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Kellogg considering kratom ban

By JOSH McDONALD
Staff Writer

KELLOGG — The Kellogg City Council is considering a resolution that would ban the sale of kratom, potentially making Kellogg the first city in Idaho to enact such a ban. Kratom is a plant-based product derived from the leaves of *Mitragyna speciosa*, a tree

native to Southeast Asia. It contains naturally occurring compounds that can produce stimulant-like effects at lower doses and opioid-like effects at higher doses. In the United States, kratom is commonly sold in powders, capsules and beverages and is often marketed as a natural product. The proposed resolution is being driven by the Kellogg

Police Department, which has seen an increase in local use of the unregulated substance. Kratom is currently sold at three gas stations within city limits. "There's no regulations on this stuff, and it's dangerous," Kellogg Police Chief Paul Twidd said. "If a place wanted to sell it to a 10-year-old, they can."

While the ban would be a first for Idaho, Kellogg would not be the first municipality in the region to take such action. In March, the Spokane City Council approved an ordinance prohibiting the sale and distribution of kratom within Spokane city limits.

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Post Falls man charged with terrorism

By KAYE THORNBRUGH
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COEUR d'ALENE — A Post Falls man accused of smashing windows with a baseball bat at the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office and threatening law enforcement over the weekend will undergo a mental health evaluation, a judge ordered Monday. Ryan J. McClintock, 33, is charged with malicious injury to property and terrorism, both felonies. First District Judge Debra Heise ordered Monday that McClintock be held on \$200,000 bail, citing the seriousness of the allegations.

"What he did was alarming, but what he said was very alarming," she said in court.

Heise also ordered that McClintock undergo an evaluation to determine whether he can assist his legal counsel with his defense or understand the proceedings. If McClintock posts bail, he cannot be released from custody until the evaluation is complete. "It's unusual for the (court-ordered mental health evaluation) request to come at this early stage of the proceedings, but on reading the affidavit, I think there's certainly evidence to support it," Heise said.

Defense attorney James Siebe requested that the court order the evaluation.

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George and Katie Saylor of Coeur d'Alene have been subscribers to The Press since 1972.

'Embedded in my life'

George and Katie Saylor have subscribed to The Press for more than 50 years

By BILL BULEY
Staff Writer

George and Katie Saylor have been Press subscribers for more than 50 years.

Each morning, George likes to sit in the living room of their Coeur d'Alene home, enjoy a cup of coffee and read The Press. "It's a ritual that embedded in my life, I guess, I wouldn't like to be without it," he said.

The retired government teacher and former legislator has long been involved in

civic and public issues and strongly believes that each citizen is responsible for being informed.

"I know how important that is to democracy," Saylor said. "I think the newspaper, when everything is working as it should, is the best source of information we have."

Katie Saylor, whose maiden name was Frost, said her father homesteaded in Harrison in the 1880s. Her mother's family

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Coffee with The Press editor Thursday

Part of Local News Day celebration

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You will have the opportunity to chat with Managing Editor Bill Buley and other members of The Press news team and gain some insights

who work there. There will also be an opportunity to take a tour of our production facility and see how The Press comes to life.

The Press is at 215 N. 2nd St. in downtown Coeur d'Alene. We hope to see you there.



The France family, of Coeur d'Alene. From left: Josh, Abby, David and Brooke. Courtesy photo

Stars align for family seeking better life

Family Promise of North Idaho's Starry Night will be April 24

By DEVIN WEEKS
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The road from Portland to North Idaho was long as Josh France and his family sought a better life.

About four years ago, he and his wife, Brooke, had a little girl, and another baby was soon on the way.

"I was telling Brooke, 'I don't think we should raise our kids here (in Portland),' because it's getting bad out there," Josh said Monday.

Brooke's parents lived in North Idaho until her mom died in 2020, soon followed by her father in 2021. Josh, Brooke and daughter Abby arrived in the area to deal with Brooke's father's belongings.

That's when the stars began to align for the young family. He and Abby were walking in Post Falls near Seltice Way and Spokane Street when the owner of a granite shop stopped them.

"He pulls into the parking lot, and he's like, 'Hey, what's your story?' and I was like, 'Who are you?'" Josh said.

The man told him that he needed employees for his shop. "I was like, 'Oh, well I live in Portland,' and he goes, 'Why?' and I'm like, 'I don't know,'" Josh said.

The man, who had a houseful of children,

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April 7, 2026

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Chance of Rain 0%

Seasonal snow 23.4"

Wind speed
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Lake level 2126.92'



• A simple formula to keep a conversation going is "FORD" and what does the "D" stand for, as "F" is for family, "O" for occupation, and "R" for recreation? Determinations, Dreams, Dogs, Death

• When trying to get kids to do an unpleasant task, dads are 75% more likely to use what as a bribe? Mall trip, Chocolate candy, Cartoon watching, Ice cream

• What do most humans have 24 of, including 6 that are false and 4 that are floating? Chromosomes, Taste buds, Ribs, Arteries

• Which country in Africa has the most people? Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan, Nigeria

• Reportedly what creature was Napoleon afraid of? Cats, Rats, Chickens, Snakes

• Which month besides March contains an equinox? June, December, September, May

ANSWERS: Dreams, Ice cream, Ribs, Nigeria, Cats, September

Ghastly Groaner

We all know that the mountain bluebird is the state bird of Idaho.

So, what is the city bird of Coeur d'Alene?

The construction crane!
— Les Atchley, Coeur d'Alene

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