



8th Annual Bremen Chamber of Commerce SCARECROW CONTEST!!!

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring its Scarecrow Contest. The competition will be divided into three categories: Residential, Group, and Business. Residential and Group entries will be eligible to win prize money (\$25 for first place - INDIVIDUAL SCARECROW (one scarecrow), \$25 for first place SCENE SCARECROWS (more than one scarecrow or the display "tells a story"); \$25 for first place INFLATABLES (using commercially purchased inflatables); \$15 for second place - INDIVIDUAL SCARECROW (one scarecrow), \$15 for second place - SCENE (more than one scarecrow or the display "tells a story"); \$15 for second place INFLATABLES (using commercially purchased inflatables); \$10 for third

place INDIVIDUAL (one scarecrow), \$10 for third place - SCENE (more than one scarecrow or the display “tells a story”); \$10 for third place INFLATABLES (using commercially purchased inflatables); Businesses will compete for certificates and bragging rights with awards in both the INDIVIDUAL and SCENE categories!

Improve your chance to win by uploading a photo of your finished scarecrow to be included on the voting form. A link to upload can be found on the Trail of Scarecrows registration page and will be emailed to you upon completing this form.

Rules are as follows:

- *This is a county-wide AND a family-friendly activity. No inappropriate, political or overly scary displays will be permitted.

- *Your Scarecrow MUST have a name so people know how to vote for your display.

- *Your display MUST be outside so that trail travelers can see it after business hours.

- *Although your Scarecrow must be ready for viewing by October 1, 2025, **Bremen entries should be on display for the Oktoberfest celebration (September 27)**. The many visitors to Oktoberfest may vote on their favorite, maximizing your chances of winning a gift certificate from Visit Fairfield County! Displays must be maintained for the entire month of October.

- *Inappropriate displays will NOT be included on the trail or be eligible for prize money.

- *Your display will be listed on the Trail of Scarecrows online map for all to find and to cast their vote.

- *Entry forms must be completed either online or on paper in order to be considered for a prize or certificate. Forms will be available on the Chamber’s website (www.bremenareacoc.org), on the You Know You’re from Bremen Facebook page, or on the Rushcreek Twp/Bremen Community Happenings Facebook Page. Paper entries are available at the Friendly Bremen Bank or the Village Office and may be mailed to Toni Harper, 308 Marietta Street, Bremen 43107.

- *Be creative and have fun!

DEADLINE TO ENTER: September 30, 2025

A sign for each scarecrow display will be created by Visit Fairfield County and delivered to you at your address. Signs **MUST** be displayed on your scarecrow.

Residential/Family applicants who live in the village should place their scarecrows in front of their residence. Those who live outside the immediate village area should request a display place on their application by contacting Toni Harper (740-684-0541), and their scarecrows will be assigned an area within the village. Group and Business applicants should place their scarecrows in front of their place of business or be assigned an area within the village. If a business chooses not to do a scarecrow but could provide space to display one, please contact Toni Harper so that one can be assigned to be displayed in your area.

Judging will take place the week of October 5th by judges from outside the village. Winners will be announced on Facebook mid October. Scarecrows should remain on display through Halloween and those not displayed at owners' addresses **MUST** be removed from view by November 7. Please remove **ALL** elements of your display, including hay bales and other props. Those not removed at that time will become the property of the Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce and will be disposed of. (Entrants who do not remove these scarecrows will forfeit the possibility of entering next year's contest).