

Celebrating the Dedication of Melanie Williams: A Pillar of the Noble County Fair and Community



For over three decades, Melanie Williams has been a part of the Noble County Fair, embodying the spirit of community, service, and family. Melanie and her husband of 50 years; Dennis, both grew up in the Red Rock community and have remained there as lifelong residents farming and ranching in Noble County. As a devoted homemaker, Melanie has dedicated her life not only to her family but also to the betterment of her community, making a significant impact through her tireless contributions to the fair and so many other worthwhile endeavors in the area.

Over the years, she - along with her children and grandchildren - have participated in many parts of the fair, from food to needlecrafts, livestock, photography, and field crops. By doing so, Melanie has ensured that the fair remains a cherished family tradition, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment in her loved ones.

Her commitment to the Noble County Fair goes beyond mere participation as she has served in many different roles, specifically serving the fair in the Women's Building every year. Melanie has actively volunteered her time and energy to support fair activities, working behind the scenes to organize and set up displays, coordinate volunteers and judges and ensuring participation. She has lent most of her love and support to the area of needlework.

As a homemaker, Melanie has balanced family life and community service. She embodies the values of hard work and dedication, often found quilting, embroidering or sewing her own entries for the fair while also assisting her children or grandchildren with their projects.

In addition to her work with the fair, Melanie is involved in many activities in the community. Melanie served on the board of directors for the Cherokee Strip Museum adding a blacksmith shop and other additions to the museum grounds. Passionate about music, she is involved in local singing groups and musicals. She has also served as the church pianist at Ceres Christian Church since she was just a young child spending many years playing piano and teaching Sunday School. Her heart for service is evident in everything she does, as she continuously seeks ways to uplift and support those around her. She has also passed that heart of service to her family. In 2013 she and Dennis were recognized as the Oklahoma Farm Bureau's District 7 Farm Family of the Year.

Melanie stands as a model of dedication and community spirit in Noble County. Her years of service to the Noble County Fair have not only enriched her family's lives but have also left a lasting impact at the fairgrounds. Through her commitment to participation, mentorship, and service, Melanie continues to inspire others to embrace the values of hard work, creativity, and community involvement, ensuring that the traditions of the fair live on for generations to come.