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TOP STORY

Business Beat: Longview insurance agency on the move

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Tomberlain Insurance has relocated after 43 years at 424 N. High St. in Longview. (Contributed Photo)

Tomberlain Insurance has relocated after 43 years at 424 S. High St. in Longview as it prepares for an upcoming merger with Rooker, Downing and Booth Insurance.

Tomberlain Insurance is now at 1811 Judson Road, where Rooker, Downing and Booth has made its home.

Tomberlain Insurance has been in business for more than 60 years.

“This move comes in anticipation of our upcoming merger with Rooker, Downing, and Booth Insurance, which is set to be finalized at the end of the year,” said Cole Tomberlain of The Tomberlain Insurance Group. “The new office location at 1811 Judson Road will not only provide a more convenient and accessible space for our clients, but also enable us to better integrate with our future partners.”

Rooker, Downing, and Booth clients will now be able to receive in-person service at The Tomberlain Insurance Group’s Hallsville office at 102 Willow St. or the agency’s Tyler office (Skeen Insurance) at 220 E Fifth St.

Townhome development

The Longview City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission have cleared the way for an almost 28-acre townhome development

The townhome subdivision would be on the south side of Page Road, east of Victor Drive. City officials approved a zoning change on the land from agriculture and single-family zoning districts to townhome zoning district.

Trent Tutt and his business partner, Stephen Hicks, are planning the development. Phase I would consist of 24 units that would be two-, three- or four-bedrooms, with two baths. All of them would have garages. Each would also have a backyard.

The units would be built in groups of two, three or four, Tutt told the Planning and Zoning Commission. The units will range in size from 1,200- to 1,600-square-foot

Tutt said a decision hasn’t been made about whether the units will be for sale or lease.

“We’re going to test the market and see what it holds,” he said to the commission.

Office, retail space

An office or retail development is expected to be built on a little more than an acre of land at the northeast corner of Estes Parkway and Eastman Road.

A zoning change recently was approved to shift the designation from agriculture to heavy commercial. Information presented to the city indicates the building will be about 4,000-square-feet.

Financial services office

The city of Longview has approved a zoning change on 1.5 acres at 1156 Hawkins Parkway.

The change clears the way for Forrest Williams to build a financial services office at that location. Williams is a financial advisor with Edward Jones whose office is currently on Bill Owens Parkway.

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