

# 2025 Othello Sandhill Crane Festival

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MARCH 21-23

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Registration this year is E-ticketing on Eventbrite, there will be links both on our website and on Facebook. When you buy your tours and activities online you will receive a confirmation of your scheduled activities electronically. Save your E-ticketing schedules on your mobile device and/or print a copy to bring to the festival.

Copies may be available if you are unable to access them. Thank You.



## Location of the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival:

**Othello Church of the Nazarene** (*Church*)

835 S 10th Ave.

and **McFarland Middle School** (*School*)

790 S 10th Ave.

Please **DO NOT** go to the church until after 2PM and the School until after 4PM on Friday the 21st as they are in use for their own purposes.

Parking is available at the Church on Friday and Saturday.

Please enter the festival through the front doors of the church. Thank You.

Maps and self guided tours are available at The Old Hotel Art Gallery at 33 Larch St.

## Have questions? Need help?

Othello Sandhill Crane Festival

(509) 989-5606

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General admission is \$10 and covers lectures and activities at the School and Church. All other tours and activities priced as noted in the schedule along with general admission.

## ABOUT OUR COVER ART

Hello! My name is Jayleen Carreno-Solorzano, and I'm from Othello, Washington. I'm an 18-year-old artist who has been passionate about art since childhood. I began taking my art seriously in middle school, and it has been a wonderful journey ever since. I primarily work with acrylics and watercolors, and my style is rooted in realism. I hope my art brings joy and inspiration to others!

# OTHELLO SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL

## March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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### ABOUT OUR FESTIVAL

This is our 27th annual Othello Sandhill Crane Festival!! Founded in 1998, the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival highlights the spring return of Sandhill Cranes to the greater Othello area and the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge. Lectures will be delivered on Friday night and all-day Saturday. Tours will be offered on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Our festival will remain at both of our venues this year to continue improving room size, audience capacity, and space.

The festival has received financial support from the City of Othello and Grant County Tourism with tourism development funds (hotel/motel taxes). The Othello School District, Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, and Columbia Basin Conservation District have provided logistical support.

The Othello Sandhill Crane Festival Committee is made up of volunteers who plan, organize and conduct the event. Funds generated from fees are re invested into the festival each year. We look forward to your visit!

### FOR YOUR SAFETY – PLEASE READ

The Othello Sandhill Crane Festival sponsors viewing tours and other events to allow festival participants to view wildlife in a safe and manageable way. **Please dress accordingly as it may be very cold and/or rainy this time of year.**



*Photo courtesy of Angela Davis*

For your safety and the consideration of others, please do not follow our tour buses while at the festival. Our tour guides often obtain permission from landowners in advance to allow tour buses on private property, but this permission does not extend to visitors in private vehicles.

If you would like to view wildlife on your own, please ask the wildlife guides at the festival or at The Old Hotel Art Gallery for the latest sightings. This will allow all to safely enjoy the wildlife resources of the area.

Our lecture rooms each have a maximum capacity; thus, we cannot accommodate attendees past that number. **Lectures are available on a first-come, first-served basis.** We apologize if the lecture you would like to attend is already full.

# SUPPORTING PARTNERS

**Basin Pacific Insurance**  
**Big Bend Electric Caring Neighbors**  
**Casa Bella Suites**  
**Central Basin Audubon Society**  
**City of Othello**  
**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**  
**Columbia Basin Health Association**  
**Columbia Basin Conservation District**  
**Columbia Colstor**  
**Coulee Corridor**  
**Grant County Tourism Fund**  
**Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce**  
**Ice Age Floods Institute**  
**Jane Grant**  
**Lawrence Oil Company**  
**Lineage Logistics**  
**MarDon Resort**

**MarJon Labor**  
**Othello School District**  
**Othello Community Museum**  
**ProGene Plant Research**  
**RDO**  
**Saddle Mountain Farm Services**  
**Scenic Byway to Coulee Corridor**  
**Shawn Logan**  
**Stevens Funeral Chapel**  
**Terra Gold Farms**  
**The Old Hotel Art Gallery**  
**Time Out Pizza**  
**Umpqua Bank**  
**U.S. Bureau of Reclamation**  
**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
**Washington State Dept. Fish and Wildlife**  
**Washington State Parks**

*We value your continued support.*  
**Thank You!**

## Hotels:

**Quality Inn**  
 1020 Cedar St.  
 Othello, WA  
 509-488-5671

**Othello Inn & Suites**  
 685 E Windsor St.  
 Othello, WA  
 509-331-5722

**Ramada by Wyndham**  
 1745 Kittleson Rd  
 Moses Lake, WA  
 509-766-1000

**The Inn at Moses Lake**  
 1741 Kittleson Rd  
 Moses Lake, WA  
 509-766-7000

## Available Lodging:

**Eagle Lakes Ranch Lodge**  
 903 E Eagle Rd.  
 Othello, WA  
 509-488-4484

**Holiday Inn**  
 2300 S Maiers Rd.  
 Moses Lake, WA  
 509-766-8000

**Fairfield Inn**  
 2380 S Maiers Rd.  
 Moses Lake, WA  
 509-765-0500

**Wingate by Wyndam**  
 1735 Kittleson Rd NE  
 Moses Lake, WA  
 509-766-2000

## RV Parking:

**Adams County Fair Grounds**  
 831 S Reynolds  
 Othello, WA

**MarDon RV**  
 8198 HWY 262 SE  
 Othello, WA  
 509-346-2651

**Sagehill Golf and RV**  
 10400 Sagehill Rd SE  
 Warden, WA  
 509-349-2088

**B&B - Casa Bella Suites**  
 455 E Hemlock St.  
 Othello, WA  
 509-760-9116

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>

TIME	FIELD TRIPS	LECTURES	SPEAKERS AND LEADERS
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour \$90		Nathan LaFrance - departs from MarDon
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11:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour \$90		Nathan LaFrance - departs from MarDon
2:00 PM – 5:45 PM	Biking for Cranes Tour \$25		Pete Perez - meet at colorful shed behind the Church
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour \$90		Nathan LaFrance - departs from MarDon
2:00 PM – 7:45 PM	Photography Workshop \$120		Diana McPherson meet at the front of the Church
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Othello Community Museum Tour		Eric Morgan - meet at Othello Community Museum
3:30 PM – Dark	Tonnemaker Hill Farm Tour \$25		Luke Tonnemaker – meet at Tonnemaker Farm
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rowley and Hawkins Fruit Farm Tour \$35		Mark Rowley – meet at the front of the Church
4:00 PM – Dark	Basalt Columns and Wildlife Hike \$25		Randy Hill – meet at Refuge Headquarters
5:30 PM – Dark	Crane Viewing Tour \$25		Loading from front of the Church
6:00 PM – Dark	Fly In Bus Tour \$25		Loading from front of the Church
7:00 PM – Done		Red Room - The Grand Coulee	Bruce Bjornstad
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	EAGLES LODGE SPAGHETTI DINNER – 127 E Larch St. Othello, WA. Pay at the door \$20		



Photo courtesy of Angela Davis



# SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>

Red Room – Sanctuary

Blue Room – Chapel

Purple Room - Music Room

Brown Room – Stem Room

BAGGED LUNCHEES (Vegetarian, Turkey and Ham) \$20 pickup at check-in at the Church			
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7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Crane Viewing Tours \$25		Loading from front of the Church
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8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Crane Viewing Tours \$25		Loading from front of the Church
8:30AM – 10:00 AM	Crane Viewing Tours \$25		Loading from front of the Church
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM		Green Room - Needle Felting Class – Make a Sandhill Crane: Learn to Sculpt with Wool \$85	Elizabeth McClure
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Guided Wetlands Walk \$25		Elsa Toskey and Alexander Pavlinovic-meet at refuge headquarters
8:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Biking for Cranes Tour \$25		Pete Perez - meet at colorful shed behind the Church
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Red Room – Sandhill Cranes of the Pacific Flyway	Gary Ivey
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Blue Room – Flora and Fauna of the Columbia Basin	Dinah Rouleau and Kaley Wisher
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Purple Room - Sparrows... not just Little Brown Birds	Heidi Newsome
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	I Spy...Learning to Read Tracks and Animal Signs Hike \$25		Sarah Overby – meet at the parking lot by the playground Potholes State Park
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM		Red Room – Changing Times of Washington White Birds of Winter	Martha Jordan
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM		Blue Room – The Art of Photographing Birds	Karen Ulvestad
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM		Purple Room -Coulees, Canyons, and Valleys, Oh My!	Lloyd Stoess
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM		Brown Room – Congruence with Sandhill Cranes of the Pacific Flyway	Robert Steelquist
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Spotting Scope at Marsh Unit #1		Randy Hill - meet at Marsh Unit #1
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour \$90		Nathan LaFrance - departs from MarDon
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM		Red Room – Burrowing Owls of Eastern Washington	Jason Fidorra

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM		Blue Room – Bringing Back the Trumpeter Swan	Gary Ivey
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM		Brown Room - Beekeeping 101, What to Expect When you're Inspecting	Riley Reed
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Othello Community Museum Tour		Eric Morgan - meet at Othello Community Museum
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Red Room – Birds and Wildlife of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Continent: Madagascar	Jason Fidorra
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Blue Room – What can Birders do for Northern Leopard Frogs?	Trevor Force
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Purple Room - Coyote Canyon: A Mammoth Burial in Ice Age Floods Sediments	Gary Kleinknecht
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Brown Room – Shrub Steppe, Wildlife Conservation, and Clean Energy	Kim Thorburn
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour \$90		Nathan LaFrance and Heidi Newsome - departs from MarDon
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Rowley and Hawkins Fruit Farm Tour \$35		Mark Rowley – meet at the front of the Church
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM		Red Room – Grasses and Bird Habitat	Mike Neff
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM		Blue Room – Use Your Photographs for Conservation and Research	Diana McPherson
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM		Purple Room - Grand Coulee. A Great Erosion Story	Ken Lacy
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM		Brown Room - Brush Strokes... the Colorful Story of Lichen	Sarah Overby
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Flora and Fauna of the Columbia Basin Hike \$25		Kaley Wisher and Dinah Rouleau - meet at Winchester Wasteway South
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	WSU Bee Research Facility Tour \$25		Riley Reed – meet at WSU Bee Research Facility
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Beginners Bird Photography in the Field \$35		Karen Ulvestad – meet at the front of the Church
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM		Red Room – Ice Age Floodscapes	Bruce Bjornstad
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM		Purple Room - WSU Raptor Club	WSU Raptor Club
5:30 PM – Dark	Crane Viewing Tour \$25		Loading from front of the Church
6:00 PM – Dark	Fly In Bus Tour \$25		Loading from front of the Church
8:00 PM		School Commons – Wild Stories from the History of Bird Migration Research	Rebecca Heisman

# SUNDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>

All Bus tours leave from front of the School

BAGGED LUNCHES (Vegetarian, Turkey and Ham) \$20 – pickup at the School at check-in by 9am		
TIME	FIELD TRIPS	LEADERS
7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Royal Slope Birding Bus Tour \$60	Randy Hill
7:15 AM – 8:45 AM	Crane Viewing Tour \$25	Dan Haas
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	The Great Escape of Quincy Basin \$60	Lloyd Stoess and Ken Lacy
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Mega Floods through Wild Drumheller Channels Hike \$60	Bruce Bjornstad
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour \$90	Nathan LaFrance - departs from MarDon
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour \$90	Nathan LaFrance - departs from MarDon
3:30 PM – Dark	Tonnemaker Hill Farm Tour \$25	Luke Tonnemaker - meet at Tonnemaker Farm

## EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Buses will normally load 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time. Be sure to board your bus no later than five minutes prior to departure time.

### Thursday, March 20th Tours

All Thursday tours depart from their respective tour locations.



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explore bird life in early spring on Potholes Reservoir and concentrates on the bays where waterfowl, grebes, shorebirds, herons, and eagles might be found. Please dress accordingly as it may be very cold and/or rainy this time of year.

### Friday, March 21st Tours and Events

All Friday tours depart from their respective tour locations.

**Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour** - departs from MarDon Resort, 8198 WA Highway 262, Othello, WA 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM and again at 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. \$90.00. This boat trip explores bird life in early spring on Potholes Reservoir and concentrates on the bays where waterfowl, grebes, shorebirds, herons, and eagles might be found. Please dress accordingly as it may be very cold and/or rainy this time of year.



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be approximately 30 miles round-trip and consists of flat to rolling terrain on paved roads. Helmets are required, and you should bring plenty of water. Bring a bike that is in great working condition, and you should be able to complete the ride at 10 to 12 mph. A support vehicle will be provided for repairs and safety. The purpose of the bike ride is to see birds; we will be stopping regularly to view wildlife. This is the same route that they will follow on Saturday morning.



**Photography Workshop** - meet at front doors of church, 2:00 PM to 7:45 PM, \$120.00. Diana McPherson will teach this workshop and it will begin in a classroom at the Church at 2pm. We will spend a short time reviewing camera settings (shutter speed, f/stop, and ISO) and techniques to ensure you get good Sandhill Crane and other bird images. After the classroom, we will head out to the agriculture fields where the cranes will be foraging, flying, and potentially displaying mating behaviors. About an hour before sunset, we'll drive to nearby Scootenev Reservoir and watch and photograph the cranes fly to their evening roosting site. All photography levels are welcome, but you should have a working knowledge of your camera. Equipment to bring: Camera – DSLR or Mirrorless, zoom lens (minimum reach 200mm), tripod (optional but recommended), an extra battery, an extra SD/Memory card, and your camera manual. Please dress accordingly as it may be very cold, windy, and/or rainy.

**Othello Community Museum Tour**, meet at the Othello Community Museum, on the corner of 3rd and Larch, 3:00 PM. Join Eric Morgan, Board President of the Othello Community Museum, as he gives a guided tour through the facility, explaining the artifacts on display and the history of the museum and area. The collection includes a bird and egg collection amassed by a local farmer and donated to the museum. The tour is free.

**Tonnemaker Hill Farm and Mammoth Dig Tour** - meet at Tonnemaker Farm, 9084 Dodson Rd. Royal City, WA. 3:30 PM to Dark. \$25.00. Tonnemaker Hill Farm has been a popular tour in the past. The farm was founded in 1962 by Pearl and Orland Tonnemaker and is now managed by their grandson Luke. They farm a relatively small amount for the area (126-acre) but organically cultivate thousands of varieties. Of particular note are the sweet and hot peppers, of which they grow more than 300 varieties. Those who sign up to visit can look forward to a tour of the orchard and greenhouses. You will also look at the Columbian Mammoth dig site and some of the bones recovered after discovering it by chance in the spring of 2015. There will be a discussion on some of the history and geology of the area and what we know about the mammoth thus far. Further information about the farm can be found at [www.tonnemaker.com](http://www.tonnemaker.com) This is not a bird tour.

**Basalt Columns and Wildlife Hike** - meet at Refuge Headquarters, 51 S Morgan Lake RD, Othello, WA. 4:00 PM to Dark. \$25.00. Randy Hill, former refuge wildlife biologist, will share his knowledge of basalt column wildlife while hiking in the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge. Birds, plants, and animals will be pointed out and discussed as well as their significance in the column geology of our region. There will be no restrooms on this hike; please plan accordingly.



**Rowley and Hawkins Fruit Farm Tour**, meet at the front of the Church, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. \$35.00. Rowley and Hawkins Fruit Farm invites all to join us on a FreshPicks and Taste-a-Treat production tour. Your tour will begin with a 20 min bus ride south of Othello through

the orchard growing areas of the farm. Guides will show different crops and wildlife along the way with discussions on growing methods, efforts to be environmentally friendly and increasing orchard production and food safety. This will be followed by a walking tour of a cherry processing plant, dried cherry bagging line, apple-packing line and cider press. The tour will conclude with a cider tasting, sampling of chocolate covered dried cherries, and a slice of one of our five kinds of homemade pies with ice cream. Fresh apples and farm made items will be available for purchase before returning to Othello.

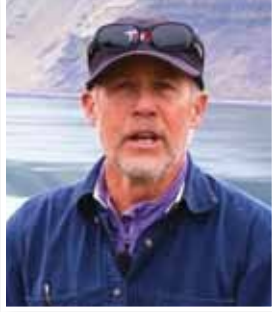
**Eagles Lodge Friday Night Dinner** - 127 East Larch St., 5:00 PM until food is sold out. Attendees are invited to join the local Eagles Lodge for a spaghetti feed. The menu includes spaghetti with or without meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee, and water, all for \$20 per meal. Please pay at the door.

**Crane Viewing Tours, 5:30 PM to Dark**, meet at the front of the Church, \$25.00. This guided tour will go directly to the best Sandhill Crane feeding areas where and when they can be their noisiest. An experienced wildlife guide and Ag guide will narrate the tour and will answer any questions you may have. This tour will be on a bus. It will be approximately 1½ to 2 hours in length, please plan accordingly.

**Fly In Bus Tours, 6:00 PM to Dark**, meet at the front of the Church, \$25.00. Join our guides for a fly in experience. These tours will go directly to Scootenev Reservoir for the fly-in. It is an important night roosting area. This tour will not go to crane feeding areas.

# Friday Night Featured Lecture

## Bruce Bjornstad – The Grand Coulee



Nowhere is the evidence for Ice Age Megafloods so dramatic and awe-inspiring than Grand Coulee. The evolution of Grand Coulee will be presented via a unique bird's eye view of this unique 50-mile-long canyon. Evidence for dozens of megafloods through Grand Coulee, as recently as 15,000 years ago, will be examined. This Lecture is free to attend in the Red Room at 7 PM.

**Activities, both at the Church and School, (unless noted) occur all day Saturday and are included in your \$10 general admission to the festival. All attendees must buy a general admission ticket for lectures, tours, and other activities. (Side note: local artist and naturalist, Michael J Lewis, will be displaying a selection of his art in each Lecture Room for your enjoyment).**

**Novelties** - Available for sale in the Church lobby 7:30AM to 3:00PM on Saturday. An opportunity to purchase your commemorative 2025 Sandhill Crane Festival items, including: T-shirts, hats, magnets, pins, postcards, pens, stickers, and plush cranes.

**Children's Programs** - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the School Commons on Saturday. Learning is fun for children and this year's programs at the Sandhill Crane Festival will provide entertainment along with education. Children will enjoy origami, binoculars, a variety of crafts, creative painting projects, and more. Mask making is also available in the art room nearby. These events are free to children attending the festival who are accompanied by a paying adult. Children taking part in all the activities will receive a prize, courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Art Contest** - The Old Hotel Art Gallery sponsors an annual art contest, with entries that feature nature and/or wildlife of the Columbia Basin. There are five categories: 2nd grade & under, 3-5 grade, 6-8 grade, 9-12 grade, and adult. Entries may include any media. First place in each category receives a prize. All artwork will be displayed in the gymnasium at the School on Saturday. All art contest participants receive free general admission (when accompanied by an adult) to the festival. For more information, please contact **The Old Hotel at (509) 488-5936**, Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

**Vendors** – Assorted vendors will be in the School gym on Saturday from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Vendors will include binoculars and spotting scopes, books, jewelry, art, local non-profits, fish and wildlife, WSU Raptors, and other bird and wildlife related items. Book signings by our lecturers/ authors will also be available.

**School Concessions** – Student body and Technology Club will be selling lattes, slushies, and other assorted foods in the Commons next to the children's art projects.

**Photo Booth** – In the School Commons at 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday. FREE. There will be a photo booth to take your picture with a Sandhill Crane theme in the background to take home as a memento.

**Bagged Lunches** - Bagged lunches can be ordered for tours on Saturday the 22nd and Sunday the 23rd (pre-registration required) for \$20. The box lunch choices include sandwich choices of vegetarian, turkey, or ham on a home-made wheat bun; chips, applesauce, and a cookie. You may pre-order a bag lunch during registration. A bottle of water will NOT be in our bagged lunches. Bagged lunches can be picked up at check-in at the Church on Saturday and at the School on Sunday by 9AM.

**Food Trucks** – There will be assorted food trucks and booths set up between School and the Church for lunchtime on Saturday the 22nd. Indoor seating will be available in the Church Community Room. Look for your favorite barbeque, teriyaki, corndogs, drinks and more.

**The Old Hotel Art Gallery – Wine Tasting** - 33 E Larch St. 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM Saturday Wine tasting will feature Ginkgo Forest Winery from Mattawa. Available for purchase will be: local wines, local foods, Sandhill Crane jewelry, and books featuring: birds, wildflowers, local history, geology, and the Ice Age Floods. A fantastic selection of original art is offered, as well as handmade items, prints and cards. The art gallery houses the Visitor Center and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 5:00 PM. As an added attraction, the non-profit has an all-steel caboose built by Milwaukee Railroad that has been turned into an interpretive museum and is located in the parking lot. The gallery also hosts a vendor booth at the festival.

**Visit Columbia National Wildlife Refuge** - The refuge office will be open during the festival Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Columbia NWR is located just off S Morgan Lake Rd, amid rock rims, lakes, and broad expanses of shrub steppe. The refuge is a focal point for a large segment of the Pacific Flyway waterfowl migrating north, as well as wintering populations of many species.

**Exploring Art in Othello** – We have assembled a master list and map of art collections, murals, and sculptures to view and enjoy in the Othello area. Please stop by The Old Hotel Art Gallery to pick up a copy of the map for your self-guided tour.

**AS ALWAYS, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND AVAILABILITY OF TOURS AT: [www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org](http://www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org) We're also on Facebook (Othello Sandhill Crane Festival)! "Like" our page to receive the latest updates and Festival news!**

## Saturday, March 22nd Tours and Events

**Breakfast** – The Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce will be making breakfast this year. **Pay at the door ONLY.** Go to the community room at the Church and check out the many options for breakfast. Options may include: quiche, pancakes, sausage, eggs, etc... They will be serving breakfast from 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

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**Guided Wetlands Walk** – meet at refuge headquarters, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. \$25.00. Elsa Toskey and Alexander Pavlinovic will explore the wetlands with you on this 90-minute walk, open to all ages. Learn about the plants, wildlife, and critical role wetlands play in supporting Sandhill Cranes and other species. Enjoy opportunities to observe nature up close and discover why these habitats are essential to the ecosystem. Please note: the trail is not wheelchair accessible. Comfortable shoes are highly recommended, and binoculars would be nice to bring along.





**Needle Felting Class – meet in the Green room at the Church, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. \$85.00.** Learn to Needle Felt a Sandhill Crane! 4 hr class. Join Elizabeth McClure of EM Fiber Art and discover the art of needle felting.

She will introduce you to the basic principles of this versatile craft and guide you through the process of sculpting your very own Sandhill Crane from wool. Using a specialized needle, wool fibers, and a bit of creativity, you will create a beautiful piece of art. Elizabeth will be there every step of the way, no experience is necessary. Come and enjoy some fiber fun while exploring your creativity in a supportive environment!



and the animals that thrive within it. This short wildlife walk will take place at Potholes State Park on the Frenchman Hills Trail Loop (approximately 1 mile) and last approximately 1 hour. It is an excellent chance to go outdoors and learn more about the critters that live out there and the lives they lead! You will need a Discover Pass or pay to enter the park.

**Spotting Scope, meet at Marsh Unit #1, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** Join Randy Hill, noted wildlife biologist, in using his spotting scope to observe cranes at Marsh Unit #1. Please drop by, but parking is limited. This great overlook offers views of a favored location for cranes during the day. This opportunity is free of charge. For full enjoyment at this site, bring your own binoculars.

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**Biking for Cranes Tour - depart from the colorful shed in the rear parking lot of the Church, 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM. \$25.00.** Be ready to ride at 8:45 a.m. Enjoy a trip via bicycle with Pete Perez through some of the best wildlife viewing areas near Othello. The ride will be

approximately 30 miles round-trip and consists of flat to rolling terrain on paved roads. Helmets are required, and you should bring plenty of water. Bring a bike that is in working condition. You should be able to complete the ride at 10 to 12 mph. A support vehicle will be provided for repairs and safety. The purpose of the bike ride is to see birds; we will be stopping regularly to view wildlife.

**I Spy: Learning to Read Tracks and Animal Signs Hike – meet at the parking lot by the playground at Potholes State Park, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. \$25.00.** Sarah Overby will describe how it can be an exciting surprise to spot wildlife while on an outdoor adventure, but it doesn't have to be. A surprise, that is. By learning to read the signs that animals leave behind in tracks, foraging habits, and, yes, scat too, we can learn more about the ecosystem



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**Rowley and Hawkins**

**Fruit Farm Tour, meet at the front of the Church, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. \$35.00.** Rowley and Hawkins Fruit Farm invites all to join us on a FreshPicks and Taste-a-Treat production tour. Your tour will begin with a 20 min bus ride south of Othello through the orchard growing areas of the farm. Guides will show different crops and wildlife along the way with discussions on growing methods, efforts to be environmentally friendly and increasing orchard production and food safety. This will be followed by a walking tour of a cherry processing plant, dried cherry bagging line, apple-packing line and cider press. The tour will conclude with a cider tasting, sampling of chocolate covered dried cherries, and a slice of one of our five kinds of homemade pies with ice cream. Fresh apples and farm made items will be available for purchase before returning to Othello.



space, classrooms, beekeeping equipment, honey extraction and processing facilities, indoor storage facilities, and a bee yard with live honeybee colonies. Items will be available for purchase at the end of the tour.

**Beginning Bird Photography in the Field,**

**meet at front of the Church, \$35.00. 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM,** Karen Ulvestad will help you improve your pictures of birds or start on your bird photography journey. The process starts with learning to observe bird behavior, anticipate the bird's actions, and ultimately taking photographs. We will be in the field learning the best equipment, exposures, and techniques for successful bird images. Participants will learn the importance of choosing file format of RAW or jpeg its contribution to editing photos, and more. There is plenty of time for hands-on learning and questions. Please dress for walking and the weather.



**Flora and Fauna of the Columbia Basin Hike, meet**

**at Winchester Wasteway South, \$25.00. 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM,** Join Kaley and Dinah on the Flora and Fauna of the Columbia Basin Hike. It is intended to be paired with the Flora and Fauna of the Columbia Basin



Lecture. We will be hiking through native upland and riparian habitats to identify plants and animals. The hike will be 2 miles maximum and is considered easy to moderate. Meet at the location, then carpool to the hike starting point.



**Crane Viewing Tours, 5:30 PM to Dark, meet at the front of the Church, \$25.00.** This guided tour will go directly to the best Sandhill Crane feeding areas where and when they can be their noisiest. An experienced wildlife guide and Ag guide will narrate the tour and will answer any questions you may have. This tour will be on a bus. It will be approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours in length, please plan accordingly.

**Fly In Bus Tours, 6:00 PM to Dark, meet at the front of the Church, \$25.00.**

Join our guides for a fly in experience. These tours will go directly to Scootney Reservoir for the fly-in. It is an important night roosting area. This tour will not go to crane feeding areas.

**WSU Bee Research Facility Tour, meet at WSU Bee Research Facility, 1485 W. Cunningham Rd. \$25.00. 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM,** This tour will give attendees an inside look into the research being conducted by the honeybee researchers at Washington State University. This facility includes lab



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## Saturday Lectures - 9:00 AM

**Red Room – Sandhill Cranes of the Pacific Flyway. Gary Ivey** will talk about the Sandhill Crane populations that breed and stage in Washington State and the broader Pacific Flyway. He will discuss the migration routes, wintering, and breeding areas of the 3 subspecies that use the state. He will speak about their behavior, biology, and their conservation needs in the Flyway and the Othello area.



**Purple Room - Sparrows... not just Little Brown Birds. Heidi Newsome** tells us how sparrows are little brown birds and can be one of the more frustrating groups to identify. But sparrows are also unique and occupy interesting habitats within the Columbia Basin. Come

learn about which sparrows you can hope to identify in local area habitats. Some sparrow species prefer our local grasslands, while others prefer landscapes with shrubs, still others prefer riparian areas along waterways, and some like to be in urban landscapes near human dwellings. Some sparrows visit us during winter, while others arrive for spring and summer. Many species can be identified by their song. By using information about the species life cycle, habitat, and behaviors, you too can learn to identify sparrows and enjoy the diversity of this group and add new skills to your bird watching.



**Blue Room – Flora and Fauna of the Columbia Basin Lecture. Dinah Rouleau and Kaley Wisner** would like to combine an educational hike with an informational lecture. They will be educating the public on native plant taxonomy and physiology and the critters that call those plants home. In this lecture they will highlight key native host plants for invertebrates and mammal forage.



## Saturday Lectures – 10:15 AM



**Red Room – Changing Times of Washington White Birds of Winter. Martha Jordan** will show how Snow Geese continue to shift their migration paths and wintering areas in Washington, and swan migration patterns begin to reveal

how they get from here to their breeding grounds and back again. Learn more about our native swans (Trumpeter and Tundra) and Snow Geese in the Pacific Northwest with a focus on eastern Washington. You will learn about their biology, ecology, and swan identification tips. Explore how Washington's west and east sides are connected for all these white waterfowl and along the entire Pacific Flyway. She will shed some light on the problems and controversies



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these birds face on their wintering grounds and what is needed to ensure their future. Get updated on the swan lead poisoning problem, winter habitat issues, avian influenza, and more. You will leave with resources to help you identify swans in the field.



**Blue Room – The Art of Photographing Birds.** **Karen Ulvestad** shares how to take great pictures of birds. This lecture covers tips and techniques for capturing amazing bird photographs. It starts with learning to observe bird behavior, anticipate the bird’s actions, and

ultimately taking photographs. The presentation covers equipment and its benefits or limitations. Participants will learn the importance of choosing file format of RAW or jpeg and its contribution to editing photos. We will cover exposure and the different camera settings that will help create amazing bird images. Discussion will include good birding locations, journaling, bird identification, and birding / bird photography ethics.

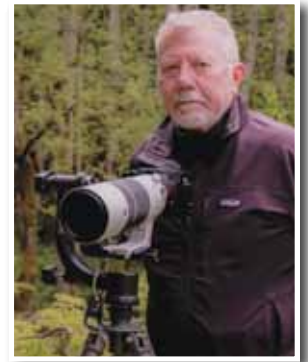


**Purple Room - Coulees, Canyons, and Valleys, Oh My!** Lloyd Stoess will present a somewhat tongue-in-cheek look at how scientists can’t always agree on the definition of landforms, like coulees. Coulees interlace the landscape of the channeled scablands

of eastern Washington which were carved by the Ice Age Floods, but what really defines them and how do they differ from canyons and valleys?

**Brown Room – Congruence with Sandhill Cranes of the Pacific Flyway.** **Robert Steelquist** presents the

three major populations of Sandhill Cranes of the West Coast with both the intimacy of observation and the expansiveness of geographic scope of their wintering, migrating, and breeding ranges. Photographer and writer, Robert Steelquist, based on Washington’s Olympic Peninsula, shares his close encounters with cranes of the Pacific Flyway in all seasons and his belief that the relationship between humans and cranes – shaped over thousands of years – is at a critical turning point due to climate change and habitat loss.



## Saturday Lectures – 11:30 AM



**Red Room – Burrowing Owls of Eastern Washington.** **Jason Fidorra**, WDFW, and

partners have worked around the Tri-Cities to install and maintain artificial nesting burrows for Burrowing Owls. This species has declined from conversion of nesting habitat and

persecution of burrowing mammals. The project includes nest monitoring, banding, and tracking owls over their migration. Jason will share some of the results, stories, and photos from working with this species in Washington.



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### Blue Room – Bringing Back the Trumpeter Swan.

**Gary Ivey** will review the history, status, and biology of Trumpeter Swans and their conservation needs. He will speak about the Oregon Trumpeter Swan Restoration Program and efforts by The Trumpeter Swan Society to rebuild western Trumpeter Swan populations to help further the recovery of these magnificent creatures from near extinction.



### Blue Room – What can Birders do for Northern Leopard Frogs? Trevor Force

will be giving a presentation aimed at educating groups of bird enthusiasts about an often-overlooked species that may occur in their favorite birding areas. The talk will give an overview of Northern Leopard Frogs life history, causes of declines, conservation efforts, and most interestingly, what ways birders and members of the public can support recovery of this species.



### Brown Room – Beekeeping 101, What to Expect When you're Inspecting. Riley Reed

will be discussing how learning to keep bees is a lifelong adventure during which you will never stop learning. While no class can



cover such a vast amount of information, this lecture will cover a few of the topics potential beekeepers should be familiar with before getting their first hive. Topics will include how to inspect a colony, personal protective equipment, moving colonies, hive styles, overwintering, pest control, and more.

### Purple Room - Coyote Canyon: A Mammoth Burial in Ice Age Floods Sediments. Gary Kleinknecht

will introduce the audience to Columbian Mammoths, North America's elephant. He will present evidence for the assertion that this specimen is buried in slack water deposits left by a series of huge floods which created temporary Lake Lewis in the southern Columbia Basin. The discovery of mammoth bones, the on-going excavation of the site, and the paleoenvironmental study at Coyote Canyon will also be discussed.

## Saturday Lectures – 1:00 PM

### Red Room – Birds and Wildlife of the 8th Continent: Madagascar. Jason Fidorra

will talk about Madagascar ecology and share stories with photos from a recent independent adventure in search of birds and wildlife. Famous for lemurs and chameleons,



Madagascar is equally famous for its unique bird life including several taxonomic families of bird found nowhere else on earth! But Madagascar is far from a wildlife paradise and human impacts to the island have left much of the fauna highly imperiled.



### Brown Room – Shrub Steppe, Wildlife Conservation, and Clean Energy. Kim Thorburn

will share how shrub steppe, once an abundant ecosystem throughout eastern Washington and home to extraordinary wildlife variety, is now one of its most threatened. It is also a landscape

that can efficiently support industrial solar and wind power development that is so important to respond to climate change. Development is one of the major threats to the shrub steppe. This talk will present wildlife impacts, mitigation, and future considerations as we grapple with conservation concerns from climate change and biodiversity declines.



## Saturday Lectures – 2:15 PM

### Red Room – Grasses and Bird Habitat. Mike Neff

will be discussing grasses and grass breeding as it relates to birds and bird habitat. Grasses can be an important source of food through both forage and seeds as well as the attraction of insects. Grasses are also important for nesting, both underground and as an above ground building material. Regarding lawns and industrial use, the relationship becomes more complicated. For example, tall fescue (a non-native grass) infected with fungal endophytes can be more drought tolerant and less palatable to geese, which makes them a perfect candidate for rural grass airstrips and airport borders as a way of preventing negative interactions between wildlife and airplanes. Habitat restoration with native and non-native grasses adds another layer of complication in the discussion. Dr. Neff embraces the grey zone associated with each of these complex problems.



ends at the Grand Coulee Dam, a distance of about 50 miles. The coulee is 400' to 600' deep, and the width ranges from 1 to 4.5 miles wide. The coulee was largely carved from solid basalt by an estimated 100 floods over a 3000 year period. It is estimated that this enormous amount of basalt was actually eroded in 300 flood days! You will learn that the interaction of the flood waters with the basalt made this amazing story possible. You will learn the exact details about the flood waters and the basalt that produced the conditions needed to erode so much rock in a very small amount of time.

### Brown Room - Brush Strokes... the Colorful Story of Lichen. Sarah Overby

shares how rocks, trees, soil, and pretty much anything that will sit still long enough, lichen will spring up in robust colonies. Crusty, leafy, or even... fuzzy. They paint beautiful bright oranges and greens across the dark basalt rock and the branches of the sagebrush, but what are they doing there? This presentation aims to dive deeper into the complexities of lichen and discuss its impact on the ecosystems that it exists in as well as its impact on us.



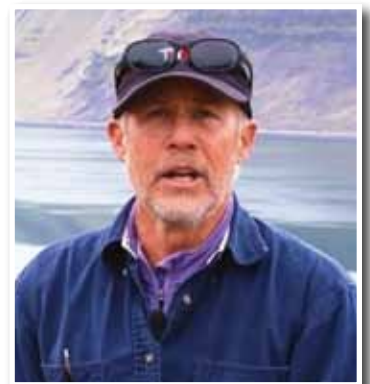
### Blue Room – Use Your Photographs for Conservation and Research. Diana McPherson

lectures on how to photograph nature with a professional, amateur, or phone camera, you can use your photos to aid in ecological conservation and research efforts. Use apps to verify and record sightings with participation programs. We will find a way for your photos to support efforts to protect your favorite species.

**Purple Room - Grand Coulee. A Great Erosion Stories. Ken Lacy** tells us how the Grand Coulee is one of the most impressive erosion stories found anywhere. Grand Coulee starts at Soap Lake, and

## Saturday Lectures – 3:30 PM

**Red Room – Ice Age Floodscapes. Bruce Bjornstad** tells of an appreciation of the huge scale of Ice Age Megafloods and the features they left behind are often hidden and lost at close range. An aerial perspective of dozens of different unique flood features will be presented to bring the immense power and magnitude of the Ice Age Floods into focus.





**Purple Room – WSU Raptor Club.** The WSU Raptor Club will present an up-close encounter with live birds of prey, captivating audiences with the power and beauty of

these magnificent animals. Led by trained club members, each presentation typically begins with an introduction to the featured raptors, such as hawks, owls, falcons, or eagles. Presenters

explain each bird's unique adaptations, including sharp talons, keen eyesight, and powerful wings, that make them top predators in their environments. Audience members learn about the specific species' role in the ecosystem, their hunting techniques, and the challenges they face from habitat loss and human activities. The handlers may discuss raptor conservation efforts and share stories of rescued birds. Through this engaging experience, the WSU Raptor Club fosters an appreciation for wildlife and the importance of preserving these awe-inspiring birds.

## Saturday Night Featured Lecture

### Rebecca Heisman – Wild Stories from the History of Bird Migration Research

We've all heard amazing facts about bird migration – the long distances that birds travel, the ways that they navigate, etc. But did you ever wonder how we figured all of this out? While working for the American Ornithological Society, Rebecca Heisman became fascinated with the varied and creative techniques that scientists have used to study bird migration, and this eventually became the basis for her book *Flight Paths: How a Passionate and Quirky Group of Pioneering Scientists Solved the Mystery of Bird Migration*. In her talk, she'll share some surprising stories from the history of bird migration research and discuss why understanding migration is so crucial for bird conservation. In the School Commons at 8 PM.



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## Sunday, March 23rd Tours and Events

Most tours depart from the front of the School. When you return from your tour, the School will be closed. All other tours are as noted in the tour description.

**Royal Slope Birding Bus Tour**, 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. \$60.00. This tour, guided by biologist Randy Hill, will visit Corfu, Crab Creek, Royal Slope, Royal Lake and Drumheller Overlook if time permits. It will concentrate on shrub steppe areas, the Saddle Mountain ridge and its wide-open vistas. This tour is focused on general birding - keep an eye out for loggerhead shrike, chukar and tri-colored blackbirds. Cranes are not the focus. This trip will take about five hours, so don't forget to bring food and drink.

**Crane Viewing Tour**, 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM. \$25.00. This guided tour will go directly to the best Sandhill Crane feeding areas where and when they can be their noisiest. An experienced wildlife guide will narrate the tour and will answer any questions you any have. This tour will be on a bus. It will be approximately 1½ to 2 hours in length, please plan accordingly.



**The Great Escape of Quincy Basin**, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. \$60.00. Join Lloyd Stoess and Ken Lacy on a tour to showcase some of the most impressive floodscape that they have ever shown. It will focus on the impact of flood waters escaping the Quincy Basin. Imagine 150 feet of water

dropping 800 feet in less than 3 miles, we will see this at the Potholes Coulee. We will also visit places with particularly dramatic views in the Drumheller Channels, Frenchman Coulee, West Bar, and the Ephrata Fan. There will be no hikes but open-toed shoes will not be appropriate. There will be bathroom breaks along the way. This tour is about 8 hours from start to finish, please bring lunch and snacks as needed.



**Mega Floods Through Wild Drumheller Channels Hike**, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. \$60.00. This moderately difficult 3-4-mile hike, led by geologist Bruce Bjornstad, will directly explore the flood channels (including the former path of the Columbia River),

potholes, erratic, and streamlined basalt islands rimmed with towering 50' basalt columns. One hundred years ago, J Harlen Bretz recognized this area as one of the most spectacular examples of Ice Age Flood erosion in the Channeled Scabland. Note that there will be no restrooms available on this hike. Bagged lunches are available for order on the registration form. This tour is six hours in length, so bring food, drink, and sturdy walking shoes.

**Potholes Reservoir Boat Birding Tour** departs from MarDon Resort, 8198 WA Highway 262, Othello, WA 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM and again at 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. \$90.00. This boat trip explores bird life in early spring on Potholes Reservoir and concentrates on the bays where waterfowl, grebes, shorebirds, herons, and eagles might be found. Please dress accordingly as it may be very cold and/or rainy this time of year.

**Tonnemaker Hill Farm and Mammoth Dig Tour** - meet at Tonnemaker Farm, 9084 Dodson Rd. Royal City, WA. 3:30 PM to Dark. \$25.00. Tonnemaker Hill Farm has been a popular tour in the past. The farm was founded in 1962 by Pearl and Orland Tonnemaker and is now managed by their grandson Luke. They farm a relatively small amount for the area (126-acre) but organically cultivate thousands of varieties. Of particular note are the sweet and hot peppers, of which they grow more than 300 varieties. Those who sign up to visit can look forward to a tour of the orchard and greenhouses. You will also look at the Columbian Mammoth dig site and some of the bones recovered after discovering it by chance in the spring of 2015. There will be a discussion on some of the history and geology of the area and what we know about the mammoth thus far. Further information about the farm can be found at [www.tonnemaker.com](http://www.tonnemaker.com) This is not a bird tour. enter through the front doors.



**Thanks for your interest in our Festival, and we hope to see you soon.  
Be sure to “like” the Festival’s Facebook page (Othello Sandhill Crane Festival)  
for the latest updates and information.**

**All events are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Reservations are filled in the order received.**

**Registration this year is E-ticketing on Eventbrite, there will be links both on our website  
and on Facebook. When you buy your tours and activities online you will receive a confirmation  
of your scheduled activities electronically. Save your E-ticketing schedules on your mobile device  
and/or print a copy to bring to the festival. Copies may be available if you are unable to access them.**

**General admission is \$10 and covers lectures and activities at the School and Church.  
All other tours and activities priced as noted in the schedule  
should be purchased along with general admission.**

**IMPORTANT NOTES: Brochure mailing is now done only by request.  
2025 online registration opens February 1st and ends March 14th**

## **Wildlife and Agriculture in Othello**

Although Othello is well-known for the spring Sandhill Crane Festival, birders also regularly travel to our area during the fall migration season. Our area is part of the Pacific Flyway, an “interstate” for avian migration.

Thirty-two diverse types of mammals and over 200 species of birds have been observed at Columbia National Wildlife Refuge. At the height of the spring and fall migration, biologists have estimated the refuge is home to up to 100,000 birds.

The diversity of wildlife in our area is matched only by the diversity of the crops grown here. Agriculture is also an important part of avian life in the Basin. Sandhill Cranes feast on leftover corn from the fall harvest, and other crops grown here provide forage for many other species. Crops – wheat, alfalfa hay, potatoes, apples, spelt, grapes, cherries, melons, peas, onions, peaches, apricots, nectarines, and seed crops like carrots and radishes-provide “leftovers” for many mammals and birds in our area. Nearly 800 acres of cropland are planted specifically as part of a program designed to maintain healthy waterfowl and crane populations.

According to Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, during fall and especially in March and April, refuge fields near Corfu, Road E SE, and Barton Road attract up to 60,000 Mallards, 30,000 Northern Pintails, 15,000 Sandhill Cranes, and 50,000 Canada and Cackling Geese. The delicate balance of nature and agriculture is important for our area, and an issue local farmers take very seriously. Our festival enlists the help of dozens of local farmers each year; they not only provide valuable resources and time as festival backers but volunteer to ride along on our tours as Ag guides to answer your questions.

## MAP AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS

### Driving Directions to Othello Church of the Nazarene (835 S 10th Ave., Othello, WA 99344)

#### From Moses Lake

Take Highway 17 south to HWY 26 and turn right. Turn right on 14th Ave, and then left at the stop sign on Scooteny St. The Nazarene Church is on Scooteny and 10th. Please park at the church and enter through the front doors.

#### From Spokane

Take Interstate 90 west to US HWY 395 south to US Highway 26 west. Follow Highway 26 to Othello. Turn right onto 14th Ave, and then left at the stop sign on Scooteny St. The Nazarene Church is on Scooteny and 10th. Please park at the church and enter through the front doors.

#### From Seattle

Take Interstate 90 east to HWY 26 east. Follow HWY 26 to Othello. Turn left on 14th Ave, and then left at the stop sign on Scooteny St. The Nazarene Church is on Scooteny and 10th. Please park at the church and enter through the front doors.

#### From the Tri-Cities

Take US HWY 395 north to HWY 17. Follow HWY 17 north to HWY 26 and turn left towards Othello. Turn right on 14th Ave, and then left at the stop sign on Scooteny St. The Nazarene Church is on Scooteny and 10th. Please park at the church and enter through the front doors.

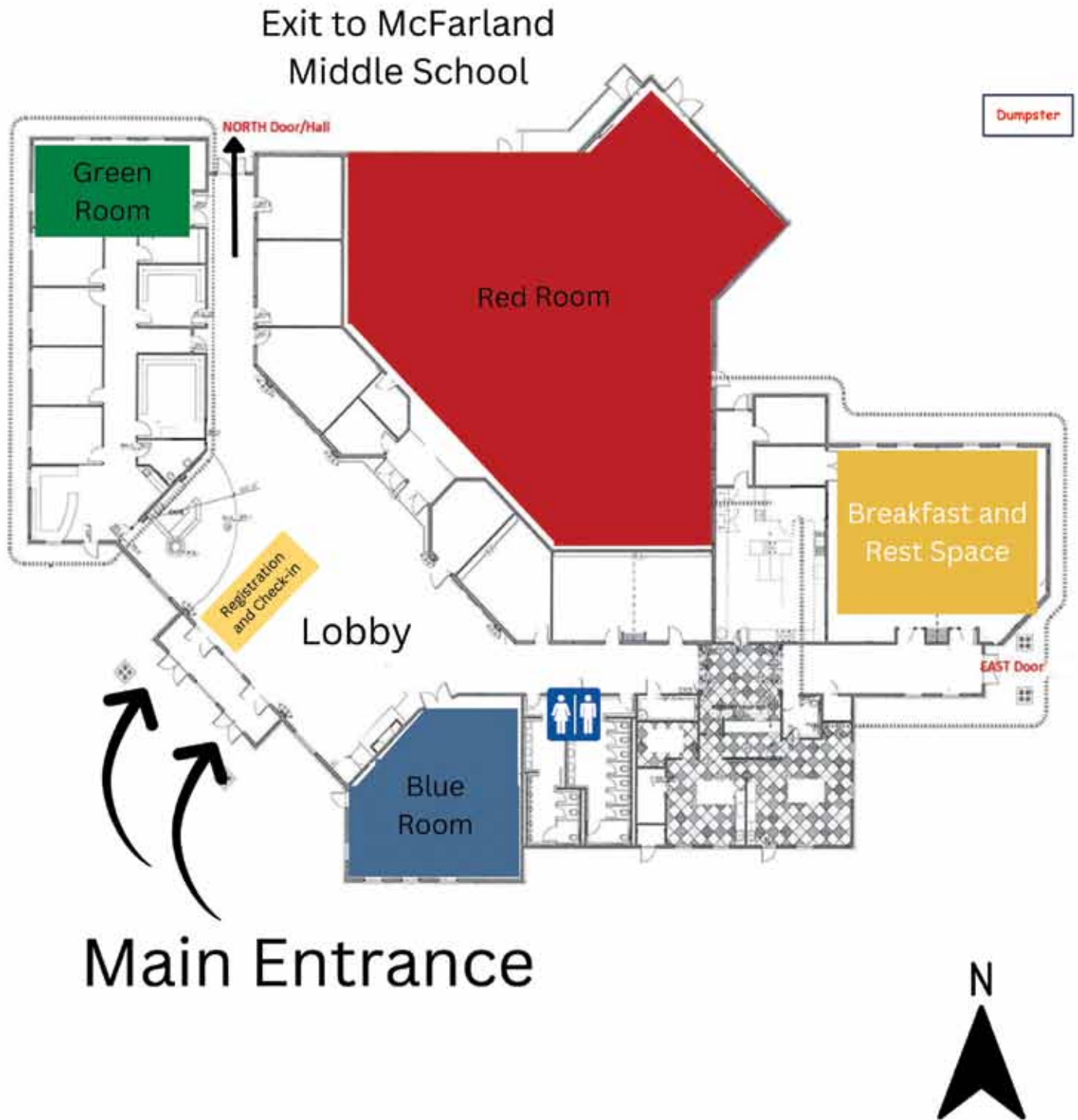


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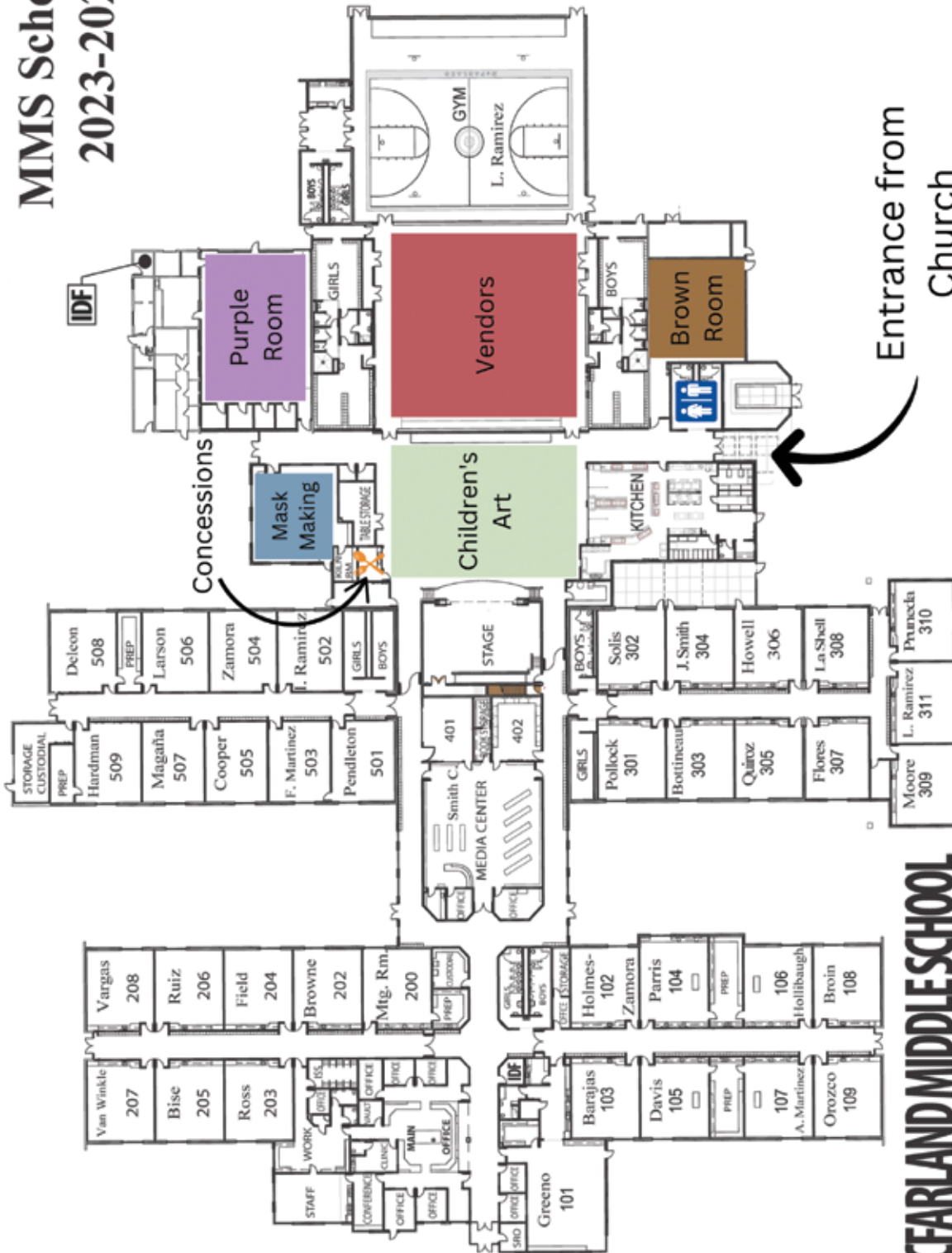


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# Nazarene Church of Othello



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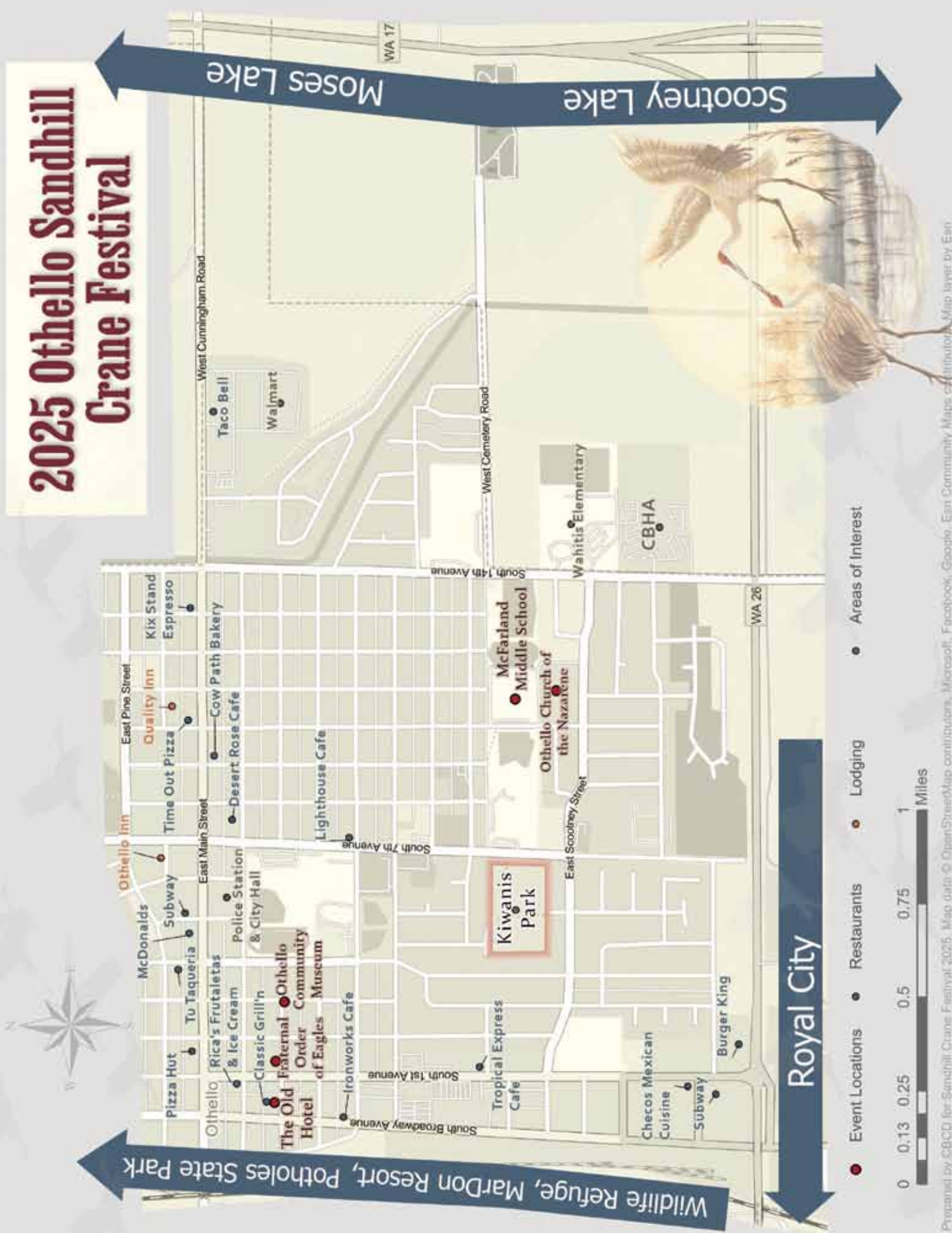
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Wildlife Refuge, MarDon Resort, Potholes State Park

Scotney Lake

Moses Lake



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