

Chaffee County Fair Board Meeting

June 4, 2026

Call to order: 6:06pm

Present: Dakota, Kail, Chelsea, Sasha, Donna, Bernie, Randy, Miki, Cathy, Taylor, Monica, Rebecca, Pat, AJ, Trent, Abby, Beth, Annie(late)

Guests: Chaffee County Rodeo Royalty

May Minutes approval: Abby makes motion to approve, Sasha Seconds

Treasurer report: \$ Money in bank

5/31/26- \$48,097.14

May Expenses:

- QuickBooks software \$487.60
- Royalty Parade Expenses (blossom & memorial day) \$283.80
- Rodeo Flags \$3,260
- FB account checks \$89.05

May Income:

- Sponsors & Vendors: \$5,210

Made request to County for yearly funds of \$33,000.

Sponsorships: Waiting on \$5,650 in sponsors to pay.

Royalty: We are helping run flags for grand entry at the Collegiate Peaks Rodeo in Buena Vista next weekend (June 13th & 14th).

Ordered t-shirts for FB and hats for FB and to sell

Booked radio, will work on wording and such for that. Does anyone want to do a recorded commercial?

Need to clean and organize our storage area- any takers to help?

Made a flyer for grandstand signs

Manager report: Commissioners have decided to remodel the front of the exhibit hall.

They have been working the arena a lot to make it good footing.

CDOT is going to help us out and restripe our parking lot.

Scale is certified for the year.

Wash station- need to figure this out.

Miki: grandstand clean up & parking volunteers has not been finalized

Commissioners: Beth- they are working on budgeting for next year.

Extension: See attached



June 2026 Extension Report

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Upcoming dates/deadlines

- Tuesday 16 June - Animal Knowledge Testing @ BV Community Center, 10 am - 2 pm
- Wednesday 17 June - Animal Knowledge Testing @ FG Meeting Room, 10 am - 3 pm
- Thursday 18 June - Office Closed, Juneteenth
- Monday 15 June - Sunday 28 June - 4-H fundraising period at Moonlight Pizza
- Monday 22 June - 4-H Dinner Gathering @ Moonlight Pizza
- Thursday 25 June - Animal Knowledge Tests Due
- Monday 29 June - 4-H Record Book Workshop, 5-6 pm @ FG meeting room
- Wednesday 1 July - 4-H 101 Meeting re: County Fair prep. FG meeting room & via Zoom.
<https://zoom.us/j/2168173304pwd=Ph2ATRYtXl1XQt4YcsmcjQbJoiC.1&omn=91802488483>

Meeting ID: 216 817 3304

Passcode: 4HLEARN

- Thursday 2 July - Office Closed, 4th of July observed
- Tuesday 7 July - **PAPERWORK DEADLINE**
 - Fair Pen/Stall Reservations Due
 - Indoor Project Judging Sign-ups Due
 - Rabbit/Poultry Rosters Due
 - Horse Show Entry Forms Due
 - Exhibitor Packets available for pickup
- Tuesday 14 July - Dog record books due in Extension Office
- Saturday 18 July - Hunter's Ed Course at Fairgrounds North Building
- 4-9 August - Extension Office Closed
- Tuesday 18 August - Livestock, horse, & officer record books due in Extension Office

Rule book Questions

- Question on colorants for market livestock in fitting

Documents

- FAQ for livestock auction and silent auction
- Discuss pavilion layout
- Barn Duty Assignments

Open Scale Days

- June 7 & 21, 3-4 pm

- July 5, 19, 26, 3-4 pm

Weigh-In Data

- Total goats: 20 market goats, 2 breeding doe goats
- Total sheep: 18
- Total swine: 101
- Total beef: 34 + dairy cow/calf pair

Current project enrollment data as of 6/4/26

- Beef – 26 (25 in 2025)
- Dairy cow – 1 (0 in 2025)
- Swine – 51 (49 in 2025)
- Goat – 10 (8 in 2025)
- Breeding goat – 1 (0 in 2025)
- Sheep – 8 (7 in 2025)
- Market poultry – 4 (4 in 2025)
 - Turkey – 1 (1 in 2025)
 - Show poultry – 7 (4 in 2025)
- Market rabbit – 6 (1 in 2025)
 - Companion rabbit – 4 (2 in 2025)
 - Breeding rabbit – 2 (1 in 2025)
- Horse – 11 (10 competing in Fair) (7 in 2025)
- Dog – 6 (7 in 2025)
- Indoor/general projects – 88 projects (63 completed projects in 2025)
- Shooting sports – 7 (6 projects completed in 2025)
- 68 members took MQA in 2025. 70 completed tests for 2026

Judges – Everyone hired, pending contract returns

Ribbon distribution:

Monica and Rebecca will cross check ribbons at the end of each class and will put the ribbons for exhibitor into an envelope. We will hand the envelopes to a Royalty member to distribute to the members

Livestock Sale:

Extension can hand out checks when available from Monte Vista Livestock. We will ask to see the you cards & for record books to be turned in prior to check release. Extension office is closed Aug 4-9 this year.



4-H Silent Auction FAQ for 4-H Families

What is the silent auction?

The silent auction is an event run by the Fair Board. It launched in 2024 as an opportunity for 4-H'ers to sell their general/indoor projects to the public.

When is it?

The silent auction begins on Wednesday 29 July at 4 pm during the Exhibit Hall Grand Opening and ends at the conclusion of the Jr. Market Livestock Auction on Friday 31 July at appx. 9:30 pm in the Fairgrounds North Building.

How are items sold?

Consigned items and bid sheets will be displayed during the Fair and Jr. Market Livestock Auction. Bidders will clearly indicate their name & bid amount on bid sheets. Bidders may bid multiple times. A minimum bid will be indicated on the bid sheet and will be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the estimated value, as established by the member in conversation with a 4-H leader. If no bid above the minimum is entered, the item will go back to the member.

Who are buyers?

Buyers are members of the community that attend the sale, purchase animals, and support 4-H. They are often family members, business owners, and community organizations.

How should we market our projects?

Buyers do not simply show up! 4-H'ers are responsible for marketing their project to prospective buyers. The Extension Office prints invitations to the sale & silent auction, and they are typically available 2-3 weeks prior to Fair. 4-H'ers can also create their own marketing materials (postcards, flyers, letters, brochures, etc.) to distribute to prospective buyers. Marketing for your 4-H project should occur year-round, not just right before the County Fair. Businesses often make decisions early in the year regarding charitable giving or donations.

What should be in a prospective buyer letter?

- Your name, 4-H club, and contact information
- Details about your projects
- Invitation to the sale

How many items can I sell?

There shall be no maximum number of items sold, however, every item sold must be from a different project area. "Lots" of items (for example, a set of four coasters; a dozen cupcakes; an outfit consisting of a skirt and shirt; a table & chair set, etc.) is permitted and counts as a single item, if sold as a group.

What do we need to do to prepare for the sale?

- Finish your project, following exhibit guidelines
- Complete your judging on July 25
- Consign your item(s) related to the project area(s) on the "Indoor Project Sign Up Sheet" due July 7, 2026
- Market your item(s)
- Prepare your thank-you notes, buyer's baskets, or other thank-you items

When do buyers pay for their items?

Payment is expected the night of the sale.

What happens after the sale?

Buyers are expected to check out, pay for their items, and take their items home. Items not picked up will be moved into the Extension office and can be picked up at a later date.

What fees are paid by 4-H'ers?

The Chaffee County Fair Board charges a sale commission of 3% for all items sold through the Silent Auction.

When can we expect our sale check?

Sale checks are typically available within a few weeks of the sale.

What can we do to help our projects succeed next year?

Express continued appreciation to your buyer(s). Invite them back to the sale. Marketing your project doesn't stop when you receive your sale check! Some 4-H'ers may choose to provide buyers with a small thank-you gift to further express gratitude for their support.



Junior Market Livestock Sale FAQ for 4-H Families

What is the Jr. Market Livestock Sale?

The Junior Market Livestock Sale is an event run by the Fair Board. It is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to sell their market-ready livestock to the public. Historically it is a premium sale, with animals bringing in above-market average prices.

When is it?

The 2026 sale will be held on Friday, 31 July at 6 pm in the Fairgrounds North Building.

How are animals sold?

Animals are sold "by the head." Pens of three (poultry & rabbit) are sold by the head as well, so a pen of three rabbits sold at \$200/head would bring \$600.

Who are buyers?

Buyers are members of the community that attend the sale, purchase animals, and support 4-H. They are often family members, business owners, and community organizations.

How should we market our projects?

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What should be in a prospective buyer letter?

- Your name, 4-H club, and contact information
- Details about your projects (species, focus)
- Invitation to the sale
- Sale options – full purchase, buyback, and/or add-ons

How many animals can I sell?

Everyone who is enrolled in market livestock is allowed to sell at least one (1) animal, provided they make market weight and are not a white ribbon. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions MUST be sold, including Grand & Reserve Market beef, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit, turkey, and poultry.

After that, the following rules apply: If you elect to sell your beef project you can sell one (1) blue ribbon and one (1) other blue ribbon species, not beef. If you are not selling a beef, you can sell two (2) blue swine, sheep, goat, rabbit or poultry animals, or a combination of one (1) swine, sheep, goat, rabbit, or poultry (2 animals max) if both have been judged as blue ribbons. You can sell one (1) red ribbon beef, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit or poultry animal. White ribbon animals DO NOT sell. You can sell just one (1) animal, or maximum (2) animals, not including Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.

Example, you can sell:

- One Beef - Blue or Red
- or One Sheep - Blue or Red
- or One Swine - Blue or Red
- or One Goat - Blue or Red
- or One Meat Pen of Rabbit - Blue or Red
- or One Meat Pen of Poultry - Blue or Red
- or One Turkey - Blue or Red

or One Beef and one other species (Swine, Sheep, Goat, Pen of Meat Rabbits, Pen of Meat Poultry, or Turkey)
 – Both Blue Ribbon

or Two (2) sheep, goat, swine, meat pen of Rabbits, meat pen of Poultry or Turkey both blue ribbons

or One (1) sheep, goat, swine, meat pen of Rabbits, meat pen of Poultry or Turkey red ribbon

What are the purchase options at the sale?

1. Whole animal purchase – buyer buys the animal for the bid-upon price. Buyer chooses the processor (butcher)
2. Buyback purchase – the buyback/resale program is a convenience for buyers who want to support 4-H members, but do not want to keep the meat for personal consumption. Buyback animals are sold again at the end of the sale for a predetermined per pound price, significantly reducing the purchase price of the animal. For example, Buyer A bids \$2000 for your swine. The buyback price is \$0.80/lb. The swine weighs 250 lbs. The buyback price may begin at \$200. Buyback final bids go to the operator of the sale.
3. Add-on – Buyers who do not want to purchase an animal but want to make a donation to a specific 4-H'er can elect to do an add-on. For example, a steer sells for \$5000 and receives a \$250 add-on from a local business who knows the 4-H'er.

What is the floor price?

The floor price is what the animal would bring at the sale of the animal on the open market. 2025 floor price data is as follows:

- Beef \$1.80/lb
- Swine \$0.85/lb
- Sheep \$1.70/lb
- Goat \$2.05/lb

What do we need to do to prepare for the sale?

- Market your project

- Groom & fit your animal prior to the sale
- Prepare your thank-you notes, buyer's baskets, or other thank-you items

When do buyers pay for their animals?

Payment is expected the night of the sale.

What happens after the sale?

Immediately following the sale, buyers check out with the sale clerk, pay, and make processing arrangements for their purchased animals (if arrangements haven't been made previously.) The animal becomes property of the buyer upon payment. Processors will inform the Fair Board of processing timelines. For example, Processor A may be able to take 20 swine and 10 beef on Sunday morning, 20 swine and 10 beef Tuesday morning, etc.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to care for and feed, at the same feed ration, the animal from the end of the sale until the animal is transported to slaughter. It is also the responsibility of the 4-H'er to arrange for, or personally handle, the processing of market poultry and rabbits.

What fees are paid by 4-H'ers?

The operator of the sale charges a sale commission of 3% and a \$10/head fee for all livestock sold through the Junior Market Livestock Auction. Applicable required fees will also be deducted from the sale proceeds (ex: brand inspection, pork board, etc.)

When can we expect our sale check?

Sale checks are typically available within a few weeks of the sale.

What can we do to help our projects succeed next year?

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What is a buyer's basket?

Buyer's baskets are thank-you gifts given to buyers from the 4-H member. Clubs also put together buyers' baskets (typically multiple, \$50 baskets) that are drawn via raffle during the sale.

Discussed any product for livestock that changes or alters colors. Voted to mimic the State Fair verbiage for our rule book. Abby makes motion, Chelsea seconds. Cathy opposed.

Monte Vista Livestock will be clerking and running the sale. Tate will auctioneer the sale.

Old Business:

Abby is working with Destination IQ for advertising and video footage to promote our fair.

Abby, Miki, Dakota and Annie will work on online waivers.

Open class: 6 judges. \$150 each. Talked about 3 new judges.

Rebecca is assigning 4H clubs to barn duty time slots

Rocky mtn oysters: 120 lbs. coleslaw as a side. Bernie will head this.

Dakota scheduling time to clean out storage room

New Business:

Beer trailer: \$1,500 to rent trailer, with a \$500 damage deposit. Dakota made a motion to approve, Pat seconds.

Mechanical Bull: Dakota will come up with schedule, to sign up for shifts.

Are we going to have anyone in the info booth?

Catch a pig pigs- AJ working on getting them

Royalty gate during rodeo- Dakota brought up paneling off their gate for safety- all agreed to put panels up.

Miki needs someone to take over volunteer stuff- Sasha, Cathy & Keri.

Dakota to make a flyer for kids day

Next meeting- picture!!!!

Next meeting July 2nd 6:00pm at the Fairgrounds