had received \$1.46 million in the 2025 budget. The allocation came from the city’s 4A Economic Development Corporation, which is also funded by sales tax revenue.

This move would be the latest of several recent turnovers on the downtown development front.

In May, the not-for-profit Downtown Wichita Falls Development, funded in part through 4A and 4B tax money, fired its paid staff.

Board Chairman Dusty Potter said then that the organization’s economic development functions would be turned over to the Chamber of Commerce.

That was prior to Forward Wichita Falls taking over the Chamber of Commerce economic development functions.

With that source of funding cut off, Potter appealed to the 4B Sales Tax Corporation in October for \$75,000 to keep downtown festivals and events going.

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Survivors seek justice on Epstein files

Erin Mansfield
USA TODAY

Lisa Phillips felt sick to her stomach. She stood on the east side of the U.S. Capitol on a clear fall day as one woman after another described how Jeffrey Epstein sexually abused them. They were groomed as teenagers and

young women under the guise that they would just be providing massages to an older man. They said they were scared of saying anything for years. Phillips looked down at her phone, then across the way at her friends, then back to her phone. She took deep breaths. She adjusted her shirt, moved her shoulders back, and stood up tall.

Finally, she stepped to the podium. “I stand here today for every woman who has been silenced, exploited and dismissed,” Phillips said. “We are not asking for pity. We are here demanding accountability, and I’m demanding justice.”

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