

# CITY OF LAFAYETTE CELEBRATING 125 YEARS! July 23-27, 2025



## KEEP INFORMED!

**“Like” our Facebook ‘Lafayette is Celebrating 125 Years’ event for updates!**

### “LAFAYETTE CELEBRATING 125 YEARS”

Watch each month’s newsletters for updates on the timelines and updated details of some of the events. We will need to have volunteers for each event. Planning is coming right along! We are only a few months away!

### LAFAYETTE HISTORY BOOK - THE NEXT 25 YEARS

It is exciting to have our history book being updated for our celebration! Ruth Klossner is diligently working to connect with new, old or businesses that have come and gone in the past 25 years! If she has emailed, called, texted you PLEASE connect with her so she can update your spot in our history! Once the book is complete, it will be printed and softcover bound. We will also reprint the original HISTORY OF LAFAYETTE book in a soft cover and take pre-orders - more details to follow!

Contact Ruth: [cowladyruth@gmail.com](mailto:cowladyruth@gmail.com) 507-240-0048

### FRIENDS OF THE 125<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION PORK CHOP FEED

Join us on Sunday, April 27 from 10am to 1pm

Lafayette Community Center

*Learn more of the events and how you can be a part of our historical celebration!*  
Free -will meal consisting of Pork chop, American potato salad, Coleslaw, Beans, Bun, and Cookie

Takeouts will be available.

All proceeds will go towards expenses for the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

### LOOKING FOR PARADE UNITS

Our parade coordinator, Deb Sjostrom, is lining up units for the parade, which will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025. She will be reaching out to organizations, groups, neighboring Legions, Fire, Royalty, etc. If you know of someone or a business or organization that would like to share in celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> year, have them contact Deb Sjostrom: [debrsjostrom@gmail.com](mailto:debrsjostrom@gmail.com) or 507-276-0452.

### LOOKING FOR MORE LAFAYETTE MEMORABILIA

Lafayette Memorabilia is needed for our historical displays during the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Items have been trickling in. There was a video of what was donated to date on the 125<sup>th</sup> FB event page. Look through your house-garage-attic and see what you may have from Lafayette in the past 125 years! An inventory is being created for the items and whether they need to be donated or returned to the owners. Photos, advertising, P&R gear, information of the area businesses or organizations, anything Lafayette! \*\*Looking for a display for each: Scouts, boy & girl, 4-H groups, Legion, Lions, area churches, schools, study club, and whatever else there may have been!

### ATTENTION LAFAYETTE SENIOR CITIZENS!!

Ages 80 and up! If you are 80 or older you are welcome to ride on the honorary member’s float! Contact Kayla Altmann at [kayla.altmann@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.altmann@gmail.com) for details! The parade will be on Sunday, July 27 starting at 2 pm.

The Grand Marshall will be the Oldest Senior in Lafayette.

### LAFAYETTE’S MEDALLION HUNT!!

Starting with the kick off on Wednesday, a new clue will be posted to Facebook and a notice on the city office door daily at 9 am until the medallion is found. Join the fun and search the city! **The prize is, of course, \$125!**

### LAFAYETTE’S HUMAN FOOSBALL!!

Posters are out! Thursday, July 24 time TBD. Looking for Human Foosball players - 6+ per team. 100% payback - \$100 Per Team Entry Fee. Captain registration only. Dave Trebelhorn [dtrebs@hotmail.com](mailto:dtrebs@hotmail.com) or text Dave at 507-276-6255. See posters for further details.

## LAFAYETTE'S AMAZING RACE!!

Start planning for your team to run this fun race around Lafayette. Ages 14 and up, limited to 24 teams of four. Teams must follow the rules and clues. Stations will be set up around town for teams to perform tasks before they get the next clue to move on – just like on the tv show! This will run Saturday afternoon. Watch for further details coming soon!

### Wednesday - DAVE'S PLACE BIKE AND CAR NIGHT WILL KICK OFF OUR 5-DAY CELEBRATION!

This is a kickoff to the Lafayette's Grand 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration!

Bike and Car night will begin at 5pm. The first clue of the Medallion Hunt will be given.

The Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet will perform in the Memorial Park bandstand from 5:30 to 6:30pm during the 2025 Bike and Car night. This free concert is brought to us by a grant from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation. This grant allows them to perform in small southern Minnesota cities free of charge during 2024 -2025.

### THURSDAY EVENTS!!!

#### Details of these events will be updated. Follow the event Facebook page to be in the know!

**APRK & RECREATION** will hold ball t-ball & girls softball games

**POP SHACK** Serving Hamburgers in the Pop Shack.

**HUMAN FOOSBALL** Main Avenue – see the posters

### FRIDAY EVENTS!!!

#### Details of these events will be updated. Follow the event Facebook page to be in the know!

**LEGION POST #300** will be hosting a Pork Chop meal for the final Friday night Pie social of the year!

**FIRE RELIEF:** Craft Beer and Wine Event - Fire Hall 5-10pm. Also serving burgers.

**LAFAYETTE BAND:** Will perform at 6:30pm for the final Friday Night Summer Concert, to make way for the next performers to set up.

**CONCORD SINGERS AND NARREN:** Will perform after the Lafayette Band!

### SATURDAY EVENTS!!!

#### Details of these events will be updated. Follow the event Facebook page to be in the know!

**HISTORICAL DISPLAY** – City Office

**VENDOR/CRAFT EVENT** – Community Center

**QUILT SHOW** – First Lutheran Church

**CROWNING OF LITTLE MISS LAFAYETTE** – Memorial Park Bandstand

**ANTIQUA TRACTOR PULL** – By UFC – 9<sup>th</sup> Street

**ENTERTAINMENT** – Memorial Park

**ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK** – Lund Park

**BOUNCE HOUSES** – Lund Park

**FOOD TRUCKS** – Lund park

**FACE PAINTING** – Lund Park/Memorial Park

**FIREFIGHTER KEG FIGHT** – by the 7<sup>th</sup> & Main intersection

**AMAZING RACE** – All over Lafayette

**FOOD TRUCKS** – Lund Park

**KIDDIE PARADE** – Main Street

**FAMILY STREET DANCE** – Dave's Place

**ADULT STREET DANCE** – Dave's Place

**FIREWORKS** –TBD

#### OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES!!

##### QUILT & CASH RAFFLE –

Raffle tickets will be sold for the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration Quilt (Thank you to our sewing group!) and cash prizes!!

Details on the raffle, etc. will follow.

##### SILENT AUCTION –

A Silent Auction will be held for donated items - Proceeds to go to the expenses of the 125<sup>th</sup> event.

Contact the city office to donate a silent auction item.

### SUNDAY EVENTS!!!

#### Details of these events will be updated. Follow the event Facebook page to be in the know!

**PRAYER SERVICE** – Memorial Park Bandstand

**DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES** – Fire Hall

**Kiddie Pedal Pull** – Main Avenue

**NU Battery - Cannon Shoot** – TBD

**125<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION PARADE** – Lafayette

**MUSIC IN THE PARK** – Memorial Park Bandstand

The planning committee met on 3/25/2025 and the next meeting is Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6pm at the city council meeting room. Come and learn what is planned and find out how you can help!

If you have memorabilia for the historical display, a silent auction item or questions on the event, stop by the office.