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ADDRESS

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Mark Nutsch, portrayed by Hollywood heavy-hitter Chris Hemsworth in the movie "12 Strong," visited the FHDC last month. This Flint Hills native son's story was the inspiration for the now-declassified saga of a **U.S. Special Forces** team that overcame seemingly insurmountable odds to help achieve the most unconventional warfare campaign in modern history. Following the attacks on 9/11, Nutsch led a 12-man team of U.S. Special Forces soldiers on a covert mission to Afghanistan, where they would ride to war on horses to fight the enemy—side by side with their Muslim counterparts—and capture the strategic city of Mazar-i-Sharif within a matter of weeks, successfully overthrowing the Taliban. FHDC personnel are appreciative of Mark's service as well as the sacrifice and service of all military personnel.



National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum staff from Oklahoma City, visited the Flint Hills Discovery Center in late September. The five-member team came to learn more about how FHDC utilizes thematic exhibit space and develops educational components for different age groups and interest levels. Did you know that all the educational programs, lectures, panel discussions, youth programs, walk and talks, and tours that are available for each traveling exhibit are developed by the FHDC Education Staff and Leadership teams? These very talented and gifted individual think outside the box to make your visits to FHDC more interesting, educational and entertaining.

Among the activities for the Bison Exhibit is the free **Bison Panel Discussion on Saturday, October 27, from 2 to 3:30 pm at FHDC.** The Panel Moderator will be **James E. Sherow**, K-State University Distinguished History Professor and author of numerous books about western history. Jim will lead the panel in a discussion about the cultural, historical, environmental, and economic significance of America's largest mammal. **Panel members are: Curtis Kekahbah** - Kaw Elder of the Buffalo Clan; **Andrew C. Isenberg**, University of Kansas, Distinguished History Professor; **Donald W. Kaufman**, Professor of Biology at K-State University; and **Jerry Schmidt**, owner of the Indian Creek Ranch, Haven, Kan. Jerry is a past board member and officer of the Kansas Buffalo Association. For more

information about Bison Exhibit activities see www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/517/On-Exhibit-Bison-Wolves.

The Quilt Exhibit, which is located within the Bison Exhibit, is beyond extraordinary! These tapestries are **works of art in their own right**. Members of the **Konza Prairie Quilters' Guild** made the quilts as part of their 2018 challenge, coordinated by Carol Pacey, called "**Discovering the Flint Hills Through Fabric**". The challenge was to create a vertical quilt, 30" x 72" with inspiration from the Flint Hills or Kansas prairie. Twenty-six women took the challenge which resulted in 27 quilts. Participants were: **Shari Adams, Lana Arpin, Joanna Baker, Vevia Beaulieu, Sue Chavey, Mary Corah, Kathy Garvin, Mary Jo Hawkins, Charlotte Herr, Lois Hines, Beverly Holdren, LuAnn Hoover, Sharon Hughes, Harriette Janke, Sharon Johns, Mary Zibell Longren, Rachel Moreland, Carol Pacey, Jan Pope, Ronna Robertson, Pam Russell, Elaine Shannon, Whitney Short, Karen Spaeth, Susie Weir, and Suzie Wong**. The quilts will be judged by designated organizations and "Viewers' Choice" ribbons will be on display by each of the recognized quilts.

Since the opening, **The Bison Exhibit, Wolves and the Wildlands and the Konza Prairie Quilter' Guild** displays have been seen by visitors from 17 different states and one foreign country (Columbia). Thank you to the exhibit sponsors: **The Nature Conservancy of Kansas; Kansas Farm Bureau; Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism; and the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation** for helping make this such an interesting exhibit.

Fall is FHDC Membership time! Take this opportunity to get one as a gift for family and friends. This is a gift they can use it all year long www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/194/Become-a-Member.

If you remember "**1968**" please come and enjoy the **50 Years of UFM Celebration** (originally University for Man) on Saturday, November 3, 7:30-10:30pm at FHDC. It will be a night of music, dancing, food, and fun! You can wear your finest period threads (if they still fit) and dance the night away to the top hits of the decade. Re-learn some dance moves from instructor Tim Gregory and put them to the test during the dance contest hosted by MC Dave Lewis. There will be retro food and drink, make your own macramé keepsake, and celebrate fifty years of Manhattan's own community education program! Check it out at www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/365/Celebrate-68-Fifty-Years-of-UFM. Be sure to get your tickets while they last, must be 21 and over to attend!

In the eleventh month (November), on the eleventh day, at the eleventh hour marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, which occurred in 1918. On **Monday, November 12**, in observance of **Veteran's Day, the Flint Hills Discovery Center** will provide free admission to all military personnel active duty, retired and their families. FHDC has honored military personnel and families with free admission on Veteran's Day since **2013**. This is made possible from a grant secured by the **Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation** through the **Greater Manhattan Community Foundation**. Additional funding will be used to continue honoring our military family and friends. If you are active military, retired or family come by on November 12, and spend some time with us at FHDC!

VISTAS Memo, now online at the FHDC website, <http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/414/Vistas-Memo>. The Foundation's pages are located within the FHDC website, so be sure and take time to browse other sections of the FHDC website to keep up with all the activities happening at the Foundation and the Discovery Center.

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