



Welcome, New Staff at Ulen-Hitterdal



Tessa Nelson

Tessa Nelson is our new Preschool-ECFE Teacher. She is originally from Waubun, Minnesota, and she studied Early Childhood Education at MSU-Moorhead. Mrs. Nelson says, “I have spent the past five years at Ulen-Hitterdal teaching elementary school. I am grateful to now work in the heart of Early Childhood, in a community that I love!”



Brock and Tessa Nelson with their daughter, Nova.



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Jodi Flaten

Jodi Flaten is our new 2nd Grade teacher, and she is a Jr. High Volleyball coach. She is originally from Casselton, North Dakota and she studied Elementary Education at Valley City State University and Learning Disabilities at MSU-Moorhead. Mrs. Flaten says, “My husband, Dustin, is the UH Superintendent and Titan Varsity Football coach. I have 3 sons and 1 cat. I am very happy to be back teaching at the Ulen-Hitterdal school district. It’s a great school and we live in a great community.”



Jodi and Dustin Flaten and their sons Aidan, Asher, and Averick



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Katelyn LaMotte

Katelyn (Stall) Lamotte is our new 1st Grade teacher. She is originally from Ulen, and she studied Elementary Education at MSU-Moorhead. Mrs. LaMotte says, "I am so excited to be back at home. I cannot wait to have a great school year with the students and staff here at U-H! Go Titans!"



Brady and Katelyn LaMotte



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Rachel Safar

Rachel Safar is our new 7-12 English teacher. She is originally from Mahnomens, Minnesota. Mrs. Safar studied at MSU-Moorhead, and SMSU. Rachel and her husband, Josh live on a farm near Ogema, Minnesota with their children - Danica (2) and Will (14 mo.).



Josh, Rachel, Danica and Will Safar



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Dustin Flaten

Dustin Flaten is our new superintendent, testing coordinator, and head of maintenance. Mr. Flaten is the Head Football coach for the Titans. He's originally from Roseau, Minnesota and he studied at Valley City State University and MSU-Moorhead. Dustin says, "I have taught 1st, 2nd and 6th grade, and I've been a Dean of Students and Principal. I've lived in Ulen since 2009."



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Deputy Jeff Lee is the School Resource Officer at U-H. Deputy Lee is originally from Benson, Minnesota and currently lives in Hawley. He attended MSU-Moorhead and Alexandria Technical College. Deputy Lee says, "I'm excited to be coming back to Ulen-Hitterdal after being gone for the last 7 years. I'm looking forward to collaborating with the staff, students, and communities to make our school a safe place for everyone."



Deputy Jeff Lee



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Colton Bakkila

Colton Bakkila is our new Phy. Ed. teacher for grades K-12. Mr. Bakkila is originally from Frazee, Minnesota and he is a graduate of MSU-M. Mr. Bakkila says, "My favorite food is pizza."



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