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Thoughts from the Educator

We have exciting news to share!



Please join us by giving a warm welcome to Gary Jones, our newest Allen County Extension team member and 4-H Educator.

Gary brings several years' experience working with children, families and communities. While living in the Fort Wayne area, Gary has served as the Division Manager for DCS. Earlier in his career he served as school superintendent, principal, and a professional position with the Boys & Girls Club.



Gary Jones
Allen County 4-H Educator
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Gary is married with two children and five grandchildren. He really enjoys spending time with his family and watching sports in his free time.

He has a strong passion for working with children and families in our community and helping them to become well rounded and caring members of our community, or "Making the Best Better."

We are excited for him to bring his valuable experience and genuine passion for making a difference to Allen County 4-H. Welcome Gary!



4-H INFORMATION



Attention Volunteers! We Can't Do It Without YOU!!

PLEASE Complete your training and submit your references for review ASAP!

If you need assistance or have a question please do not hesitate to call the office. We are glad to help!

For returning volunteers, you will have 1 training video to watch. These videos rotate every year. If you are enrolling as a new volunteer, select "New Volunteer." When you enroll, you will have to select a volunteer type. There will be a diagram when you get to this step. Please select the type that most describes you. Enroll here: <https://v2.4honline.com> If you have any questions about your enrollment and what is due, please call or email, Stephenie at 260-481-6440 or Wooten6@purdue.edu

Ready to Make an Impact? Join Junior Leaders and Shape the Future with Tech!

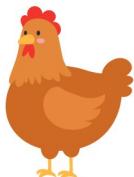
Are you in grades 7-12 and ready to lead, learn, and create change? Join our Junior Leaders team for an exciting year ahead! In 2026, we'll take on a technology-focused service project inspired by the 4-H Tech Changemakers program, which empowers youth to teach digital skills and promote online safety, helping communities thrive in today's tech-driven world.

Junior Leaders meet on the last Tuesday of the month. Register for Junior Leaders on <https://www.4honline.com/>. For more information or any questions, reach out to Cheyanne Geideman at cgeidema@purdue.edu

Cancellation Policy

Unless otherwise notified by your club leader or educator, if Fort Wayne Community Schools and/or PFW are closed, all Allen County 4-H programs and/or workshops are also canceled.

2026 PLANT SALE COMING SOON!!



Order forms will be coming in the next few weeks.

New This Year!!

Nelson's Chicken Dinners will be available for Pre-order on the plant sale order form and ready for pick up with plant orders on May 7th and 8th!!



WATCH YOUR EMAILS, FACEBOOK AND MAILBOXES FOR MORE DETAILS!!

This event is the perfect way to volunteer with 4-H. Call 260-481-6826 for details and sign up.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Feb 3	7-9pm	4-H Allen County Board Member Meeting @ Extension Office
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24,	7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25,	6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS
Feb. 24	6pm	Junior Leaders Meeting @ Extension Office
March 3,	7-9pm	4-H Allen County Board Member Meeting @ Extension Office
March 3, 10	7:30-8:30pm	Air Rifle Workshop @ Hoagland Community Center
March 4, 11, 18	6:30-8:30pm	.22 Rifle Workshop-Winter @ Concordia Lutheran HS
March 30,	10am & 1pm	4-H Quality Livestock Care In Person Training (QLC) @ Ext Office
April 7,	7-9pm	4-H Allen County Board Member Meeting @ Extension Office
May 18,	6:30pm	Quality Livestock Care In-Person Training @ Extension Office

Club Meetings

Perry Boosters Club Meeting @ FG **6:30-8 2/19, 3/12, 4/16, 5/21, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 (tentative) 11/19, 12/17**

Livestock Meetings

Saddle Bums Club Meeting @ Ext Office 6:30-8:30, **2/19, 3/19, 4/23**

Horse & Pony Club Leader Mtg @ Ext Office 7-9, **2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15**

Three Rivers Rabbit Raisers 6:30-8, **2/12@Raimondos, 3/5@Ext Office, 4/16@FG, 5/11@FG, 6/4@FG**

Swine Committee Meeting @FG 7-9 **3/16, 4/20, 5/11**

Swine Workshop Meeting @FG 7-8:30, **4/19, 5/14**

Dairy Beef Workshop Meeting @FG Lions Barn 9-12, **3/21**

Weigh-In's and ID Days

Beef & Dairy Beef Weigh IN @FG Lions Barn 8-10am, **2/14**

Feeder Calf Weigh IN @FG Lions Barn 8-10am, **4/11**

Goat & Sheep ID @FG Lions Barn 6-7:30, **4/30**

**ALL MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



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SAVE THE DATE!!

Allen County 4-H Fair

June 23-28, 2026

*** Volunteer Opportunities ***

There are many ways you can contribute to the 4-H program and help give our youth a positive educational experience.

Do you have a special talent or hobby? We are always looking for volunteers to help lead educational programs with youth. Special interest lessons, or SPARK Clubs, are a way for youth to learn new skills or complete projects. Reach out if you are interested in leading a program for youth.

Want to help during the fair? We are looking for judging assistants to help with project judging on June 20. We also need volunteers to sign up to assist in the Food booth. If you are interested in either of these, please call the office at 260-481-6440.

Looking to add leadership to your resume? In addition to 4-H Board, our office is in need of volunteers on Extension Board and Purdue Council for Agriculture Research, Extension, and Teaching who want to help support and shape Purdue Extension. Extension Board members have a 3-year term, meet once every other month, provide guidance to the Extension office, and advocate for Extension with local government. Purdue CARET members meet twice per year in the area, once at the Purdue, and once at a legislative event in Indianapolis. They help advocate with elected officials and promote Extension statewide. Terms are served as you are willing. Contact James Wolff for information at jmwolff@purdue.edu or 260-481-6434.



Cost is \$3 (cash or check only)
Due day of the training

Allen County 4-H QLC In-person Training

📍 4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, IN

March 30, 2026 | At 10 AM

What to do:

1. Follow the link below to 4HOnline.
2. Select which training your 4-H member will be attending.
3. Hit submit!

March 30, 2026 | At 1 PM

Registration :

<https://2026allenqlc.4honline.com>



**Have questions? Give us a call at 260-481-6826.
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