

From the desk of Lesley White, Foundation Director
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Join the Fun! Support Our Education Programs!

Thursday, October 20, 2022, grab your boots and blue jeans to join us for an evening of **Bison, Beef & Bourbon** starting @ 6:30 pm.

Join us at the **Wareham Theater** on Poyntz Avenue in beautiful downtown Manhattan! Begin your evening of fun with a trail of bison and beef hors d'oeuvres from Kite's Aggieville Drafthouse and signature cocktails made with Mark Nutsch's famous *Horse Solider* bourbon from American Freedom Distillery, along with a selection of complimentary beer and wine. A table of eight is \$600! Individual tickets are \$80.

To purchase a table or tickets go online to auctria.events/BBB2022. Live entertainment, featuring *Heartland Dueling Pianos*, will entertain. Guests can bid on unique and exclusive items in our silent and live auction throughout the evening. This is our annual signature event. Proceeds from the evening benefit our youth education programs.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available, please contact Lesley White, Foundation Director, at 785-748-1275 or fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com for more information. Sponsorships are a great way to reserve a table for you and your friends for the event! At just \$600 you will receive 8 tickets and one reserved table!

Foundation Provides Libraries 600 Youth Admission Passes

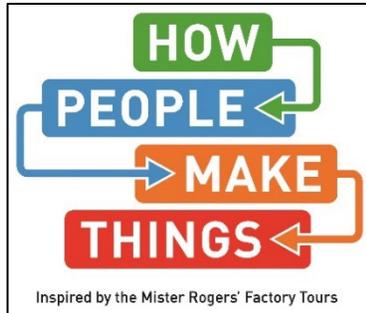
Our youngest generations represent the best opportunity for conserving and preserving our amazing Kansas tallgrass prairie ecosystem. This summer utilizing funds from our Foundation's Youth Education Endowment, the Foundation helped the Discovery Center make tallgrass prairie education experiences accessible to youth across the region. With pre-paid admission passes, youth were able to access and experience the Discovery Center including:



- The new *Prairie Playscape* hands-on kids exhibit.
- The 4D immersive film *Tides of Time* playing in the Horizon Ranch Theater.

- Permanent exhibit galleries that explore the science, history, and culture of the Flint Hills.
- Panoramic views of Manhattan and the Kansas River valley on the Prairie Garden Terrace.

Working with qualified Kansas public libraries, the passes were made available to youth through the library’s summer reading programs. The libraries encouraged and promoted books in their local communities focused on the Flint Hills, the Great Plains, its history, and its ecosystems.



How People Make Things: **New Exhibit – Sept 24th Opening**

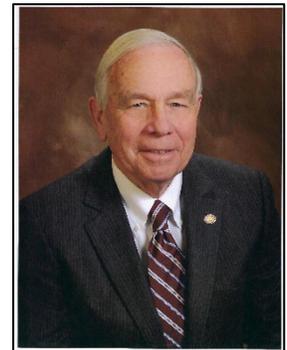
How People Make Things celebrates the people, the manufacturing processes, and the technology used to make everyday objects in our world. It tells the story of how familiar childhood objects are made and how people, ideas, and technology transform raw materials into finished products.

Kids can try firsthand the tools and processes used to make everyday objects in an immersive play factory environment. *How People Make Things* opens on **September 24, 2022, and runs until January 8, 2023!** Have fun and learn!

Roger Reitz, FHDCF Board Member

Roger has been a part of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation board since it was formed, in 2011. FHDC Foundation President Bruce Snead said, “When you look up public servant in the dictionary, there should be a picture of Roger. Serving the people of Manhattan and Kansas has been his life’s work.”

Manhattan has been Roger’s home since 1956. When asked to serve on the Foundation Board, Roger felt it was another way to promote the historical concepts and beauty of the Flint Hills. “I have been fortunate to practice medicine here and represent the citizens of this area politically. We are proud of our state and encourage others to find the pleasures of its existence.”



Roger served as a Kansas House of Representatives representative from 2005 to 2022. He served as mayor and city commissioner for the Manhattan City Commission and was president and a member of the Unified School District 383 School Board of Manhattan.

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