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Moscow to help Whitman County with new truck route

City Council also approves new K9 during Monday's meeting

By **ANTHONY KUIPERS**
MOSCOW-PULLMAN DAILY NEWS

MOSCOW – Moscow has begun working with Whitman County to reroute freight traffic away from Moscow and Pullman downtowns. The Moscow City Council on Monday approved an agreement with Whitman County to pursue a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation that would



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fund an alternate route for freight traffic traveling east and west across the Washington-Idaho border. Moscow city staff say this new route would help reduce the number of freight trucks within downtown Pullman and downtown Moscow. The alternative route would include Sand Road, Palouse River Drive, and the intersection of Mountain View Road and

Idaho Highway 8 in Moscow.

In Whitman County, the truck traffic will use Sand and Kirkendahl roads until they connect with U.S. Highway 195. The BUILD grant (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) would enable the city to start projects aimed at improving its own roads. For example, Palouse River Drive would likely be upgraded with new pavement, curbs, sidewalks and bike lanes to make it wider and more suitable for truck traffic. The project also requires installing a traffic signal at the

intersection of Idaho Highway 8 and Mountain View Drive. City Administrator Bill Belknap said up to 200 trucks could use this route daily. Moscow and Whitman County are looking to contract with Welch Comer Engineers to design and engineer the new route. That contract will cost up to \$45,000. Whitman County would fund 70% of the cost. The total construction cost of the new route would be \$18.9 million with Moscow responsible for \$5.6 million.

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Police report apparent murder-suicide at Orchards residence

Incident happened Sunday night, resulting in death of two people

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Lewiston police are investigating the deaths of two people in an apparent murder-suicide at a home in Lewiston Orchards on Sunday night. According to a news release distributed Monday afternoon, police received a report at 8:10 p.m. Sunday that a female had been shot at a home on the 3700 block of 11th Street. When police arrived, they found the female dead and a male with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. He was taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston but did not survive. According to the news release, police don't believe any other people were involved and there is no threat to the public related to the incident, which remains under investigation. The names of the deceased are being withheld pending notification of their next of kin.

Idaho judge dismisses lawsuit against AG's Office

A month before the lawsuit filed by a fired former deputy AG was set to go to jury trial, judge dismisses case in summary judgment ruling

By **KYLE PFANNENSTIEL**
IDAHO CAPITAL SUN

An Idaho judge dismissed a whistleblower lawsuit against the Idaho Attorney General's Office by a fired attorney, preventing the case from a jury trial. Idaho 4th District Judge Jonathan Medema on Friday granted summary judgment in favor of the Attorney General's Office in the lawsuit brought by former deputy attorney general Daphne Huang,

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Wesley Carl listens to his mother, Caitlin Carl, speak last week at their home in Pullman. Wesley has been named a Youth Heart Ambassador by the American Heart Association.

Giving it his whole heart

Pullman 10-year-old Wesley Carl overcame his own condition and has since become an ambassador for the American Heart Association

By **EMILY PEARCE**
MOSCOW-PULLMAN DAILY NEWS

PULLMAN — Wesley Carl is using his big heart to inspire others in caring for their minds and bodies. The Pullman 10-year-old is one of three kids from Washington who have personal connections to heart disease or stroke, who will serve as a local Youth Heart Ambassador. Carl will volunteer in the nationwide effort to support the American Heart Association's school-based programs, Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge, which promote a healthier way of living. Caitlin Carl, Wesley's mom, said he and his family

were pretty excited when they received the news because they've been through "quite the journey." Wesley had a congenital heart defect called atrial septal defect, which is a hole in the wall that separates two chambers of the heart. Caitlin said they didn't know about his condition until a hospital visit in September 2022. Wesley was born with a murmur like many kids, but didn't have issues with his heart until he got a "funny feeling" in his chest during a birthday party next door, Caitlin said. To be safe, they visited the emergency room for some tests that showed all four chambers in his heart were enlarged. His doctors



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recommended open-heart surgery that he underwent in November 2023. Wesley said the hardest part was waiting to play sports because it's his favorite thing to do. He added that the surgery took most of his strength, and he had to work at getting strong again. It wasn't long before he was back on his feet.

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