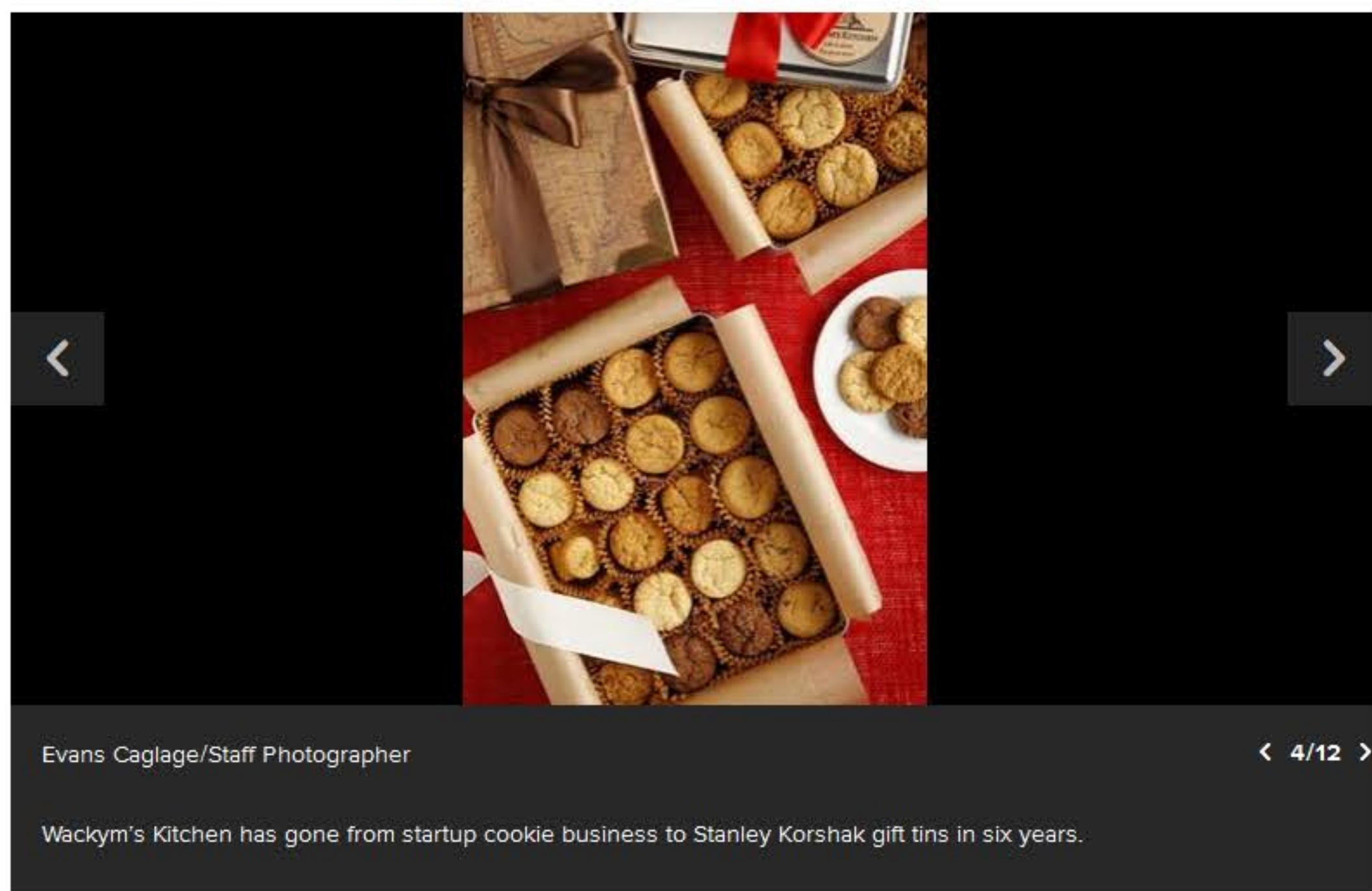


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Gift guide: Local fare for the foodie in your life

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Nothing makes foodies merrier than foodie gifts. Come to think of it, that goes for nonfoodies, too, who also appreciate a good chocolate bark or bourbon cream liqueur.

This year, we've assembled a great collection of local fare ripe for the giving. Yes, there's lots of chocolate, starting with items from chocolatier Kate Weiser's new place in Trinity Groves. You won't want to miss killer items from mavens Katherine Clapner (marshmallows with attitude) and Sue Williams (a sensualist's caramel lollipop). There are also some righteous caramels from Dallas Caramel Co., elegantly packaged cookies from Wackym's Kitchen, new Neiman Marcus baking mixes and, oh yeah, Rattlesnake Oil from the Texas Olive Ranch.

Check 'em out, whether you're stalking the elusive stocking stuffer or looking for a chocolate snowman that melts in a pot of milk to make hot chocolate. Seriously.

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Classy cookies

From a tiny artisan cookie business six years ago that sold at farmers markets, Paul Wackym's namesake Wackym's Kitchen graduates this year to Stanley Korshak gift offerings in elegant gift tins. The cookies, from popular Chocolate Snicker Doodle to seasonal Hot Apple Pie, fueled the success, along with Wackym's whimsical, conversation-starter hats. (I love his Hatch Chile Cheese Bites and Salted Caramel Chocolate Chip.)

Sold at farmers markets and in stores as diverse as Central Market and Jimmy's Food Store. Gift tins start at \$20; wackymskitchen.com.



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