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## I-10 project has over year left

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During the July 20 regular meeting of the Sealy City Council at the W. E. Hill Community Center, TxDOT Engineer Clay Harris said the I-10 expansion project still has 14 months left before it is projected to be completed in the area.

"This is a three and half year project. We have about fourteen months left, is what we are estimating. Which would put us somewhere around August or September in 2022," Harris said.

Harris said they acknowledged how intrusive the project is to residents.

"We are sensitive to that and we are aware. We are doing everything we can to get the project built and also be mindful of the impacts that we are imposing on y'all's community," Harris said.

Sealy City Manager Warren Escovy said he has appreciated the communication between the city and TxDOT through the pandemic.

"Like you said, there is a lot of frustration that comes (with) some of the traffic delays and things. We will continue to work with TxDOT on that and some of the drainage issues in the area," Escovy said.

Barry Lynn, Owner and founder of Evlyn Properties and the developer of Evlyn Court condominiums, said he wanted to give status updates to the council. Lynn also said he wanted to speak on a subject that garnered a lot of attention.

"It is the pond. It has been described as a big hole. It is a detention pond. It was designed by professional engineers and approved by civil engineers," Lynn said.

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### BIBLE VERSE

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."  
— MATTHEW 11:30

### WEATHER

DAY	H/L/RAIN
Thursday	93/75/20%
Friday	93/75/35%
Saturday	94/75/17%
Sunday	95/75/9%
Monday	95/76/12%
Tuesday	95/76/20%
Wednesday	94/75/22%



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# The gift of friendship

*Friends of Sealy Legion continue to give back to community*

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Something exciting is going on at the Friends of the Sealy American Legion – and it goes beyond being the lucky person who gets to stand up and yell, "Bingo!"

While veterans groups across the country are struggling to stay in operation, American Legion Post 442 in Sealy is thriving, thanks to a little help from their friends.

This active group of community volunteers hosts weekly bingo, drive-through dinners and plenty of other family-friendly activities throughout the year – even through the pandemic.

Larry Kuciemba said the organization is open to anyone who wants to be involved in the community. 'Friends' aren't required to have served in the



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The Friends of the Sealy American Legion Post 442 – represented by Chuck Tomlinson, David Littmann, Pete Berckenhoff and Larry Kuciemba – presented a donation to Sealy Boy Scout Troop 548 Tyler Burgess in recognition of his achievement of Eagle Scout June 14.

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## FOLLOWING God's path Pregnancy Center supports families

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It has often been said that when God closes a door, He opens a window. For Patricia Penner, she followed where God was leading her after leaving the oil and gas industry and that path led her straight to helping young women and men deal with their pregnancies when others might be turning their backs on them.

Penner – the Sealy Pregnancy Resource Center Executive Director – said she had volunteered for 10 years at Houston Pregnancy Help Center in both the Fifth Ward and Downtown centers.

"I moved to Sealy that same year I retired from BP during the down-turn of the oil and gas industry. My husband encouraged me to see where God wanted me instead of returning to oil and gas. I started working on developing the structure of the center in 2014. LifeBridge Community Church offered us a home for the center," Penner said. "The congregation voted to build out the game room for the center. We opened our door in February 2016."

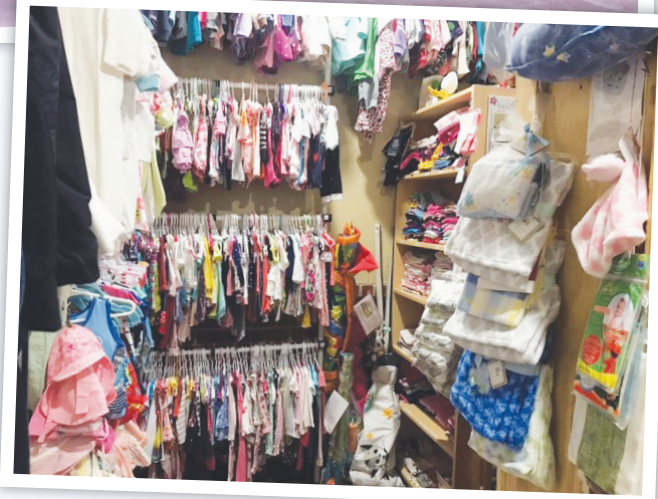
Penner said her role as the executive director could be described in one word – busy.

"I have never seen God work in so many amazing, wonderful ways as I have seen here. Organizations, churches and people in the community come together in supporting these young ladies and young men. It's a lot to juggle, but what I have learned is that everyone has their role and journey. The key is to utilize their varied talents in this ministry," Penner said.

The Sealy Pregnancy Resource Center – located at 2555 FM 1094 – is in continual need of wipes, diapers and toiletry items such as baby shampoo, baby wash, formula and baby food.

"I am in the process of developing a diaper bank. The Sealy community does not qualify to utilize the one in Houston. Therefore, I am looking at starting one here. We have run out of space in our current facility and are in the process of building a larger facility to see more young ladies in a given time period. We

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**TOP:** The Sealy Pregnancy Resource Center is located at 2555 FM 1094 and offers support to parents.

**CENTER:** The Boutique at the Sealy Pregnancy Resource Center provides bountiful clothing options for children up to 36 months old. The services offered most often are material assistance with infant and toddler items, prenatal and parenting classes and domestic abuse issues.

**BOTTOM:** Steel Rain is currently underway with a project that will allow the Sealy Pregnancy Resource Center to have its own building outside its current location in LifeBridge Church at 2555 FM 1094.

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