

# BEATLEMANIA!

Ayuko Momono, an avid Fab Four fan with an extensive memorabilia collection, will attend the Paul McCartney concert on April 28 in Spokane with her wife and 4-year-old.

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## SOLVING STAFFING SHORTAGES AT STATE'S RURAL HOSPITALS

By Arielle Dreher  
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Roxeanne Huddleston has worked at Newport Hospital her entire career as a nurse after her family relocated from the Seattle area nearly 20 years ago. Her experience in nursing school took her through the large hospitals in Spokane, but she knew she wanted something smaller.

"I like to get to know my patients and have good relationships with them and their families," Huddleston said. "I want to make a difference in their lives."

### MORE ON NURSING LEGISLATURE ADDS FUNDING FOR TRAINING WORKERS

Initiatives include more spots in nursing programs statewide, adding new program at EWU.

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She was hired initially at Newport in long-term care and worked her way through the different departments at the hospital and clinic.

This was how it was when there was not a nursing short-

age: Nurses worked their way up to more challenging parts of the hospital, adding skill sets as they progressed in their career.

COVID-19 has changed that. Today, a nursing school graduate could get a job in an emergency department or even an intensive care unit, something that used to take years. That's because hospitals are eager to build up their workforce after two years of a pandemic has led many nurses to look for more lucrative traveling jobs, or leave the health care

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Roxeanne Huddleston, an RN at Newport Hospital and Health Services, poses for a photo in Newport, Wash.

## WAR IN UKRAINE

Spokesman-Review reporter Eli Francovich is in Eastern Europe to cover stories with ties to Spokane. Francovich's 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 [www.spokesman.com/thanks](http://www.spokesman.com/thanks).

## GIVING PETS ANOTHER CHANCE

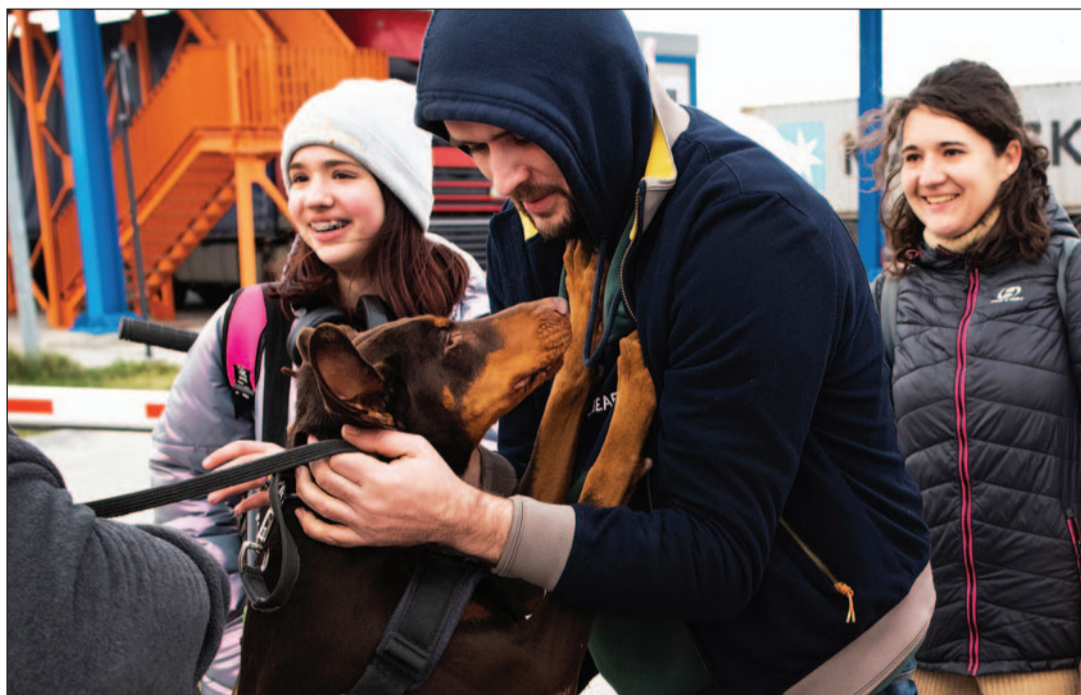
Veterinarians, including one from Bonners Ferry, get animals vaccinated, implant microchips and make sure animals have paperwork to travel

By Eli Francovich  
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

ISACCEA, Romania – With a tug and a jerk, Greicy, a lanky and muzzled Doberman who'd spent the past two days fleeing the war in Ukraine, was free and running.

She bounded across the pavement of a small border crossing in eastern Romania Thursday, dodging confused volunteers, the wind whistling freedom, and leapt into the waiting arms of Vladyslav Oleksandra.

Behind the Doberman trailed Yershova Oleksandra and her two children. They'd spent the past two days traveling from Kherson, Ukraine, an important port city and one of the first to be occupied by Russian soldiers. With them, they brought Gre-



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Greicy the dog leaps up to greet Vladyslav Oleksandra on Thursday at the Ukrainian-Romanian border. Yershova Oleksandra, right, and her two daughters fled their home in Kherson, Ukraine, two days prior. They brought with them Greicy, their cat, Busya, and their hamster, Homa. Vladyslav had been working in Poland when the war broke out.

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## WITNESSES DETAIL HORRIFIC AFTERMATH OF DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

Two people dead, one injured

By Garrett Cabeza  
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Two people are dead and a third is seriously injured after a drive-by shooting outside a downtown Spokane bar early Saturday that sent patrons fleeing. A suspect has been arrested, but police wouldn't identify the person. When asked whether there are additional suspects, SPD said the agency is investigating.

Spokane police spokesperson Julie Humphreys said it was too early in the investigation to tell whether the shooting was gang related. Sgt. Terry Preuninger said there was nothing to indicate the victims had any connection to the shooter.

Saturday's killings were the latest in a growing pattern of violence in Spokane. Drive-by shootings in the city were down 2.4% in 2021, but that was after going up 30.9% compared to the three-year average of 2018 to 2020, according to Spokane police data. Total shootings were up 60.6% in 2021 and spiked 148.9% last year compared to the average of the three previous years.

The shooting started just before 1:30 a.m., when police were called to Lucky's Irish Pub, 408 W. Sprague Ave. Officers found three victims and began

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### COFFEE TRUCK OWNER CONSIDERS FOOD TRUCK PARK

Proposed site is north of downtown and would hold 6-8 vendors. BUSINESS, 1

### GONZAGA KEEPS ITS EYES OPEN FOR TRANSFER TARGETS

With a small incoming class, Zags will have roster spots available. SPORTS, 1

### WE THE PEOPLE: FRANKLIN'S FORGOTTEN PHILANTHROPY

Founder left money in will for cities to use as loans for trade workers. NEWS, 5

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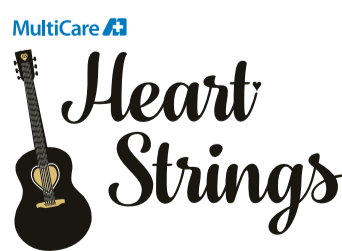
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