



Hello Friends,

Mascot Contest begins on January 1

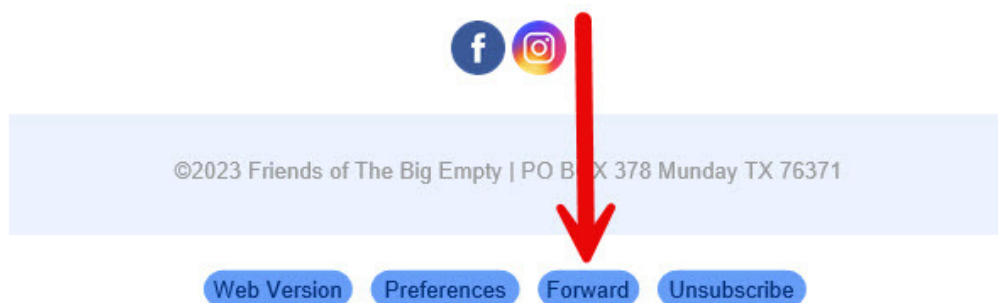
Schools in all 10 counties shown here have been notified about the contest. Our facebook ad has generated quite a bit of interest. We are ready to activate the contest page on January 1 and cannot wait to see the creativity produced by the students. If you are reading this between January 1 and March 31, 2024, the contest is open now at ExploreTheBigEmpty.com/mascot-contest-entry.



Help us reach more contestants

You can scroll down to the bottom of this newsletter and click the Forward button to send up to 5 of your friends a link to the newsletter.

You can then add a personal message of your choice. We want to get the word out to as many creative kiddos as possible and this would help us tremendously. We do not store the recipient's emails unless they choose to subscribe.



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I thought you might know some creative students in one of these 10 counties who would be interested in the contest mentioned in this newsletter.

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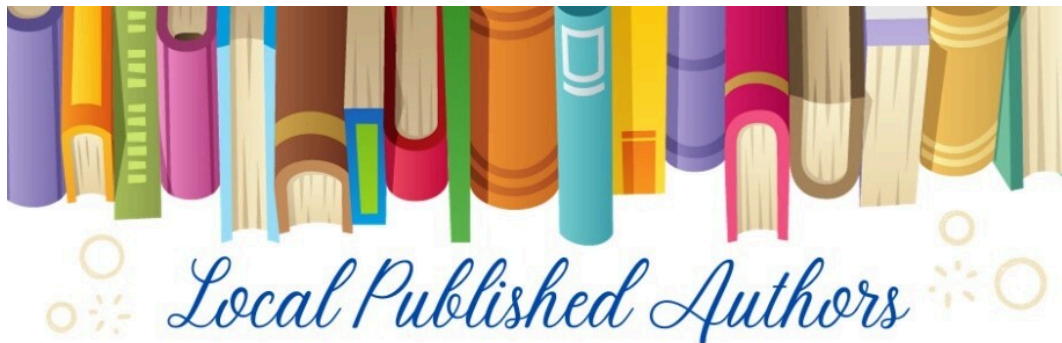
We've added Colonel Jayson Morgan to this [section](#) on the website. We are preparing to add the following after obtaining more information/permission:

- Charles Baker, Historian
- Bob Lilly, Dallas Cowboy
- Karen Hayley, NASA
- Dr. Joe Cannon, Rule

Do you have a Notable Resident you would like to see highlighted? [Email us](#).

Aspiring Writers Wanted

Let's add a volunteer columnist section to help generate more interest on our website. Local writers of all ages can tell their stories of The Big Empty whether it is about growing up here, farming, ranching, favorite places to visit here, friendships created or anything to describe what it's like to live or grow up in The Big Empty. Maybe you have a story that a family member would love to tell anyone new they met. Help keep that story alive. [Email us](#) to take the next step.



We have a request to begin highlighting local published authors, both non-fiction and fiction. We would like to have a biography of the author, the title(s) of their work and where to find copies. If you have any in mind, please let us know. A few authors we are thinking of to get this project started are:

- Will Brandon
- Sequoyah Branham
- Marq Brockett
- Jim W. Corder
- Wyman Meinzer
- C.H. Underwood

[Let us know](#) your favorites!

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Friends of The Big Empty, a non-profit corporation, 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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