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Bishop Neumann Continues Growth with New Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor

WAHOO – Bishop Neumann Catholic School is pleased to announce Kurt Heideman has been hired as Agriculture Education Teacher and FFA Advisor for the Cavaliers beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

Fr. Lee Jirovsky, Chief Administrative Officer, is excited about continuing the program's growth. "The FFA banquet was one of the first events I attended as an administrator when I arrived last year. I was blown away by the level and range of participation by our students and the community," Fr. Jirovsky said. "We have one of the best FFA Chapters in the state, thanks to Katie Arp and the students from both Wahoo Public and Bishop Neumann. I'm confident Mr. Heideman and the Officers will keep it growing."

Kurt, his wife Sarah, and their 4 children moved to Wahoo from Hastings last June. They have already made themselves a part of the community and enjoy playing at the park and pool, fishing and cooking meals. Previously, he taught for 3 years at Sutton High School and then worked in the Ag industry. "I am excited to get back to the classroom to work with students, Ag Education and FFA," Mr. Heideman said. "Our family is looking forward to being a part of the St. Wenceslaus and Bishop Neumann community!"

The Bishop Neumann FFA Chapter recently returned from a trip to Belize, where they learned about the horticultural and agricultural life of that country. The expedition included visits to native producers, a pepper farm and hot sauce factory, and a cocoa farm and Mayan chocolate factory to see how chocolate is made from start to finish. Students were also able to broaden their horizons at a Mayan temple, explore the jungle, and go tubing in an underground water reservoir.

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