



February, 2024

Announcements

- Check out Rustic Cafe in Haskell, good food and friendly service
- Events this month include: Benefit dance for Scarlett and the Dreyer family featuring Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys 2/10 in Seymour, contact Jimmy @ 940-733-6145 or Regina @ 806-201-0345 for more information

Exploring The Big Empty



We traveled to the Dickens County-Spur Library on a beautiful day in early January to attend a book signing for Will Brandon's *A Study in Crimson and The Wolf Hunt*. It was a great opportunity to meet some true Texans who love a good Texas mystery. Although Dickens County was not yet included in the counties covered by Friends of The Big Empty, we knew they would eventually be part of the 22 counties that Jim W. Corder and C.H. Underwood call "The Big Empty". The Board voted on January 7 to add Dickens County so that students in grades 7-12 can also participate in our Mascot Contest. It is our goal to include all 22 counties and we are now half way there.

Chocolate Chip Cookies by Becky Offutt

- 2 Sticks of butter (softened)
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups choc chips (mixture of milk chocolate and semi-sweet)

Mix softened butter and sugars. Add 2 eggs. Continuing mixing while adding remaining ingredients. Bake 350 for 10 Minutes, ENJOY!

Featured Photo

This month our featured photo is
"Sunrise seen through ice".

At first you may think this to be an abstract painting however it's actually a photo. We experienced some cold weather recently and it allowed for some



great morning shots.
This was my all-time favorite of seeing the sunrise come through the icy window. Makes you cold just looking at it.

[Submit your photo](#) to be featured.

Mascot Contest In Progress

Submit your [mascot entry](#) today!

Prize awarded to First place!

See [contest rules](#)

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DESIGN OUR MASCOT

- Grades 7-12 -
- Win in these three easy steps -

- 1 CREATE**
Represent our part of Texas. Give it a face, arms, legs and a name
- 2 SUBMIT**
Follow the instructions at explorethebigempty.com to submit your entry
- 3 WIN**
The best design wins \$350 + a video camera

The winner will be announced
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Be on the lookout for next month's edition and if you have an event to display on our [event calendar](#), please send us an [email](#) or visit our [website](#).

Thank you.

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Friends of The Big Empty, a registered non-profit, is working to bring together the people, places and sites to see.

The purpose of Explore The Big Empty is to educate the public about public and private resources available for tourism within counties of Texas known as "The Big Empty".



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