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LOCAL FILM SHOWCASES 'NATIVE CREATIVES'

A short film shot on the Kalispel Tribe Reservation by the Shipman sisters features two prominent Indigenous actors. **INSIDE 7**

Lily Gladstone stars in Misty Shipman and Hope Shipman's "The Handsome Man."



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WAR IN UKRAINE

Spokesman-Review reporter Eli Francovich traveled to Eastern Europe this week to cover a Spokane doctor's efforts to assist Ukrainians suffering as a result of the invasion by Russia. The trip was paid for largely by Spokesman-Review readers who have donated to the Community Journalism Fund and through the newspaper's Northwest Passages event series. To help support this trip and similar newsroom efforts, contributions can be made at spokesman.com/thanks.

DESTINATION: UKRAINE

Spokane doctor puts knowledge of internal medicine to use in city of Lviv in western region of war-torn country

By Eli Francovich
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

LVIV, Ukraine - Lying in a military hospital bed in this western Ukrainian city of 720,000 people, Dr. Kyle Varner wondered aloud: "What do you do if there is an air raid siren?"

"I guess there is really no class on what you do in a war zone," he answered.

Varner doesn't have wartime experience, but he is a Spokane physician with emergency and internal medicine knowledge that's been increasingly necessary in the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The war has sent refugees and casualties flooding west from the front to the relative safety of Poland and other European nations - especially those that are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Varner left Spokane on Sunday with hopes that he could help. He flew to

Poland with a bevy of medical supplies including gowns, tourniquets, bandages, chest tubes (to drain fluid out of the chest cavity following trauma), two portable ultrasound devices and more.

"I tried to pick things that I thought would be useful given the fact that there is a war," he said. Varner practices at Providence Holy Family Hospital, which donated some of the supplies.

He also received donations from individuals. The Kalispell Tribe gave him \$2,400 to spend how he saw fit, although the shipment was delayed, and he couldn't bring those supplies on this trip. He estimates the supplies he did bring cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

After arriving in Poland, Varner

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Kyle Varner, a doctor from Spokane, walks into the Lviv Clinical Municipal Hospital on Friday.



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

North Idaho confronts dark legacy

Neo-Nazis stay tight-lipped about Hayden meeting, but their messaging harkens back to Butler's days in region

By Kip Hill
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

The language and images may be familiar, but the purported gathering of neo-Nazis in North Idaho this weekend is unlike anything Tony Stewart's seen before.

And he's seen a lot, as one of the founding members of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations, including Richard Butler's parade down the streets of

Coeur d'Alene in 1999.

"This is the first time in our over 40 years a meeting is supposedly scheduled by a neo-Nazi group in northern Idaho but seems to be like a ghost," Stewart said Thursday. "We may never learn all the details."

A group calling themselves the Aryan Freedom Network has pledged to hold a gathering on Saturday in Hayden, the former headquarters of Butler's Aryan

Nations movement that spawned terrorist attacks, murder and crime sprees before collapsing after a crippling financial settlement in a civil lawsuit.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office said it's aware of the reported gathering, but because it's on private property and attendees have free speech rights, law enforcement's role will be in keeping

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MORE ON HATE GROUPS

FURTHER REVIEW LOOKS BACK AT BUTLER'S DAYS

Charles Apple shines a light on the history of white supremacy groups in the area. **NEWS, 8**

IDAHO'S RIGHT-WINGERS PAVE WAY FOR HATE

Commentary: Shawn Vestal opines that the state throws open its doors to white supremacy by being complicit. **NORTHWEST, 3**



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE RETURNS SATURDAY TO DOWNTOWN SPOKANE

Irish festivities hit the streets for the first time since they were canceled by the pandemic

By Garrett Cabeza
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Expect plenty of green Saturday in downtown Spokane as the 42nd annual St. Patrick's Day parade returns after a two-year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Really, we're just excited to have people back downtown and participating and having fun again," said Kevin Cotter, president of the Friendly Sons of St.

Patrick, the nonprofit that puts on the parade.

The parade was the first major Spokane event to be canceled because of the pandemic.

"It was a big shock back then," Cotter said. "We were ready to go and then two days before the parade we had to cancel it, so we're excited to get back and hosting it again."

The parade starts at noon,

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PREPARING FOR A WORLD WITHOUT MASKS

Washington mandate ends Saturday. Here's what you need to know to be prepared. **NORTHWEST, 1**

NEW ONE-WAY ROUTE OPENS IN SPOKANE

Avelo Airlines is opening a flight at Spokane International that will connect to Burbank, California, for \$69. **NEWS, 10**

SLOW START SINKS COUGS AT PAC-12 TOURNAMENT

Washington State trailed by 12 points at halftime and never recovered in a 75-65 loss to 13th-ranked UCLA. **SPORTS, 1**