Fall is here! Fall is here! Although it's difficult to tell in Texas as we go from Summer 1 to Summer 2, to Summer 3 to Winter! I am not a fan of Winter as I do not like cold weather, but I'll admit after this summer of heat, I'm game for a change of attitude and cooler temps. But it is Football season and that seems to bring some normalcy to my week. Whether you Hook 'em, Gig 'em, Wreck 'em, or any other countless ways to stick it to your adversary on the football field, we get to enjoy a few hours of sports tribalism and trash talking.

So, some city updates. ONCOR is done with putting poles in. Now the vendors who use the old poles are supposed to be getting their lines off and onto the new poles, so that the old poles can be removed. I am told this is a hurry up and wait game, so we shall wait.
FM 16 and CR 436 are now paved outside of the back gate. I have been working with our precinct county commissioner and the contractors throughout the process, and for the most part they have been helpful and receptive and inclusive on updates. It'll be a bit longer as the project was slated to be completed first part of 2027 if I recall correctly.

Fiber Optic. We are still working on getting it here and are reviewing different vendor proposals. You don't know what you don't know, and so it's good to ask questions and have few meetings. We want to make sure it's the best we can get for the service and price for all residents and members.
I want to thank the members of the Hideaway CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) for their dedication. On Tuesday September 22, 2026, the Smith County Commissioner's Court recognized them by proclamation, and our very own Dan and Joann Messina were front and center! Joann is very dedicated to our community and serves as our community emergency coordinator.
Also, there will be a continuation of the celebration of the city's 25th birthday on October 24, 2026, during the big community wide event for National Night Out here. Many details to come and in other articles in the paper.

If you haven't already, get those sports jerseys out, fridges stocked, grill fired up, and that brand new 105-inch flat screen ready for your favorite games! I don't have a 105-inch flat screen, but I'm hoping the first lady sees this and takes the hint.
Happy Fall Hideaway!