

# Buffalo Bill Culteral Daughters of Isabella Center Meeting

Another year has come and gone and with that it seems there is always a time of reflection and a time of visioning.

Reflecting back on the year it is exciting to see that the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center welcomed 35,194 people through the door! That is about 18 times the population of Oakley. Remarkable! As these people of all ages enter through the door, they are greeted and welcomed, questions are answered, information is given about other places to visit and things to do, and where they can eat. When asked how they knew about the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center and why they stopped 90% of the time the answer is they saw the signage along the highway. And they are interested and fascinated with Buffalo Bill and the history of the west. And as I mentioned earlier, once in the door other information is given.

The numbers are exciting, but more than that, knowing that we were able to visit with and connect with so many people from the United States and other countries and share about our community and surrounding area is fantastic!

Looking forward, visioning to 2026 and beyond, 2,338 people came through the doors in January. This year is off to a great start! As Tourism Director I am always looking for new ways and ideas to bring more people to our area. Telling our story, being excited and positive about our community and our county is where it begins. It begins with each of us.

Looking forward, our country is celebrating 250 years on July 4<sup>th</sup>! FIFA is coming to the United States! People from all over the U.S. and other countries will be visiting, and yes many of those will be traveling on I-70! This is all very exciting! I am looking forward to meeting and greeting thousands of people again this year!

Sheryl Johnson  
Tourism Director



**Daughters of Isabella February Meeting**  
Regent Betty Hockersmith called the regular monthly meeting to order on Thursday, February 12, 2026. All joined in the opening prayer and remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Diane Solomon read this month's "Ave Maria" spiritual reflection. Angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary was not a "Hello" or "Hi" but "Hail Mary." As we begin to pray the Hail Mary we reflect on Mary's role in our lives as our model and heavenly mother. We show our gratitude as we too rejoice and are glad at Mary's willingness to do the Father's will, fulfilling the ancient prophecies of the Old Testament. Recording Secretary Rosanne called the roll of officers, read the January meeting minutes, and the February Auditors' meeting minutes. She also gave a report on the January Parish Council/Finance meeting.

We remembered the sick, prayed for the prevention of human trafficking, for the unborn who are in danger of abortion, for God's blessings upon our youth and young adults, for evangelization, and for the return of non-practicing Catholics.

The Treasurer reported on the bank balance and read the bills, and the trustees gave their quarterly report.

Betty shared an email from the State Regent reminding us of yearly reports, budget, convention, etc. Pat Ryan read notes received from several out of town members.

A report on the Soil Conservation Banquet was given. The budget for next year was presented and approved.

Financial Secretary Pat reported the receipts of the meeting.

Regent Betty adjourned the meeting following the closing prayer.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 12. Because of Lent, instead of refreshments after the March meeting, we will pray the rosary led by the hostesses of the month, Rosanne LaBarge and Penny Pfeifer. ~rl

## Legal Notices

(First published in The Oakley Graphic on February 11, 18, and 25, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JANIS MAREE PETRIE, deceased.

Case No. LG-2024-PR-000007

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Garold W. Petrie, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of Janis Maree Petrie, deceased, praying petitioner's acts be approved; accounts be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator of the estate of Janis Maree Petrie, deceased, and the petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 5, 2026, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. in the District Court, in Oakley, Logan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

/s/ Garold W. Petrie

Petitioner

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**ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT!**

Match Month is almost over – but there's still time!

Give in February and help grow a permanent fund for Logan County's future.

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**March Specialty Clinic Schedule:**

Monday, March 2nd – Endocrinology  
Tuesday, March 3rd – HPM Clinic  
Wednesday, March 4th – Oncology  
Monday, March 9th – Rheumatology  
Tuesday, March 10th – Nephrology  
Tuesday, March 10th – HPM Procedures  
Wednesday, March 11th – Oncology  
Wednesday, March 11th – Dr. Grove, General Surgery  
Thursday, March 12th – HPM Clinic  
Friday, March 13th – Oncology  
Monday, March 16th – Orthopedic Clinic  
Tuesday, March 17th – HPM Clinic  
Wednesday, March 18th – Oncology  
Wednesday, March 18th – Dr. Grove, General Surgery  
Monday, March 23rd – Cardiology Clinic  
Tuesday, March 24th – HPM Procedures  
Wednesday, March 25th – Oncology  
Wednesday, March 25th – Dr. Grove, General Surgery  
Friday, March 27th – Oncology

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**BODY VENTURE IS COMING TO OAKLEY!**  
March 10, 2026

WHAT IS BODY VENTURE?  
Body Venture is a 50-foot-by-50-foot traveling educational exhibit from the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) that teaches kindergarten through fifth-grade students about nutrition, exercise, and how the human body functions. The exhibit features 11 interactive, walk-through stations representing body parts, aiming to encourage healthy lifestyle habits in children.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
We will need volunteers to help set up on the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> and take down on the 10<sup>th</sup>! We also need some volunteers for each station!

If you are interested in volunteering, please scan the QR code or contact Tori Goetz @ the office (785-671-3842)!