



**Beacon of Hope Services**  
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## Scarecrow Showdown

In partnership with the Town of Marshall and the Downtown Marshall Association, Beacon of Hope presents the 1st Annual Scarecrow Showdown in Marshall. **CREATE** the scariest, silliest, or most creative scarecrow! Competition runs throughout the month of October and 100% of the proceeds go to the Beacon of Hope Food Pantry! This fundraiser is to raise awareness about food assistance available in Madison County & to get more people involved!

### How to Enter:

**Through October 9th!** Sign yourself or team up at Beacon of Hope's Thrift Store (5111 US Hwy 25/70 Marshall) during business hours (Monday-Saturday 10-5) to enter. You'll be able to gather some supplies (clothing & household wares) at Beacon's Thrift Store to create your scarecrow. You can use other supplies of your own too, but your scarecrow must be a handmade creation. Please keep in mind this is a family-friendly event, so scarecrow displays must be family-friendly and acceptable for all audiences. **We will provide the t-posts for entries to be attached to!** There will be 3 categories:

### Suggested Donation Entry Fees:

\$25 Individual/Team

\$50 Nonprofit

\$100 Business / Artist's Sponsorship

**\*\*\*Nonprofit Organizations Or Businesses** (Please contact Lindsey [development@bohmarshall.org](mailto:development@bohmarshall.org) to Enter )

### Submission Period:

October 2- October 9 **SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 9th** to be included on the website for voting & securing a space.



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*You must have your scarecrow complete and dropped back to Beacon of Hope (5111 US Hwy 25/70 during regular business hours) BY October 9th to be installed. You are welcome to set up if you wish to install your own scarecrow (& scene), please contact Lindsey ([development@bohmarshall.org](mailto:development@bohmarshall.org)).*

### **Creating Your Scarecrow**

There are many resources available online about making a scarecrow, but there are a few things to not overlook! **We will provide the t-posts for entries to be attached to!**

- Materials should be able to withstand outdoor weather conditions, including but not limited to rain and high winds. For tips, see below.
- Do not include any items you don't want damaged or taken. The Town of Marshall and Beacon of Hope are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items associated with the scarecrow while on display.
- Please pick up your scarecrow beginning November 1st through the first week of November. If you do not collect your scarecrow by November 7, it will be recycled/thrown away.
- Use care in choosing your materials. Decorations to create a scene for your scarecrow is allowed, however, the scarecrow must be movable (25lbs or less), be no more than a 6 feet x 6 feet base and no more than 7 feet tall. It must be self-supporting, weatherproof in wind or rain. All decorations must be firmly attached.
- No Electricity (anything that needs an outlet; battery operated items can be used)
- No flammable objects such as tiki torches or gas-powered generators are allowed.
- Human scarecrows or mechanical scarecrows facilitated by a human are not allowed.
- No perishable goods or glass
- Nothing that could be considered dangerous



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- Political or controversial statements, hate speech, and adult content are not permitted. Entries that are deemed tasteless, promote any sort of partisanship, or promote slander will not be accepted.
- Beacon of Hope reserves the right to deny any entry.

### **Weatherproofing Tips:**

Keep in mind, your scarecrow will be displayed **OUTSIDE** for almost a month. Here are a few suggestions to help keep your scarecrow looking it's best at the end of the month for judging:

- We recommend using plastic grocery bags as stuffing. We do not recommend using straw or paper for padding/stuffing as they get wet, become heavy/saggy, attract bugs, and do not dry out. Styrofoam peanuts also tend to make a huge mess.
- Seal the stuffing inside two layers of waterproof material such as garbage bags or synthetic horse feed bags.
- Securely wire on all loose parts (such as the head and hat) to the main structure to prevent them being blown off in the wind.
- Use waterproof materials such as unraveled synthetic rope for the hair.

### **Display Period:**

October 11 - October 25

Individuals' (and nonprofits or businesses that do not have a location around downtown) designs will be displayed on the walking trail around Blannahassett Island in Marshall.

Downtown businesses will have designs displayed outside of their business (**allowing 4' space along sidewalks**).

Winners for each category (individual, nonprofit, and business) announced at **Beacon's Grand Opening October 26th!**

For any other inquiries, please contact Lindsey  
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