



# Nebraska FFA Alumni 2018 Convention & Awards Banquet January 26 & 27

Co-Hosted by:  
O'Neill, Stuart, Boyd County, & West Holt FFA Chapters

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## Friday, January 26, 2018

8:30 a.m.-Nebraska FFA Alumni Council Meeting - O'Neill High School

11:45 a.m. - Meet at the Holiday Inn Express in O'Neill to break into groups and caravan to Atkinson.

12:30 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. - Atkinson Area Tours



### **Tour #1-Brush Creek Brewery** - 102 North Main Street, Atkinson

Rodney & Alisha Keim own Brush Creek Brewing Company in Atkinson. The brewery and tap room opened Nov. 1, 2016. It was rebranded recently as "The Well," home of Brush Creek Brewing Company because the couple added brick oven pizza to their menu.



### **Tour #2 - R.F. Goekie's Variety Store** - 110 South Main Street, Atkinson

Step back in time to this amazing variety store complete with a signature old-fashioned soda fountain where soda jerks will serve you sodas, malts, shakes, ice cream sundaes and phosphates.



### **Tour #3 - Something Special by Marilyn** - 204 South Main Street, Atkinson

Opened in 1994, Something Special by Marilyn was inspired by a mother and daughter's love of unique and beautiful things. Located in a beautifully restored old fashioned furniture store in downtown Atkinson.



### **Tour #4 - Sturdevant-McKee Museum** - 308 South Main Street, Atkinson

This museum, built in 1887, is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and offers an opportunity to learn about the people of north-central Nebraska and their history.

Convention attendees will be grouped into four groups and rotate through the four tour stops. Each tour will take approximately one hour and fifteen minutes allowing fifteen minutes to travel to the next tour location.

6:30 p.m. - Supper hosted by West Holt FFA - West Holt High School - 100 North Main St., Atkinson

8:30 p.m. - "Swap Shop" at Chesterfield West - 305 East Douglas Street, O'Neill



Gather for fun, fellowship, and swap ideas of what makes your Alumni Chapter successful.

Hotel Accommodations - Holiday Inn Express - 1020 East Douglas Street, O'Neill



402-336-4500 - King Bed Room - \$100; Two Queen Beds Room - \$110 - Complimentary Breakfast

To receive this room rate, mention Nebraska FFA Alumni.

Rooms at the discounted rate are non-refundable with the exception of weather related cancellations.

*Itinerary Subject to Change*

**Saturday, January 27, 2018**

8:30 a.m. - Nebraska FFA Alumni Annual Meeting



O'Neill Community Center  
501 South 4th Street  
Meeting Room C

9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - O'Neill Area Tours - *Tours will depart from the Community Center following the annual meeting.*



**Tour #1 - Pritchett Twine, Netwrap & Ag Sales** - 49212 874th, O'Neill

A father/son twine and netwrap sale operation located near O'Neill Nebraska. The Pritchett Twine and Netwrap Company has been involved with selling quality twine and netwrap since the year 2000.



**Tour #2 - Shamrock Nurseries** - 49368 East US Highway 20 , O'Neill

Shamrock Nursery Inc. began in 1981 by Delray Kumm in O'Neill, Nebraska. A family-owned greenhouse operation committed to offering the North Central Nebraska's widest variety of plants including annuals, vegetables, perennials, roses, shrubs and brambles.

12:30 - Lunch hosted by O'Neill FFA Chapter - O'Neill Community Center—501 South 4th Street

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Workshop by National FFA Alumni - "How to start an FFA Alumni Chapter"

2:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - O'Neill area tours continue - *Tours will depart from the Community Center following the workshop.*



**Tour #3 - Rowse Rakes** - 304 Simpson Road, O'Neill

Rowse Hydraulic Rakes Company began with the production of Dump Rakes and has since grown to manufacture not only Hay and Pecan Rakes, but also a line of Windrow Turners, Single and Double Bale Haulers, Scrapers, and a line of SingleBar and Double Bar Mowers. The latest industry leading innovation in engineering for Rowse is the Ultimate V-Rake.



**Tour #4 - Dennis & Stepp Copper Co. - Handlebend** - O'Neill

Before Handlebend became a company that made copper mugs, it was just an idea. Wanting a copper mug that wasn't a stainless steel cup wrapped in copper, the idea came up to make one. That one mug became a set of four and soon the Dennis & Stepp Copper Company became reality.

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6:00 p.m. - Social - O'Neill Community Center - 501 South 4th Street - O'Neill

6:30 .m. - Awards Banquet & Dessert Auction with guest speaker from National FFA Alumni

"Silent Auction" throughout the evening.  
"Live Article Auction" following the Awards Ceremony"





Registration Form  
or  
register online at <http://tinyurl.com/neffaalumni>



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Alumni Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Fee:**  \$20 per couple  \$15 per person

**Banquet:**  \$50.00 per couple  \$25 per person

Please let us know how many will attend each of the following:

Friday evening supper sponsored by West Holt FFA Chapter

Friday evening Swap Shop at Chesterfield West

Saturday lunch sponsored by O'Neill FFA Chapter

Saturday evening Awards Banquet

Return this form (or register online) and submit conference fees and banquet fees (checks payable to NE FFA Alumni) by January 10, 2018 to:

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