

# Travel/Entertainment



**The Rose BAR & RESTAURANT**

**November Line up**  
 Friday Night November 3rd  
*TimberWolf*

Saturday Night November 11th  
**Karaoke**

*Daily & Weekly Food & Drink Specials*  
**The Rose Bar & Restaurant**  
 413 Umpqua HWY 38, Drain OR

**If you have or know of an Event, Get Together or Shindig, let us know, send an email to [reports@ndherald.com](mailto:reports@ndherald.com) or send to ND Herald, PO Box 581, Drain OR 97435**



**ADAM MILLER**  
 Legendary Folk Singer, Storyteller

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
**1:00 PM**

South Douglas Library, 205 West "A" Avenue, Drain, Oregon

On Saturday November 11th at 1 pm The Mildred Whipple Library will host Adam Miller, a folk singer and storyteller. Both days' events will include giveaways, door prizes, and lots of fun for all ages.  
**Drain Civic Center**  
 205 West "A" Avenue, Drain OR

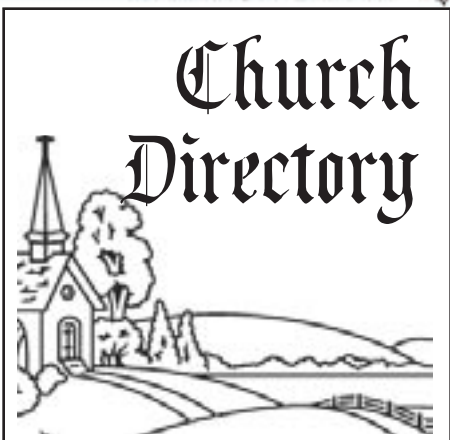
## Dessert Social and Old-Time Fiddlers on Sat, Nov 4

**Lookingglass Grange Community Center, 7426 Lookingglass Road, Roseburg**  
 Potluck pie & desserts from 1-5 PM. Bring an item to share. Soft serve ice cream, coffee, tea & lemonade provided.  
 Old-Time Fiddlers will perform from 2 to 4 PM  
 Come listen to great music and visit your neighbors. Maybe even dance a little.  
 Everyone welcome!  
**FOR MORE INFO:**  
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Friday the 10th at 1 pm we will welcome the Singing Creek Center for a Kalapuya Ways presentation. Learn about Kalapuya traditions in a dynamic presentation and enjoy Native flute music.



- DRAIN**
- Assembly of God Church  
 975 Drain Section Rd  
 541 836-2369  
 Sunday Service 10:30am
  - Gateway Family Fellowship Church of the Nazarene  
 337 C Avenue  
 Sunday Sch 9:30am Worship 10:45am
- YONCALLA**
- Assembly of God  
 1008 Hayhurst Rd  
 541 849-2800  
 Sunday 10:30am Wednesday 5:30pm

- Church of Christ  
 225 Birch St  
 Sunday School 9:55am  
 Sunday Worship 10:45am

- ELKTON**
- Elkton Bible Baptist Church  
 541 584-2808  
 420 2nd St  
 Sunday Worship 10am

- Elkton Christian Church  
 344 3rd St PO Box 430  
 541 802-9506 [www.elktonchristian.com](http://www.elktonchristian.com)  
 Sunday Sch 9:30am Worship 10:45am

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## Vets Return to US

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 dreamed of seeing, like the Grand Canyon and possibly Mount Rushmore," he said. Hernandez said his deportation came after unspecified "irreverent actions and mistakes I made due to my PTSD." He declined to give more details. But he said after he was allowed back into the country a year ago, he was determined to get his U.S. citizenship to be able to go to the grocery store and not feel "terrified" of being picked up and sent back to Mexico. His 7-year-old daughter hugged him after he was sworn in amid cheers from a crowd that included more than a dozen veterans from various branches. Then he turned and kissed his wife. "I've always been an American, the difference is now I'm an American citizen and I have all the rights that any American born citizen has," Hernandez said. "And it was important to me to have those rights just to prove the point, the point being that anybody that's willing to lay down their life, their sanity, and give everything that they hold dear for American freedom should be eventually at one point in their lives considered a U.S. citizen."

# Ray's Food Place, the Grocery Chain Built by Ray

*Story by Milo Van Elder*

This story begins with Raymond (Ray) L. Nidiffer coming out to Brookings, Oregon, from Utah in 1956. In 1957, Ray bought out C&K Market, buying out Kimberly. Nidiffer replaced Kimberly and jointly operated the 3,200-square-foot store with Collins at its original location until 1963. They then moved the business to a 10,000-square-foot building close by in Brookings. In 1967, the business incorporated as C&K Market, Inc. The company incorporated in 1967, taking its name from the Collins and Kimberly partnership, the new corporation was set up as C&K Market, Inc.

In 1969, Collins decided to retire and sold his interest to Ray. When Nidiffer took over the business, Brookings had the reputation of being a fairly insular community, run by a few families and people. As the sole owner of the corporation, Ray and a strong group of employees began growing the company. Although Ray was a relative newcomer, the business took off under his leadership. He built up the company's administrative and operations staff and began steadily to acquire other stores in small communities throughout southern Oregon.

Most of the stores that the C&K Market leased or operated had been owned by individuals who were retiring. The company also became a member of United Grocers, a retailer-owned wholesaler, which supplied Sentry stores, and ran most of them under the Ray's Sentry Markets

banner.

Nidiffer considered each new acquisition in terms of its size, age, volume of sales, and location, concentrating mostly on small supermarkets in rural locations. The strategy proved a wise one, and, by 1988, C&K had become the 62nd largest private company in Oregon, still closely held and managed. C&K's senior management met in Brookings, Oregon, every Monday, and Nidiffer, an amateur pilot, frequently visited his 23 stores in his Beechcraft Baron twin-engine plane.

In 1997, Ray decided to retire and passed the responsibility of running the company to his son, Doug Nidiffer. Raised in the grocery environment, Doug has spent most of his formative years in the industry. Doug has continued his stewardship of the company and the ideals set forth by his father Ray, continuing to acquire and build new store locations, while updating and remodeling existing locations.

In 2005, Doug's son, Alan Nidiffer, re-joined the company after earning his degree at Oregon State and has served in various roles, most recently as Executive Vice President. The company continues to evolve and in 2014, Karl Wissmann joined the grocery chain as its CEO and led its more recent revitalization.

January 25, 2021 C&K Market completed a transaction to become 100%

employee-owned through an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) trust. This enables employees to receive retirement benefits linked to the company's future equity value. The plan was established on December 29, 2020.

"At our core, we're a community grocery store that proudly serves its neighbors," said Karl Wissmann, president and CEO of C&K Market. "We tailor what we offer to meet the needs of each community we serve. That commitment continues through our Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), which allows us to maintain our independence and lets employees benefit from our success."

C&K Market, Inc. now operates about 38 supermarkets in small to mid-sized rural communities with populations of fewer than 10,000 in southern Oregon and northern California, mostly under the name Ray's Food Place. Some stores are called Price Less Foods and Shop Smart. The chain's competitive strategy is to operate quality grocery stores in niche, underserved markets. Stores are fully equipped with grocery, meat, dairy, produce, and health and beauty aid departments and offer multiple brands at varying price points. Currently, more than 1,200 people are employed by the company, which is now employee owned.

## Vital Statistics



on November 18, 1928. Gilbert was well known for his sense of humor, kindness, and passion for everything he set his heart on.

Gilbert Allen Yearous, a devoted family man, passionate forester and lover of life, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2023, in his birthplace of Cottage Grove, OR. He was born

## Obituary In Memoriam

He graduated from Cottage Grove High School and went into the forest industry. He managed timber where he oversaw the planting and logging of trees, as well as the production of firewood. He served in the National Guard, was a long-standing member of the Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge.

Gilbert is survived by eight children, son Paul Yearous of Cottage Grove, daughter Virginia Smith of Cottage Grove, son Mark Yearous of Creswell, daughter Kathleen Moore of Cottage Grove, daughter Yvette Blue of Cottage Grove, daughter Madelyn Baker of Idaho Falls, ID, daughter Gina Yearous of

Roseburg, OR, and stepdaughter Maria Goins of Creswell, OR; 25 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Gilbert is preceded in death by both his parents Roscoe and Nora (Hull) Yearous, life partner Ella Velasquez, daughter Connie Smith, ex-wife Lorriane McConnell, stepdaughter Kathy, and all his brothers and sisters.

A memorial service was held Sunday, October 29 at 2:00PM at the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E Washington Ave. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

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