



# 100 Years Of 4-H In Wisconsin

## Famous People Involved In 4-H

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Over the last 100 years, one in every seven adults in the United States have been involved in 4-H. The 4-H motto of “making the best better” encourages youth to reach for new heights and has led some of these people to become among the most respected and successful people in America.

Johnny Carson is one of the biggest successes in television history. Brewer’s legendary announcer Bob Uecker often reminds his audience that not only was Carson an amazing tele-

vision host, but an outstanding individual as well.

Another such success was fellow late-night host, David Letterman. Living in Indiana, Letterman grew up with 4-H and it always had a place in his life. Early in his career as a radio personality, he even did his own segment on the air interviewing 4-Hers about their projects. That platform eventually led to his 31 year successful career as a late night TV host.

My final famous 4-Her is the creator of Garfield, one of the most iconic and widely recognized comic strips ever.

Throughout his youth, Jim Davis was involved in both 4-H and FFA. His work in Garfield was inspired by his life growing up on a farm and often references his youth.

Other great examples of famous 4-Hers are: country singers Luke Bryan, Johnny Cash, Jennifer Nettles; businessman Orville Redenbacher; and football players Archie Manning and Reggie White.

What these examples have done in their professions is stated right in the 4-H motto, they made the best better, and that is why I chose them as my examples of famous 4-Hers.