



My name is Marvin Gebhard, and I will be the athletic director and part time cross country coach at Northern Valley. I am a Northern Valley alumni, having graduated from Northern Valley High School. I attended Fort Hays State University, where I majored in history. My wife and I recently lived in Healy where I taught social studies. We have two daughters, and I am excited to be back in Almena.



My name is Melissa Baker, and I will be teaching band at Northern Valley. I am new to the area but grew up in Oakley. I attended Oakley High School but have lived in Marysville for the last ten years. I worked at Valley Vet Supply, and I helped get the Marshall County Community band started. I also ran it for three years. I received my bachelor's degree in music education from Kansas State University in December, 2008. I am looking forward to my career as a music teacher in Almena.



My name is Nicole Satran, and I will be teaching Spanish at Norton Community High School. I grew up on a farm outside of WaKeeney, but I now live in Hill City. I attended Kansas State University in Manhattan for my first year of college, and then I transferred back to Fort Hays State University to complete my degree. I have a bachelor of science in education and a bachelor of arts in Spanish and psychology. I will be teaching Spanish I, II, and III at the high school.



My name is Robin Harms, and I will be the speech therapist for Norton Community Schools. I am originally from Cheyenne Wells, a very small town in Colorado. I just graduated this July from Fort Hays State University with a master's in speech language pathology. I chose to become a speech language pathologist because I love kids and when I learned what pathologists do I knew that is what I wanted to pursue as a career. I will have the pleasure of working with kids and helping them learn to communicate. I chose to move to Norton because I wanted a nice, safe, small town to raise my daughter in. When I visited Norton, it just felt right.



My name is Rayleen Shelton, and I will be teaching video communications at Northern Valley this year. I graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2004 with a bachelor's of science in business management and again from Fort Hays State University in 2009 with a bachelor's of science in business education. I have a three-year-old son named Rhett who will attend preschool at Northern Valley this year. I will teach video communications which will be in charge of providing information and entertainment on the Nex-tech Northern Valley TV channel. This channel is 17 for all patrons who have Nex-tech cable in the Almena and Long Island areas. I encourage everyone to tune in and see what the Northern Valley High School students will produce throughout the year.



My name is Wade Church, and I am the new junior/senior high school technology and drafting teacher in Norton. I moved to Norton on July 10 from Pittsburg, Kan. I grew up in Lyons and graduated from Lyons High School before attending Pittsburg State University. I have always enjoyed the technology field, and I look forward to being able to teach with a hands-on approach. I am enjoying living in Norton. I like that it is easy going and a good environment.



My name is Steve Vance, and I will be teaching math at Norton Community High School. I am from Dighton, and I attended Fort Hays State University where I majored in math and minored in secondary education. I taught high school math for six years in La Crosse. My wife Tara and I are enjoying the community. We have a 19-month-old daughter named Evie.



My name is Shelby Cade, and I am excited about being the new K-8 counselor in the Norton Community Schools. Previous to counseling, I spent 20 years as a science teacher in Texas and Washington states. My family and I also lived four years in Oaxaca, Mexico where I counseled and taught at a school for missionary kids. I have a master's degree from Heritage University in Washington, in guidance and counseling and a master's in Christian Apologetics from Biola University in Los Angeles. My wife Debbie and I have four beautiful girls: Morgan, Hannah, Alyssa and Kinsey.

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