

TBC librarian Phyllis Kuno retires after years of service



In the last few decades, Phyllis Kuno has spent many thousands of hours in the Graham Library, lovingly caring for its collections and working to serve Trinity's academic needs on a very limited budget.

The historic building dates to 1930, when the State of North Dakota provided funds for the much needed facility. In 1960, the library was given an official name, the Fred J. Graham Library, in honor of Fred Graham, the Ellendale attorney and NPL politician who did more than anyone to keep the state school funded during the difficult years of the late 1920s and 1930s.

An archival room in the basement, named after Fred's wife Ina Randall Graham, still serves its original purpose. Ina was one of the three women who comprised the school's first graduating class in 1901, and the Graham name is associated with her as much as with her husband. The building was a busy campus hub up through the Trinity years and into the twentieth century, when internet sources began to steadily replace demand for printed texts. *(photo by Ken Smith)*

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After Dan graduated, he and Phyllis did ministry in Wyoming for 12 years, then returned to Trinity in 1987. Their ministry took them to Sioux Falls where they pastored for six years before returning to Trinity again to serve on staff. Together, they worked in several different roles across campus. Dan served as Student Ministries Director, Dean of Students, and VP of Development. Phyllis served as Liechty Women's RD, Student Accounts, and Director of the Library.

Upon reflection of their many years of ministry, believing in God and relying on Him was a theme for their lives.

"Every experience pushed my limits, and always prepared me for what was next," said Phyllis. "For example, my experience as Leichthy RD proved helpful later when I led young staff at the library that I have had the opportunity to minister to. I learned to do hard things, and trust God for the things that are bigger than myself."

Dan also recalls doing ministry with dependent faith in God.

"During part of my youth ministry in Wyoming I had to travel a lot. There were multiple times over the course of a few years that someone gave me their car because God told them to. We didn't make much money, but saw a lot of miracles happen."

Dan and Phyllis are Trinity alumni who have served faithfully in response to God's call on their life, and discovered in the process God to be reliable in their lives. In retirement, they have plans to spend more time with family, work on house projects, find volunteer ministries, and continue to stay active.

As a final remark, Phyllis reminds us, "God loves us more than we can imagine, and he has plans for all of us. We just need to be open to what he wants us to do – and if it seems too big...then you probably know you are going in the right direction, because then you have to trust God to help you do it."



As librarian at TBC, Phyllis networked regularly with librarians and archivists from around the region. Above, she enjoys a few moments with Michael Miller, now retired as director of the Germans From Russia Heritage Collection, a division of the North Dakota State University library. *(photo by Ken Smith)*

Ellendale Landfill Hours

The hours (weather permitting) for the inert landfill
April 1 to September 30 are:
Monday & Wednesday: 5 pm to 8 pm
Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm

Public Service Commission (PSC) reaffirms JETx

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A group of North Dakota landowners and township residents directly affected by the JETx project asked the PSC to rescind its November order approving the project. The group says the project was unlawfully approved and should not move forward.

PSC Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart said an individual filed a petition in May on behalf of the group of North Dakota landowners and township residents for the PSC to reconsider its order on Nov. 20, which granted certificates of public convenience and necessity for the JETx project. She said the petition came too late.

"Within 15 days, they have to petition to reconsider and they did not file timely," she said, referring to North Dakota Administrative Code 69-02-06-02.

Haugen-Hoffart said landowners and township residents directly affected by the JETx project will get another opportunity to address their concerns with the project when Otter Tail Power and MDU file for the corridor and route permit.

Hoff told *The Jamestown Sun* that the certificate of corridor compatibility and route siting permit application will be sent to the PSC in the third quarter of 2025.

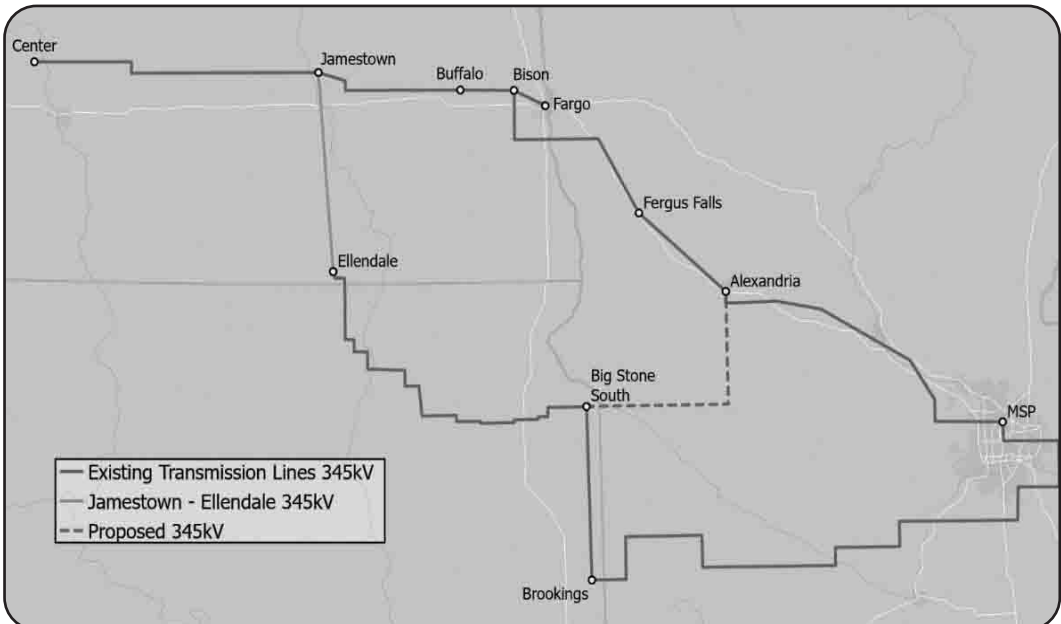
She said the board of supervisors for the Corwin and Homer townships denied the project's conditional use permit and setback variance.

"The project hasn't yet been able to obtain landowner waivers on those township setbacks," she said.

Tyler Perleberg, tax director for Stutsman County, said Homer Township approved an amendment to its zoning ordinance to enact a 2,640-foot setback for gas and liquid transmission lines. He said he hasn't yet seen Corwin Township's amendment to its zoning ordinance for a setback for gas and liquid transmission lines.

"I know when they were talking about it, they were looking at 2,600 feet," he said, referring to Corwin Township.

Hoff said the project developers are hoping to



This graphic illustrates existing high-capacity transmission lines in the Dakota/Minnesota region, which form a large loop which functions in part to deliver excess power generation, especially that produced by wind turbines, into Minnesota, where demand is high. The stair-step like path between Big Stone South and Ellendale represents the 345kv line that was completed in 2018. The straight line between Ellendale and Jamestown represents the JETx line (though it should be noted that under no circumstances will the route be perfectly straight). The dashed line between Big Stone South and Alexandria represents a future plan that would further improve the efficiency of transmission.

get setback variances for the 2,640-foot setback so the project can continue on its preferred route. With the setback variances, project developers would see if the transmission line be installed within the 2,640-foot setback.

In February, the Stutsman County Commission rejected a proposed zoning ordinance for gas and liquid transmission lines. The commission referred the issue back to the Stutsman County Planning and Zoning Commission.

The proposed zoning ordinance would have required a setback distance of 2,600 feet between any occupied dwelling and a new high voltage power line or large pipeline.

The county commission rejected the proposed zoning ordinance due to language in the North Dakota Century Code that supersedes local ordinances.

HELP WANTED Full-Time Seasonal City of Ellendale

Full-time seasonal help wanted from June 2025 through October 30, 2025. This individual will have a work schedule of 40 hours per week Monday through Friday. Offering \$20.00 per hour. Must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, be able to do moderate physical labor and lift up to 75 pounds.

Applications may be picked up and completed at: City Hall, 55 3rd Avenue South, Ellendale ND 58436.

Forbes to celebrate

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- In 1976 the Couteau Hills Historical Center (CHHC) signed a 100 year lease with the North Dakota Dept of Game and Fish to give public access to Johnson's Gulch. Together with the Maud Eveans Saddle Club, the CHHC introduced riders and participants to the history of the Coteau Hills and held a campout in Johnson's Gulch Park.
- The Shimmin family and Agnes Tveit purchased the Presbyterian Church as a Youth Center and donated it to the CHHC. In 1977 it was dedicated as Shimmin-Tveit Museum, and ever since it has preserved and shared the history of our area.
- The Prairie Life Monument—a large, artfully constructed wall comprised of bricks with the names of area people—was dedicated in 2018.

As part of the all-school reunion, we are taking the opportunity to thank our community and those beyond who have continued to support CHHC with history, finances, and enabled us to update our museum to continue preserving and sharing our history. The program will be next to the museum. Everyone is asked to please bring your lawn chair and celebrate with us.

A welcome will be given by Mayor Carl Kronberg The emcee will be historian Tom Tveit (son of Oliver & Pat Tveit and grandson of Lewis & Agnes Tveit). Tom will speak on the theme "History through the Eyes of the Fourth Generation."

The program will include an introduction and tribute to the "baseball hall of fame," and the dedication will be by Rev. Karen (Berheim) Engelke, who was profiled in last week's *Leader*.

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Area Church Schedules

Church of The Nazarene
Pastor Kelly Riggan
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays: Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Presbyterian United Methodist Church, Ellendale
Pastor Becca Hafner
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Apostolic Lutheran Church (State Line Road)
Pastor Reino Maunu
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Services 2nd & 5t Sundays

Fullerton Union Church
Pastor Luke Platkowski
Sunday Worship 9:30

Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale
Pastor - Rev. Paul O.S. Preus
Divine Service - 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class - 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Forbes
Pastor Brandon Woodruff
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Christ The King Lutheran Church, Ellendale
ELCA pastors from Christians in Action
Services Sunday 11:15 a.m

St. Helena's Catholic Church, Ellendale
Father Patrick Parks
Confession - Saturday 3:30 p. m.

Saturday Mass - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fullerton
Father Patrick Parks
Sunday Mass - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays
@ 10:30 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 400 Main
Pastor Michael Garcia
Saturday Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship - 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor Glenn Raynor
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship -10:00 a.m.

New Life Assembly of God Church
Pastor Kevin Libby
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Kids 6:00 p.m. & Youth 7:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church, Edgeley, ND
Pastor Brandon Woodruff
Sunday worship 10:30, Bible study following LWML Bible Study, 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2:00 p.m.

