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## Brook Hill dedicated new wing of school

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Long time friends and parents compared Stephen Dement's vision to build a college preparatory school in Bullard to Noah's daunting task of building the ark. Like Noah, Dement was met with skepticism when he announced to close friends that he was going to start a Christian school. And when he found land in Bullard to build what is now Brook Hill, people thought the dream would never work.

"I didn't think it would work," said, Ricky Clements, a parent who has had a student at Brook Hill for the last 10 years. "But it did."

Clements spoke at a moonlight and candlelit dinner that was outside on the Brook Hill campus. Dement was honored by several speakers in front of a large crowd as the new wing of the building was introduced to parents, students and contributors. Throughout the night, Dement was recognized for a

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## City notifies public of water violations

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The City of Bullard has published a notice of drinking water monitoring and reporting violations to city residents and plans to have Well Five tested in November.

There is nothing resident need to do at this time, the notice says.

"We did not fully complete all monitoring and/or report the results of that monitoring for drinking water contaminates, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water," the notice states.

City Manager Larry Morgan told the Bullard Banner News last week that the reason Water Well Five was offline was because it sustained damage and was not working.

Although documents from the TCEQ show that a city employee told a field investigator that the well would not be online again until the water well had a new aeration tank, which the city council was going to vote on.

Water tests are scheduled for November of this year.

The city is not using water well five anymore, except in the case of emergencies. Water Well Six is now online, and should give Bullard residents clean water, experts say.

## Burning Bush marker re-dedicated



Photo by Jim Epperson

Cherokee and Smith County residents re-dedicated a Texas Historical marker in honor of the Burning Bush Colony

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Just south of Bullard in the early 1900s an enthusiastic congregation could be heard singing across the countryside. The were accompanied by brass, strings and piano.

Sometimes this congregation was looked at as bizarre by locals because they had so much passion to worship Jesus Christ, according to Jewel Payne Russell in

a 1961 newspaper article. At worship services members of the church would run up and down the isle until they were so tired they would fall to the ground. And others spoke in tongues.

This congregation was the Burning Bush Society, which moved to Bullard in 1913. The Burning Bush Society was a tight-knit community and all of its members sold all of its possessions to honor God. All the money made in the Bullard com-

munity was to sustain the community.

This last Sunday, a group of Cherokee and Smith County residents gathered to rededicate a Texas Historical sight in honor of the Burning Bush Society on Flat Creek Ranch in southern Bullard.

Elmer and Elizabeth Marsh Ellis own most of the land where the Burning Bush Society lived, and they bought a new his-

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## City to discuss sewer easements, ORCA

In the city council meeting this Tuesday, the agenda is going over several items about a sewer system and the ORCA grant.

City officials are preparing for future growth and dealing with existing sewer capacity issues in the existing sewer system.

After reports from city staff,

the council will hear from William Adair, of Memphis, Tennessee, about a possible outlet mall and related sewer needs.

The city will then hear a presentation from Bucher, Willis and Ratcliff on sanitary sewer plants.

And finally, the council could take action to appoint a

chairperson to a committee that would research sewage plant options.

Also, the city will be acting upon purchasing several sewer easements from residents. Once the easements are purchased, the city can begin construction on a sewer expansion project with grant money.

The city council could be authorizing the city manager to hire a firm to conduct a demographic study to continue pursuing Home Rule.

The city council will go into executive session to for an annual review of City Manager Larry Morgan's compensation package.

## Mission House makes progress in community

Matthew 25: 35-36

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

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In the five years since its inception, the Mission House went from helping only a handful of families to about 125 families every month.

The House has a clinic spearheaded by Bullard's beloved Marjorie Roper. It also has a large food pantry and a room full of

clothes.

Families come all the way from Rusk to receive a rationing of food and a free medical check-up for their children. And everything, from the large donated wardrobe of donated clothes from area churches to the freezer full of food will be gone in one day.



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The Mission House is a community-wide effort to help those in need.

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