**JANUARY**

1 Office Closed - Happy New Year!

3 Trophy Trip @ Five Star Awards (10:00 am)

7 4-H District Career Portfolio’s ***DUE*** @ Extension Office

11 Thurston County 4-H Kick-Off @ Pender Bowling Lanes (1:00-4:00 pm)

19 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day

**FEBRUARY – Nebraska 4-H Month**

9 Joint 4-H Council Meeting @ Dakota City (7:00 pm)

16 Office Closed – Presidents’ Day

17 4-H Enrollment & Volunteer Screening ***DUE***

17 Butter Braid Sales begin

28 Dakota-Thurston County Beef Weigh-In @ Pender Sale Barn (9:00-10:30 am)

**MARCH**

2 General 4-H Scholarship Applications ***DUE***

7 Snow date for Dakota-Thurston County Beef Weigh-In

9 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

13 Butter Braid Sales Orders ***DUE*** @ Extension Office

14 Horse Stampede @ UNL-East Campus

16 Speech/Music Contest Registration ***DUE***

19 Speech/Music Contest @ Salem Lutheran Church, Dakota City (7:00 pm)

21 CWF Meeting @ TBA

21 Big Red Show @ Mitchell Event Center, Mitchell, NE (12:00-3:00 pm)

24 Butter Braids pick up @ Extension Office (5:00 pm)

27-29 Siouxland Garden Show @ Sioux City

**APRIL**

12-18 National Volunteer Week

13 Joint 4-H Council @ Dakota City (7:00 pm)

15 Nebraska 4-H Camp Early Bird Registration ***DUE***

24 Office Closed - Arbor Day

**MAY**

1 Drop/Add 4-H Project ***DUE***

4 Favorite Foods & Presentation Contest Registration ***DUE***

6 Favorite Foods & Presentation Contest @ United Church of Pender (7:00 pm)

6 Regional 4-H Speech Contest Registration ***DUE***

8 Horse: County ID ***DUE*** & District & State Entries ***DUE***

11 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

21 Regional 4-H Speech Contest @ Norfolk (2:00-5:00 pm)

25 Office Closed – Memorial Day

27 Dakota – Thurston County Sheep & Goat Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds (6:00-8:00 pm)

**JUNE**

4-13 CWF Trip

7-12 Big Red Summer Academic Camps @ UNL

8 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

10 District Horse Show @ Bridgeport

11 District Horse Show @ Valentine

12 Ponca Day Camp Registration ***DUE***

15 All Livestock Affidavits ***DUE***

15 Quality Assurance Deadline

15 District Horse Show @ McCook

16 District Horse Show @ Ord

17 District Horse Show @ Wayne

18 District Horse Show @ Seward

22 Ponca Counselor Training, location TBA

23 Ponca Day Camp @ Ponca State Park

29-30 PASE/Life Challenge @ UNL

**JULY**

1 ALL Dakota-Thurston County Pre-Fair Entries ***DUE***

3 Office Closed – 4th of July Holiday

7 4-H Clothing Day Judging @ Emerson

11 Pre-Fair Clean Up

12-14 Pre-Fair Judging Shows

13 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

13-16 State Horse Show @ Fonner Park, Grand Island

15-19 Dakota – Thurston County Fair

20 Post Fair Clean Up

**AUGUST**

10 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

25 State Fair Entries ***DUE*** (Noon)

28-Sept 7 – NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

**SEPTEMBER**

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR – Aug 28-Sept 7

7 Office Closed – Labor Day

9 State Fair Exhibits ready for pick up

14 Joint 4-H Council Meeting @ Dakota City (7:00 pm)

24-27 AK-SAR-BEN, Omaha

30 Farm Safety Day

**OCTOBER**

1 4-H Career Portfolios ***DUE*** @Extension Office

**4-10 National 4-H Week**

7 National Youth Science Day

12 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

12 Office Closed – Columbus Day

**NOVEMBER**

1 Thurston County Achievement Banquet

9 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

11 Office Closed – Veteran’s Day

26-27 Office Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

**DECEMBER**

14 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

24-25 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday