

4-H Spirit

Motto-
"To Make the Best Better"



Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

June 2011



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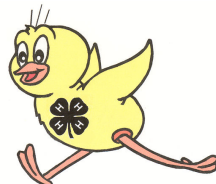
All leaders of livestock and still projects should have received their project eligibility forms by mid-May. **Forms for all still and horse projects are due into the office by July 15th, livestock and horticulture forms are due by July 29.** All your project members need to have their project record forms current, their demonstration for each of their projects must be completed in front of their group, and have attended 80% of project and club meetings. Unless these items are complete, the project member will not be eligible for fair. These forms also must be signed by the Community Club Leader of each member and by you, the project leader.

Give your project members the various fair entry dates so they can mark them on their calendar as a reminder to get their fair entries signed by their Community Club Leader and Project Leader before going to the fair office. The fair office will not accept entries without these signatures. **Also remember that all livestock members need to add SHOWMANSHIP to their entries.**

Mariposa Fair entries are due by 5:00p.m. on the following dates:

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| Stills Horses & Ponies- | August 6 |
| Junior Livestock- | August 20 |
| Floriculture/Horticulture- | August 27 |

MEMBERS WHO ARE NEW THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE TO RECEIVE AN EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK WITH ALL THE FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS.



**Attention 4-H Members
4-H Camp Tweety Registrations
Must be
Postmarked by June 3.**

Project Record & PDRs

Just a reminder that all Mariposa County 4-H members need to turn in a 4-H Record book including the Personal Development Report (PDR) to their Community Club Leader at the September club meeting or no later than September 20 to receive credit for the 2010-11 program year. Don't loose out on the 2011-12 program year by not turning in your record book.



Attention 4-H Parents of 7th and 8th Grade 4-H Members-Please Read

Agreement Signed Between 4-H, FFA, Grange, and The California Dept. of Food & Agriculture's Division of Fairs and Expositions

TO: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTORS AND 4-H YOUTH ADVISORS, AGRICULTURE TEACHERS/FFA ADVISORS, GRANGE YOUTH FAIR LEADERS, AND FAIR AND EXPOSITION ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF.

To maintain the fine statewide cooperation that now exists between Cooperative Extension, high school agriculture education departments, the California State Grange, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of Fairs and Expositions it is essential that all staff members, leaders and advisors in these organizations and agencies be informed of the joint policy governing ownership/entrepreneurial projects and enrollment of youth who participate in fairs and expositions as members of the 4-H, FFA, Grange, or as independent exhibitors. We hope that all leaders, staff teachers/advisors, fair and exposition officials, and members/exhibitors will observe these policies so that the best interests of all organizations and the member/exhibitors are served educationally.

The 4-H, FFA, and Grange organizations recognize the role of the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of Fairs and Expositions to establish and enforce state rules for educational and fair competition at California fairs. These organizations recommend to the Division of Fairs and Expositions that the content of this agreement be supported in the "State Rules for California Fairs" and that equitable rules be included for independent exhibitors. We recommend that the content of this agreement be used as a basis for rule development and enforcement at all endorsed fairs and expositions or other sponsored events.

None of the organizations, publicly or privately supported, have the right to determine the extent to which an individual can participate in projects whether as a member of an organization or independent provided the minimum requirements are met for supervised project work. The member and parents should determine what projects should be undertaken in each organization or independently. The agriculture instructor, the 4-H leader, nor the Grange leader should discourage the member from following the choice agreed upon by the member and parents.

It is agreed that when an individual belongs to more than one organization, or exhibits as an independent, he/she must carry a different ownership/entrepreneurial project in each organization/independent. To further clarify this policy, when a member maintains projects in 4-H, FFA, Grange, or independently, the projects may not be in the same kind of livestock or crop production classification. "Production classifications" refers to the grouping of livestock and crops with consideration given to their production type and usage not simply by species. For example, a beef project in FFA and a sheep project in 4-H would be acceptable since these two projects are both different species and produce a different commodity, but a beef breeding project in FFA and a beef market project in 4-H would not be acceptable since they are of the same species and produce the same commodity of beef; even if the animals were of different breeds. A further example of a project of the same specie but different production type would be a dairy goat project in Grange and a meat goat project in 4-H that would be acceptable since the production of milk versus meat is clearly different. To assist in determining whether the projects are to be considered "different" and may be carried in the different organizations or independently see attached Addendum 1 for a listing of projects production classifications that have been agreed upon for administration of this agreement. The addendum does not address "projects" which are non-ownership/work experience in nature or involve participation in leadership development activities and events such as public speaking, parliamentary procedure, or judging contests, which are not covered by this agreement.

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A member of an FFA chapter, Grange, or 4-H unit (club, group, etc.), or independent exhibitor may transfer projects from one organization/independent to another only once during a calendar year. All transfers must include official notification by the member to the organizations involved of their desire to drop and/or add a project and take place at a time that would allow for the supervision of the project by the respective organization/independent. Transfers must take place not less than 60 days, (or the number of days required for the ownership and supervision of respective species whichever is greater), prior to the exhibit or award recognition of the project. For additional detail regarding agreement for members transferring projects from 4-H or Grange to FFA when entering the ninth grade, refer to Addendum 1(see below). To be able to show a project at an endorsed fair, exposition, or other sponsored event, it must be owned and supervised according to the following requirements:

Poultry – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Rabbits – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

All feeder and breeding animals (except rabbits, poultry and horses) must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Market sheep, swine, veal, and goats – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Market beef – must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

Horses – must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

We are in agreement that members are expected to care for, prepare for show, and exhibit their own animals while at the fair or livestock show. However, because of the educational nature of livestock shows, it is appropriate on occasion for parents, leaders, or other youth eligible to exhibit at that show to provide assistance. Assistance should always be given only when the exhibitor is present and actively engaged.

Separate classes for 4-H, FFA, Grange, and independents should be maintained and strengthened. However, we recognize that in some circumstances combined classes may be appropriate. When combined classes are established, that decision should be reached with input and agreement by 4-H, FFA, Grange, and independent representatives participating in the affected show.

We are in agreement that 4-H, FFA, Grange, and the Division of Fairs and Expositions will unite in an effort to support the ethical and humane treatment of all animals at fairs and expositions and in the production of a healthy and safe food supply. We also agree to reinforce the educational emphasis of competitive programs for plants and animals, and maintain the standards of integrity of all participants while attending endorsed fairs and expositions or other sponsored events.

Addendum #1 (Important information for 8th graders)

Students desiring to transfer projects to FFA must notify both the FFA Advisor and the 4-H or Grange project leader of their intent to transfer and drop/add their project of time not less than the period required for ownership and supervision of that project. To be eligible to be a member of FFA and exhibit a project under FFA a student must: 1) be pre-enrolled in an agriculture education course, 2) be affiliated with the State FFA organization, 3) be legal owner of the project and be supervised by the FFA Advisor for the period of time required by agreement for this project production classification, 4) keep records of conduct of the project, and 5) received promotion from eighth to ninth grade. Under this agreement students can transfer projects for FFA and drop them from 4-H or Grange prior to completion of the eighth grade. Under no circumstances however, may a student exhibit as an FFA member prior to official completion of the eighth grade.

This agreement became effective on July 1, 2005, and remains in effect indefinitely until modified or terminated by mutual consent.

NEWS FROM THE FAIR

From Brian Bullis, General Manager

- **ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT EXHIBITING, CALL THE FAIR OFFICE!!**
- Review the Exhibitor's Handbook and the rules for exhibiting.
- Fill out your entry blank neatly and completely. *DON'T FORGET ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP!*
- Get your entry blank properly signed to the fair office by the deadline date. Entry blanks are accepted from June 1st to the deadline date.
- If you have registered animals, be sure that all the paper work is in order before fair.
- There is still no washing of any animal at the fair due to the wastewater regulations.
- All animals will be shown naturally.
- The State Rule on Showmanship is that you must show your own animal, not your siblings or other 4-H project member.
- If you grow or make something and would like to enter it into the fair and is not a project that you are enrolled in, call the fairgrounds office for information.
- Animal exhibits have special requirements which start months before fair. Contact the fair office for information.
- Must have liability insurance at time of entry blank is accepted at the fair office. Call the fair office for more information.

NEWS:

- **Horse Show date is August 20 starting at 8 AM.**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MEETING AT THE STRATHERN PAVILION
FOR PARENTS AND EXHIBITORS AT 6P.**

**FRIDAY. SEPTEMBER 2nd AT 9AM WILL BE THE FAIR LIVESTOCK MEETING AT THE
STRATHEARN PAVILION**



Junior Livestock Auction Committee Meeting

Date: June 21

Time: 5:30p

Where: Fairgrounds Board Room

All 4-H Representatives please attend!

4-H CAMP TWEETY REGISTRATIONS DUE BY JUNE 3

If you plan on attending 4-H Camp Tweety, registration along with fee are due June 3 or post-marked by June 3. Make checks payable to "Mariposa County 4-H Council".

4-H members' fee is \$80 and non-4-Hers \$95 which includes insurance fee.

If you have a friend that would like to join the fun, registration forms are on website

[http://ucanr.org/calendar/?](http://ucanr.org/calendar/?calitem=130433&group=1412)

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Project Leaders Needed for 2011-12

Parents, grandparents, or friends, would you like to be a mentor to our 4-H youth in a particular project? We are looking for 4-H project volunteer leaders for the upcoming 4-H program year which begins October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.



We are looking for leaders in the project areas of chorus, beekeeping, quilting, food preservation, biking, animal projects, automotive, woodworking, welding, or any other specialty project. The UCCE Office has curriculum for project leaders to use, and will hold training workshops. All new leaders must attend an orientation, be fingerprinted, and be approved by UCCE staff before having meetings with youth.

CURRENT LEADERS AND CCL'S, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE RETURNING FOR THE 2011-12 PROGRAM YEAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO A LIST OF PROJECTS CAN BE PREPARED FOR THE FAIR INFORMATION BOOTH AND SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETINGS.

If you are interested, please contact the UCCE Office at (209) 966-4829 or visit the 4-H Fair Booth at the 2011 Mariposa County Fair over Labor Day weekend.

PDR CORNER

Activities for May & June are listed below. Place in the section where you need it the most to earn your star rank.

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| CAMP TWEETY- | |
| COMMITTEE | 4 |
| ATTENDED | 3 |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE- | |
| ATTENDED in uniform | 6 |
| PRESENTED WREATH | 6 |
| CHOWCHILLA FAIR- | |
| ATTENDED | 3 |
| PROJECT EXHIBIT | 2 |
| PROJECT SHOWING | 2 |
| SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETING | |
| ATTENDED | 3 |
| RELAY FOR LIFE- | |
| ATTENDED OR | 3 |
| REPRESENTED 4-H | 6 |
| COMMITTEE | 4 |
| STATE FIELD DAY- | |
| ATTENDED | 3 |
| GOLD MEDAL | 7 |
| REQUIRED PROJECT PRESENTATIONS GO ON YOUR PROJECT RECORD BOOK FORM. | |

Club & Project Items or Baskets Needed for 4-H State Leaders' Forum

November 11-13, 2011 will be the 4-H State Leaders' Forum at Asilomar Conference grounds in Monterey. We would like to have our projects and clubs be represented there by donating something made from your project or a basket full of Mariposa items for the silent auction. The silent auction helps to defray the cost for this state-wide event for our 4-H volunteer leaders and 4-H staff.

If your club or project would like to donate something for this event, bring it to the UCCE office by October 21st and it will be taken to the forum by 4-H staff. Please put a card on the item with club or project's name or if it a basket, place a card with items and value of basket. Thank you.

Getting Ready for Fair

Just three months left until our Mariposa County Fair. Project leaders should be having meetings now and throughout the summer getting their members prepared for this big event.

The project meetings should consist of the following topics:

- ◆ How to get animals ready for show (bathing, shearing, etc.)
- ◆ Weigh-ins every two weeks
- ◆ Showmanship practice
- ◆ Parts of the bird or animal
- ◆ Any other pertinent information for the members to know about their projects
- ◆ Finishing their clothing or arts/crafts items
- ◆ Making educational posters for the animal or small critter barns
- ◆ Having fun while learning

Remember 4-H is an educational program for the youth. The members should be acquiring knowledge, skills, achieving satisfaction from their work and accomplishments, and developing initiative and assuming responsibility with their projects.



Animals as Gifts

California 4-H Program Handbook states “the 4-H Youth Development Program does not accept animals as gifts or donations. Council, units, projects, and County Cooperative Extension Offices cannot accept title or ownership of animals. Any such gifts should be made directly to individuals.”

Market Animal Insurance

UCCE and the 4-H program do not insure animals. Many members wish to purchase mortality insurance for their market animals in case their animal dies before fair. Members should check with their parent’s homeowner’s policies to see if they will cover the livestock animals. If not, you may want to check with other insurance companies.

Attention 4-H Livestock Fair Exhibitors

All 4-H Livestock fair exhibitors will need to purchase animal liability insurance prior of fair and before you turn in your entry forms. The cost is \$45 for large animals and \$28 for small animals or families will be \$45 if all animals are large or \$28 if all small animals. If your parents have animal liability on their home owners insurance policy, please take the policy to the fair office to see if it is satisfactory.

If you have any questions, please contact the fair manager at 966-2432.

Show Uniform:

4-H/FFA/Independent: Solid white collared dress shirts, long or short sleeved, button or snap front. Shirt must be tucked into pants. **NO** tee shirts or sleeveless shirts/tops.

4-H/Independent– dark blue jeans. **NO** hip huggers or low-rise jeans/pants.

FFA/Independent– White jeans. **NO** hip huggers or low-rise jeans/pants.

4-H: Official tie or scarf and hat

FFA: Official tie or scarf and FFA jacket

State 4-H News

The California 4-H Program is actively looking for **host families** for **Japanese** boys for a 1 month exchange this summer. Families with boys ages 10 – 15 can host a Japanese boy from July 22 to August 18. Please help to provide an international experience for a boy wishing to learn more about how an American family spends their summer. Tetsunori, Tomoya, Kensuke, or Shuma would be thrilled to spend time with your family. You can learn more by contacting Pat English at 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International>. In addition, past host families are available to share tips and their experience.

State Leadership Conference – SLC is fast approaching! Sessions and workshops are filling up fast! Don't be left out. Sign up now at: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=6257>. Last day to sign up is June 17, 2011. For more information please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu or your local State Ambassador.

State Leadership Conference Alumni Luncheon for former Diamond Stars and State Ambassadors and their advisors. The State Ambassador program would like to invite all former Diamond Stars and State Ambassadors to a Lunch at UC Davis on August 1st. It is both a working lunch and a chance for past members to meet and see each other again. The retiring Ambassador team will present their year to a panel for discussion and the new Ambassador team will present their proposal for the next year. Please send your current address to Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu so we can send you a formal invitation. We look forward to hearing from you.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held, **Saturday, June 25, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 26, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz or Ventura Counties). For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm.

4-H: The Magic of Transformation. That is the theme this year for the **2011 State Leader's Forum**. This conference, for volunteer leaders and put on by volunteer leaders, promises to be especially wonderful this year as it will begin on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year – **November 11, 12, 13, 2011**. Registering is easy! Just follow this link: www.ca4h.org/programs/conferences/SLF/, download and fill out the form, and mail it in! (with a check). Do this all by September 1st and receive a discount! Friday night will be extra special, as our new State 4-H Director, Shannon Dogan, has agreed to speak to us. In fact, she has promised to spend the entire weekend at Asilomar! This will be a very meaningful way to meet, speak, and interact with her. She will be able to tell us about the Magic of working within the University framework. Also on Friday our speaker will be Andrew Bosworth. Andrew, a former California Diamond Star, currently works for Facebook. He has used his engineering skills to work on and create many of the on-going features of Facebook, and he has used his 4-H skills in managing groups, meeting deadlines, talking to the press, and developing new ideas. One idea he is very proud of is his 6-week 'bootcamp' program that he developed and manages for all the new engineers to go through as they learn about working at Facebook and discover where their 'niche' will be. Andrew will talk to us about the Magic of Social Networking. We can't wait for you to come and experience all this! Vicky Bosworth, Chair, 2011 SLF Committee, vgboz@comcast.net.

**MARIPOSA COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
OFFICER NOMINATION FORM
OFFICERS FOR THE 2011-2012 4-H YEAR**

This form is to be used for nominations only and must be returned to the 4-H office by **June 17, 2011**. Check with the person you are nominating to be sure they will accept the nomination. You may nominate yourself.

Qualifications are limited to active certified 4-H leaders only and senior 4-H members. This includes all volunteer men and women who are actively serving in administrative, assistant, project or activity capacities as leaders in the promotion and operation of the 4-H program.

The actual election of officers will be held at the August 4-H Council meeting.

PRESIDENT— _____
VICE-PRESIDENT— _____
2nd VICE PRESIDENT _____
SECRETARY _____

Please return this form to:
Donna Wice
4-H Office
5009 Fairgrounds Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338
FAX 209 966-5321

DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS-

PRESIDENT: Presides over and conducts all regular and special meetings of the Mariposa 4-H Council; serves as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Mariposa 4-H Council; and appoints members of such committees; signs documents/correspondence when necessary; maintains order.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Presides at all meetings of the Mariposa 4-H Council in the absence of the President; may serve as Chairman of the Program Committee and other important committees if so named by the President.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT- Publicity person for 4-H Council

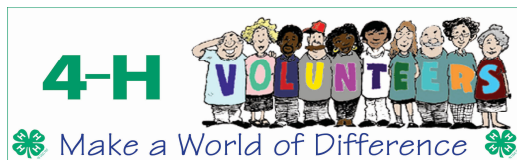
SECRETARY: Records the minutes of the meetings of the Council and carries on such correspondence as the Council and the president shall direct.

Mariposa 4-H Council meets monthly, fourth Tuesday of the month at 6p. Except for July and December. The November meeting is held the Wednesday the week before or after Thanksgiving.

Meeting dates are always listed in the 4-H Spirit Newsletter.

Become an active part of what 4-H is about!!!

REMEMBER THAT 4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR! PARENTS GET INVOLVED BECOME A 4-H LEADER, RESOURCE LEADER, TRANSPORTATION, OR COUNCIL OFFICER.



Give A Presentation At The Ironstone Concours!

The Ironstone Concours Foundation has requested 4-H members come to the 4-H Concours d'Elegance to perform presentations and show their displays between 11 am – 2 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to talk about their projects, show off their animals and receive credit in their record books! The event will be held on **September 24th** at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, and will include over 300 classic automobiles, vintage motorcycles and classic trailers.

Admission and lunch is free for 4-H members giving presentations. Each participating **4-H member** will receive a free lunch ticket at the 4-H check-in tent. Siblings, parents, and other volunteers will be able to purchase lunch at different areas. No coolers, please (this is an Ironstone request). If you are bringing a display, large items for your demonstration, or large animal, please be set up & in place by **9:30 am**. Presentations will be held between 11 am – 2 pm. **One** parent or adult escort driver from each family will receive a free entry wristband at the 4-H check-in tent. Admission is \$20 per adult or \$35 per couple or a family (a family is considered 2 adults and 2 children); children under 14 admitted free. Discount coupons available online <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/buy.php>

If your child is bringing a display, please bring a card table or appropriate set up as table space is not guaranteed and may be limited! You may also bring a chair. If you would like to give a presentation at the Concours, please fill out the form below and either drop by, fax or mail to the 4-H office by **September 9th**.

Our address is:
4-H Office
5009 Fairgrounds Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338
Fax: 966-5321

4-H Member Name: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian Attending: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____

Phone Number: _____

TYPE OF PRESENTATION

() Demonstration () Display () Illustrated Talk () Other _____

Give approximate length of non-display presentation: _____ minutes

Are you bringing a live animal? If so, what? _____

Preferred time of presentation (must be between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm):

_____ (please note that schedule may change or you may be asked to give your presentation more than once). We cannot guarantee the exact starting time of your presentation, but will do our best to schedule you at your preferred time.

The Ironstone Foundation is requesting 4-H members to be in their county 4-H uniform. No shorts! Please wear your 4-H hat, white shirt, scarf or tie, and dark blue jeans.

Due into the office by September 9th!



University of California Cooperative Extension

The 4-H Spirit is published monthly for the Mariposa County 4-H community club program. University of California Cooperative Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Mariposa County cooperating.

Articles or photographs for the 4-H Spirit are due into the UCCE Office by the **15th** of each month.

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| 5009 Fairgrounds Rd. | 4-H- (209) 966-4829 |
| Mariposa, CA 95338 | UCCE office |
| Office Hours | (209) 966-2417 |
| Monday– Friday | FAX (209) 966-5321 |
| 8-1p & 2-5p | |

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<http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu>

www.ca4h.org

E-mail- dswice@ucdavis.edu

Donna Wice
4-H Coordinator



June Important Dates

- 2** Triangle 4-H meeting-6p
- 3** Camp registration/fee due
- 7** Catheys Valley 4-H-7p McCay Hall
- 9** Bootjack 40ers 4-H meeting-6:30p
- 13** Don Pedro Rattlers meeting-6:30p
- 18-20** 4-H Camp Tweety
- 28** 4-H Council meeting– 6:00p.m.

Mariposa County's State Fair Exhibit 4-H Volunteers Needed

Needed are volunteers for the Mariposa County's State Fair Exhibit Booth that Mariposa 4-H Council and others are building. We need volunteers from July 14- July 31. 4-H Council would like to have some 4-H members and leaders to volunteer on one or more days. Persons staffing would get a daily entrance & parking pass.

If you are interested, please contact Donna at 966-4829 by June 6 for the volunteers will need to complete a form and add their names to a Megan's Law form.