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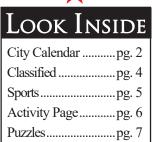
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By Mike Villarreal

The La Feria ISD Audio-Visual students didn't just attend the 10th Annual South Texas International Film Festival in Edinburg; they actively participated. They immersed themselves in workshops, met celebrity

guests, and even had the privilege to watch student film trailers in the Young Filmmakers category, including the captivating 'Don't Move' by La Feria's Madilyn Zamorano, Elisa Cavazos, and Olivia Castro.

The South Texas International Film Festival, proudly promoted by the city of Edinburg, serves as a powerful platform to showcase the Visual Arts and the burgeoning film industry in the Rio Grande Valley. This annual celebration of the Art of Cinema is not just a competition but a source of inspiration for visionary filmmakers worldwide and the Valley.

STIXIFF, based in Edinburg, Texas, welcomes local, regional, national, and international films from aspiring storytellers. The festival features various film categories such as RGV Films, Short Films, feature-length films, Documentary Films, Music Videos, Animated Films, and Student Films. It is open to the public and includes workshops, film screenings, and a screenplay pitch

competition. STXIFF receives hundreds of film submissions annually from around the world, including the Valley. A team of industry professionals reviews each film through a secure website and rates them based on their Artistic and Technical aspects. The head programmer then selects the films to be showcased during the festival.

After the selection process, a team of industry professional judges screens the official selection films in each category and nominates top-rated films for awards. The decisions are based on the combined "Direction" rating, and the winners are chosen by the official industry judges.

The Eddy Awards, named after the city of Edinburg, are solid bronze awards that weigh 10 pounds each and are cast locally. They are reserved for the winning Feature Film in the following categories: US Feature, Documentary Feature, and International Feature.

Photos from the La Feria ISD Facebook page

### Los estudiantes de medios de LFECHS exhiben su trabajo en el festival de cine local

Los estudiantes de Audiovisuales de La Feria ISD no solo asistieron al décimo Festival Internacional de Cine del Sur de Texas en Edinburg; participaron activamente. Se sumergieron en talleres, conocieron invitados famosos e incluso tuvieron el privilegio de ver avances de películas de estudiantes en la categoría Jóvenes Cineastas, incluida la cautivadora 'No te muevas' de Madilyn Zamorano, Elisa Cavazos y Olivia Castro de La Feria.

El Festival Internacional de Cine del Sur de Texas, promovido con orgullo por la ciudad de Edinburg, sirve como una poderosa plataforma para mostrar las artes visuales y la floreciente industria cinematográfica en el Valle del Río Grande. Esta celebración anual del Arte del Cine no es solo una competencia sino una fuente de inspiración para cineastas visionarios de todo el mundo y del Valle.

Edinburg, Texas, da la bienvenida a películas locales, regionales, nacionales e internacionales de aspirantes a narradores. El festival presenta varias categorías cinematográficas, como películas RGV, cortometrajes, largometrajes, documentales, vídeos musicales, películas animadas y películas estudiantiles. Está abierto al público e incluve talleres, proyecciones de películas y un concurso de presentación de guiones.

STXIFF recibe anualmente cientos de presentaciones de películas de todo el mundo, incluido el Valle. Un equipo de profesionales de la industria revisa cada película a través de un sitio web seguro y las califica según sus aspectos artísticos y técnicos. A continuación, el programador jefe selecciona las películas que se proyectarán durante el festival.

Después del proceso de

selección, un equipo de jueces profesionales de la industria proyecta las películas de la selección oficial en cada categoría y nomina las películas mejor calificadas para los premios. Las decisiones se basan en la calificación combinada de "Dirección" y los jueces oficiales de la industria eligen a los

ganadores. Los premios Eddy, que llevan el nombre de la ciudad de Edinburg, son premios de bronce sólido que pesan 10 libras cada

Están reservados para el largometraje ganador en las siguientes categorías: largometraje

largometraje documental v largometraje internacional. Fotos de la página de Facebook de La Feria ISD













# Santa Rosa ISD Offers Law Enforcement

# Cadet Program

By Mike Villarreal

The Santa Rosa ISD Texas Ace Program offers an exciting opportunity for students interested in law enforcement. The new Law Enforcement Cadet Program provides hands-on experience in real-world field scenarios.

Participants will learn to mark crime scenes, earn work-based learning certificates, and develop essential skills for a potential career in law enforcement. The program includes field training, scenario practice, crime scene marking, certificates, and skills development.

Students will engage in hands-on learning experiences, including field scenarios and mock crime scenes, to practice investigative techniques, traffic stops, and handling

emergencies. Additionally, they can earn work-based certifications that can help kick-start their career in law enforcement or related fields.

The program focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. Students will explore the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

The program teaches students about developing adherence to and protecting various branches of law, as well as how to appropriately and legally respond to breaches in the law. Students will also have work-based learning opportunities, such as

joining the Texas Public Service Association or local criminal justice clubs and attending court hearings and other legal procedures.

After graduating, students can pursue Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, and other professional degrees and work in various law enforcement positions. The program's course sequence includes Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security in 9th grade, Law Enforcement in 10th grade, Law Enforcement 2 in 11th grade, and Forensic Science with a prerequisite in Biology and Chemistry as a senior. Completing the Law and Public Service Program of study will fulfill the Public Service Endorsement requirements.

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career in law enforcement.

Information and photo from the Santa Rosa ISD Texas ACE Program Facebook page

#### the Boy Scouts and other Santa Rosa ISD ofrece programa de cadetes encargados de hacer cumplir la lev

El programa Texas Ace de Santa Rosa ISD ofrece una oportunidad emocionante para los estudiantes interesados en la aplicación de la ley. El nuevo Programa de Cadetes para el Cumplimiento de la Ley brinda experiencia práctica en escenarios de

campo del mundo real. Los participantes

aprenderán a marcar escenas del crimen, obtendrán certificados de aprendizaje en el trabajo y desarrollarán habilidades esenciales para una posible carrera en el cumplimiento de la ley. El programa incluye capacitación de campo, práctica de escenarios, marcado de la escena del desarrollo de habilidades.

Los estudiantes participarán en experiencias de aprendizaje prácticas, incluidos escenarios de campo y escenas de crímenes simuladas, para practicar técnicas de investigación, detenciones de tráfico y manejo de emergencias. Además, pueden obtener certificaciones basadas en el trabajo que pueden

ayudarlos a impulsar su carrera en el ámbito policial o campos relacionados.

El programa se enfoca en planificar, administrar y brindar servicios legales, seguridad pública, servicios de protección y seguridad nacional, incluidos servicios de apoyo profesional y técnico. Los estudiantes explorarán las funciones y responsabilidades de

la policía, los tribunales, los correccionales, la seguridad privada y los servicios de emergencia y bomberos.

El programa enseña a los estudiantes cómo desarrollar el cumplimiento y la protección de diversas ramas de la ley, así como cómo responder de manera adecuada y legal a las infracciones de la ley. Los estudiantes también tendrán oportunidades de aprendizaje basadas en el trabajo, como unirse a la Asociación de Servicios Públicos de Texas o clubes de justicia penal locales y asistir a audiencias judiciales y otros procedimientos legales.

Después de graduarse, los estudiantes pueden obtener una licenciatura, una maestría, un doctorado y otros títulos profesionales y trabajar en diversos puestos policiales. La secuencia de cursos del programa incluye Principios de Derecho, Seguridad

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Santa Rosa ISD no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad o edad en sus programas o actividades. Proporciona igualdad de acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados. Si su hijo está interesado en unirse al programa de cadetes, inscríbalo si está interesado en seguir una carrera en el ámbito

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## Three Ways To Protect Migratory Birds This Fall

### Lights Out, Texas! asks Texans to do their part to prevent light pollution



Lights Out, Texas! is an initiative that seeks to enlist Texans to curb bird losses to building strikes during spring and fall migrations. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

By Cole Baerlocher

For Texans, saving millions of migratory birds could be as simple as flipping a switch. Each year, nearly 2

billion birds migrate through the Lone Star State. Many of the migratory species use the night sky as a tool to navigate through the state and back to their homes and breeding grounds.

However, nighttime light pollution has become a growing challenge for many birds, leading to high rates of building strikes and migratory bird deaths. Lights Out, Texas! is an initiative

focused on reducing bird losses to building strikes by enlisting the help of Texans.

Heather Prestridge, a curator in the Texas A&M Department of **Ecology and Conservation** Biology at the Biodiversity Research and Teaching Collections, BRTC, shared three key ways you can help birds during the southern migration window this fall.

#### No. 1: Turn off unnecessary lights

Birds are attracted to urban centers as they make their migratory flights at night, but they become disoriented by the lights.

"What's important is to understand that nonessential lighting has a negative impact on wildlife year-round," Prestridge said. "Lights Out, Texas! began as a campaign for making sure Texans flip the switch during peak bird migration in the spring and fall, but in reality, we should be practicing Lights Out yearround."

#### No. 2: Consider treating your windows

According to a study in Annual Reviews, an estimated 1 billion birds are lost to collisions with buildings. One of the key causes are birds' inability

to detect glass.

"Often, glass is reflective of the trees and sky around it which lures birds to collide with buildings," Prestridge said.

There are a variety of options to help mitigate this issue, such as patterned glass and film that aides in making these surfaces more bird friendly.

#### No. 3: Donate to the Collection of Birds at BRTC

The Collection of Birds at the BRTC serves as the repository for all the birds found during Lights Out, Texas! collision surveys. These specimens amount to thousands of birds per year that are carefully documented and utilized for a variety of research purposes not just migratory bird fatalities. Philanthropic donations to BRTC will help support bird categorization and the preservation of research

for scientists and students who access the collection.

"Funds are needed for student wages, materials and storage cabinetry," Prestridge said. "A taxdeductible donation can be made to our account with the Texas A&M Foundation."

Lights Out, Texas! remains a dedicated leader to educating and informing the public on everyday strategies that help prevent unnecessary migratory bird loss.

By keeping nonessential lights off, treating glass where collisions occur, and designing buildings to be bird friendly from the beginning, Prestridge said Texans can help reduce window strikes and normalize awareness and support for billions of migratory birds.



Migratory species traveling long distances face the most challenges, especially when

traveling over or near large cities where light pollution is most common. (Michael Miller/

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I was in a hurry, driving on a road that never has a traffic jam. But this morning, a truck was angled to block both lanes for no apparent reason. We were all blowing our horns at the arrogance of the selfish. senseless driver. Then, we saw the reason the truck stopped.

A mother and father duck were escorting 8 ducklings across the road. After they had safely crossed, traffic resumed. But I was embarrassed by my ignorant assumptions.

While I am confessing my ignorant assumptions, how do I know that it was a father and mother duck escorting the ducklings? Afterall, at the Paignton Zoo in Southwest England, two male flamingos named Arthur and Curtis successfully hatched an egg together.

Specialists at the zoo claim the same sex pairing is not that unusual given the shortage of female birds. But they were surprised that Arthur and Curtis hatched an egg. Apparently, the pair discovered an abandoned egg and did something very natural. They became parents.

**Humility** is the mark of a Christian. But my arrogant assumptions can easily outpace my Christian humility. The assumptions are often wrong. I don't always know why a truck is stopped in the middle of the road. And I don't always know who will make a good parent.

-Mark S. Ross DMin.

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Blanca Estela Gasca Sanchez, Known and

CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

**Unknown Heirs** 

TO: Blanca Estela Gasca Sanchez, Known and Unknown Heirs

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By Mike Villarreal

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Entrance to the camp is free if you donate 2 large kitchen trash bags filled with items for Goodwill. The top donor will receive a family-4-pack of floor seats to the Viper's season opener and a Goodwill gear prize pack! Please bring your donations to checkin on the morning of the camp, and they will track the student with the most donations.

Each individual who takes part will be given a free Viper's ticket and will have the opportunity

to improve their athletic abilities and skills with the guidance of the Vipers Academy Coaching Staff. The camp will have a special focus on developing ball handling skills, dribbling, passing, ball control, footwork, and playing in different positions on the basketball court. In addition to the coaching, participants will also receive a basketball camp Sport-Tech® Tee, snacks, and a backpack to make their experience more enjoyable and rewarding.

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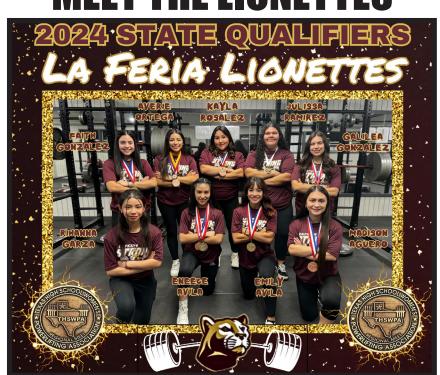








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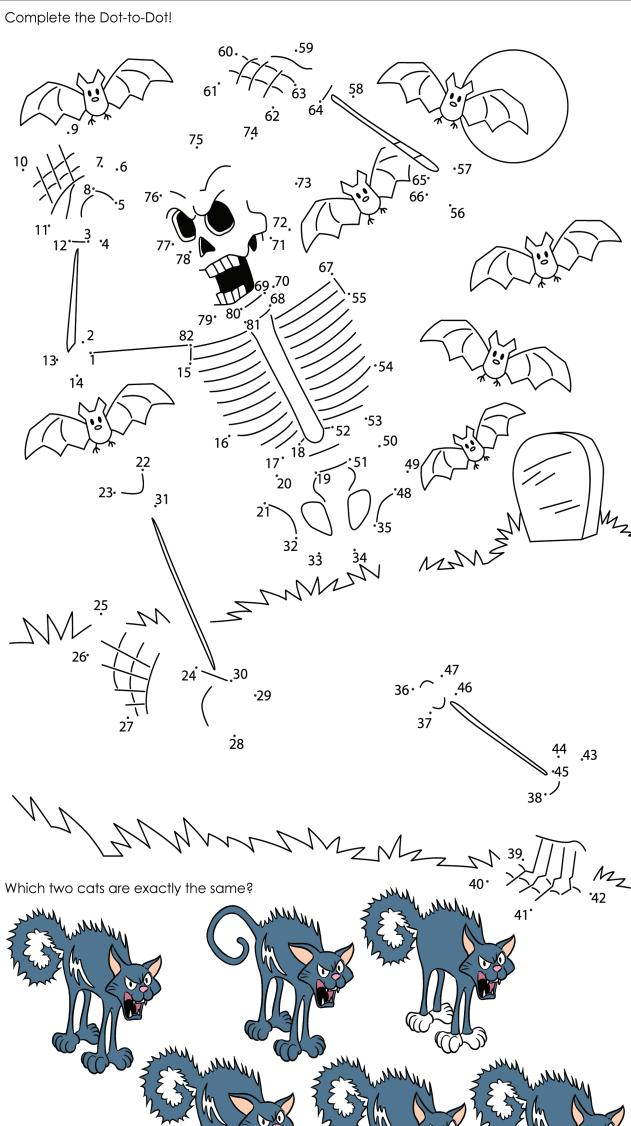


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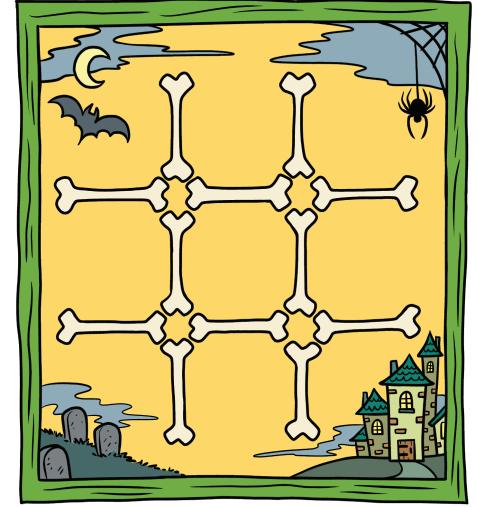
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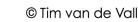












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The Fall event will occur on October 5, 12, 19, 20, 26, & 27. Make sure to register online, as tickets sell out fast. Visit bigredministries.org and head to the events page. There's free parking; the only extra costs will be for pumpkins, food



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52. \*Athenian Acropolis tourist

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### Strategies for Building Your Small Business



(StatePoint) As an entrepreneur, you are the expert in the goods and services you offer customers. However, you may be less familiar with the financial aspects of running your business.

Incorporating a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER<sup>TM</sup> professional into your stable of advisors is a smart way to ensure that you're growing your

business sustainably. Here are some important financial planning strategies a CFP® professional can assist you

1. Selecting a corporate

structure: Each type of corporate structure is subject to its own tax code and financial liabilities. Determining which structure makes the most sense for your business is fundamental, but complex, given the wide range of factors involved. A CFP® professional can help you navigate this decision to your advantage. As your business scales, remain in conversation with your advisor to ensure that your corporate structure classification is not adversely impacting your cash flow.

2. Sorting your expenses: Your business feels personal, but it's important to keep your business and personal expenses separate. A CFP® professional can help you establish a plan for managing personal and business finances in a way that allows you to reach your financial goals.

Side note for expense sorting: Be sure to deduct all overhead when preparing your taxes. If you're not deducting expenditures such as travel, auto expenses, future. home office utility bills, marketing materials and continuing education associated with your

3. Saving for retirement: While retirement may not be top of mind when launching your own business, it's important to plan for it. One of the great benefits of being your own boss is having the freedom to maximize your retirement savings. A CFP® professional can help you make sense of options such as IRAs, 401(k)s with profit-

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sharing and solo 401(k)s, and help you select the one that will reduce your taxable income now and pave the way for a comfortable

On a related note, building a retirement plan into the benefits you offer your employees will make your company a more attractive place to work, helping you secure the best talent.

4. Maintaining personal financial health: While you're growing your business, it can be easy to lose sight of your family's financial health. A CFP® professional can help you protect your personal assets and continue moving toward your other financial goals at a time when your business

These are just a few of the areas in which a financial advisor can help your business be successful. They can also offer cash flow analysis, advise on your insurance needs, create a succession roadmap and more. For additional insights into small business financial planning, and to find a CFP® professional to work with, visit LetsMakeAPlan. org.

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the La Feria. To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 9/25/2024: This is to give notice that the La Feria has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program contract 24-067-023-E210 is located in a wetland, La Feria will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Protection of Wetlands. La Feria proposes a flood and drainage facilities project, including Administrative and Engineering fees and services La Feria proposes to install 60" RCP by modifying the existing structure, installing pipe, and complete associated appurtenances along the roadside ditch on Highway 506 Westside of South Main Street (Highway 506) from north of the intersection of South Main Street and Orange Grove Road (across from Arroyo Lane), northward 1,575 LF past Evans Canal. The project shall include activities intersecting approximately less than 0.01 acres of the wetland. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before [10/10/2024] by La Feria at 115 E. Commercial Ave. La Feria, Texas 78559 Attention: Olga H. Maldonado during regular business hours or frios@cityoflaferia.com. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at 115 E. Commercial Ave. La Feria, Texas 78559. Comments may

also be submitted via email to will.chapin@grantworks.net.

Aviso anticipado y revisión pública de una actividad propuesta en un humedal Estos avisos deben satisfacer dos requisitos de procedimiento separados pero relacionados para las actividades que realizará La Feria. A: Todas las agencias, grupos e individuos interesados el 9/25/2024: Este es para notificar que La Feria ha determinado que la siguiente acción propuesta bajo el contrato 24-067-023-E210 del Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario está ubicada en un humedal. La Feria identificará y evaluará alternativas viables para ubicar la acción en el humedal y los posibles impactos en el humedal de la acción propuesta, como lo requiere la Orden Ejecutiva 11990, de acuerdo con las regulaciones del HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para tomar determinaciones sobre la protección de humedales. La Feria propone un proyecto de instalaciones de drenaje y contra inundaciones, que incluye tarifas y servicios administrativos y de ingeniería La Feria propone instalar RCP de 60" modificando la estructura existente, instalando tuberías y completando los accesorios asociados a lo largo de la zanja del costado de la carretera en la autopista 506, al oeste de South Main Street (autopista 506) desde el norte de la intersección de South Main Street y Orange Grove Road (frente a Arroyo Lane), hacia el norte 1,575 LF pasando Evans Canal. El proyecto incluirá actividades que intersecten aproximadamente menos de 0.01 acres del humedal. Hay tres propósitos principales para este aviso: (1) Las personas que pueden verse afectadas por actividades en humedales y aquellas que tienen interés en la protección del medio ambiente natural deben tener la oportunidad de expresar sus inquietudes y brindar información sobre estas áreas. Se alienta a los comentaristas a ofrecer sitios alternativos fuera del humedal, métodos alternativos para cumplir con el mismo propósito del proyecto y métodos para minimizar y mitigar los impactos; (2) Un programa de aviso público adecuado puede ser una herramienta educativa pública importante. La difusión de información y la solicitud de comentarios públicos sobre los humedales pueden facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos e impactos asociados con la ocupación y modificación de estas áreas especiales; y (3) Como cuestión de equidad, cuando el gobierno federal determina que participará en acciones que se llevan a cabo en humedales, debe informar a quienes pueden estar en mayor riesgo o en riesgo continuo. Los comentarios por escrito deben recibirse el [10/10/2024] o antes en La Feria en 115 E. Commercial Ave. La Feria, Texas 78559 Atención: Olga H. Maldonado durante el horario comercial habitual o frios@cityoflaferia.com. También se puede revisar una descripción completa del proyecto durante el horario comercial habitual en 115 E. Commercial

Ave. La Feria, Texas 78559. Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por

correo electrónico a will.chapin@grantworks.net.