**JANUARY**

1 Office Closed – Happy New Year!

6 4-H District Career Portfolio’s ***DUE*** @ Extension Office

11 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

18 Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

31 Butter Braid Sales begin

**FEBRUARY – Nebraska 4-H Month**

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

8 Joint 4-H Council Meeting @ Pender (7:00 pm)

12 Horse Stampede Entries ***DUE***

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

15 Office Closed – Presidents’ Day

16 4-H Enrollment & Volunteer Screening ***DUE***

**MARCH**

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

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

12 Horse Stampede @ UNL-East Campus

14 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

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

28 Speech/Music Contest Registration ***DUE***

31 Speech/Music Contest @ Pender (7:00 pm)

**APRIL**

1-3 Siouxland Garden Show @ Sioux City

10-16 National Volunteer Week

11 Joint 4-H Council Meeting @ Pender (7:00 pm)

15 Ak-Sar-Ben Market Beef DNA Nominations ***DUE***

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

29 Office Closed – Arbor Day

**MAY**

2 Drop/Add 4-H Projects ***DUE***

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

4 Favorite Foods & Presentation Contest @ Dakota City (7:00 pm)

9 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

12 Northeast Regional 4-H Speech Contest Registration ***DUE***

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

26 Northeast Regional 4-H Speech Contest @ Norfolk (2:00 pm)

30 Office Closed – Memorial Day

**JUNE**

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

13 Rabbit Tattoo Party @ Extension Office (5:15 pm)

13 District Horse Show @ Kearney

14 District Horse Show @ Chadron

15 District Horse Show @ McCook

15 All Livestock Affidavits ***DUE***

15 Quality Assurance Deadline

15 Ak-Sar-Ben Sheep, Swine, Goat & Feeder Calf DNA ***DUE***

16 District Horse Show @ Leigh

17 District Horse Show @ Bloomfield

17 Ponca Day Camp Registration ***DUE***

19-21 PASE/Life Challenge @ UNL

21 District Horse Show @ Lincoln

27 Ponca Counselor Training

28 Ponca Day Camp @ Ponca State Park

**JULY**

4 Office Closed – 4th of July Holiday

10-14 State Horse Show @ Fonner Park, Grand Island

11 Thurston County 4-H Council Meeting

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

27 4-H Clothing Day Judging @ Emerson

30 Pre-Fair Clean Up

31-Aug 2 Pre-Fair Judging Shows

**AUGUST**

July 31 – Aug 2 Pre-Fair Judging Shows

3-7 Dakota-Thurston County Fair

8 Post Fair Clean Up

10 State Fair Animal and In Person Entries ***DUE***

23 State Fair Exhibits ***DUE*** @ Extension Office (Noon)

26-Sept 5 – NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

**SEPTEMBER**

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR – Aug 26 – Sept 7

5 Office Closed – Labor Day

7 State Fair Exhibits ready for pick up

12 Joint 4-H Council Meeting @ Pender (7:00 pm)

19 4-H Career Portfolios ***DUE*** @ Extension Office

22-25 AK-SAR-BEN, Omaha

**OCTOBER**

**2-8 National 4-H Week**

5 National Youth Science Day

10 Office Closed – Columbus Day

16 Thurston County Achievement Banquet

**NOVEMBER**

11 Office Closed – Veteran’s Day

14 Thurston County 4-H Council

24-25 Office Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

**DECEMBER**

23 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday