



PHOTO BY JEREMY STORTON

Sisters Christian Academy marked Veterans Day with observances at Sisters Community Church on November 7.

## VETERANS: Multiple events set for November 10

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Last weekend, Bill Anttila, commander of Sisters VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 8138, along with his daughter, Chelsea, distributed VFW Buddy Poppies to shoppers at Ray's Food Place in Sisters.

From its inception, the Buddy Poppy Program has helped the VFW live up to its motto, "to honor the dead by helping the living."

The Buddy Poppy is a small red flower symbolic of the blood shed in World War I by millions of Allied soldiers in defense of freedom. It was originally sold to help devastated France, and later a project of Madame E. Guerin, founder of the American and French Children's League, as she was concerned that the world was forgetting too soon those lost and "sleeping" in

Flanders Fields.

In 1920, the American Legion began the program in the United States, making the Buddy Poppy its official flower. However, the next year, the American Legion adopted the daisy as its official flower. The VFW adopted the poppy flower as its official memorial flower in August of 1922.

Today several cities in the U.S. manufacture the "Buddy Poppy" with a workforce of disabled veterans and hospitalized veterans in workshops supervised by VFW.

The name "Buddy Poppy" grew naturally out of the poppy-makers' stories and remembrances of their buddies in war. The VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the U.S. Patent Office in February, 1924.

Today its sale directly benefits thousands of disabled and down-and-out American veterans, as well as local community scholarships for youth sponsored by the VFW.

## The Belfry hosts multiple shows

Innovative acoustic guitar virtuoso Leo Kottke will grace the stage at The Belfry on Saturday, November 12.

Raised in 12 different states, Kottke absorbed a variety of musical influences as a child, flirting with both violin and trombone before trying his hand at the guitar at age 11. After developing a love for the country-blues of Mississippi John Hurt, Kottke lost much of the hearing in his left ear as a result of a mishap with a firecracker; during a later tenure in the Naval Reserve, his right ear suffered permanent damage during firing practice.

Discharged due to his impairment, Kottke entered college, dropping out after several years to hitchhike across the country as an itinerant musician. After settling

in the Twin Cities area and becoming a fixture on the city's folk club circuit, he issued his 1969 debut LP, "Twelve String Blues," recorded live at Minneapolis' Scholar Coffee House, on the tiny Oblivion label.

Portland, Oregon junk-box blues duo Hillstomp is infamous for digging through the dumps and forgotten backwoods of American music, recycling traditional elements into a refreshing and distinctive brand of do-it-yourself hill country blues stomp. North Mississippi trance blues, a bit of Appalachia, and a dash of punkabilly come clanging and tumbling from assorted buckets, cans and BBQ lids, all drenched in rambunctious slide guitar. Somehow it works.

They play the Belfry on

Saturday, November 19.

Coming up November 26 is the return of The Weather Machine, featuring Sisters Americana Project alumnus Slater Smith.

The Portland Mercury compares The Weather Machine to The Kinks and Paul McCartney, while an Italian publication preferred Hey Marseilles as a reference. The truth? This band is hard to categorize ... which is a big part of the appeal. Their high-energy live show has struck a chord with Northwest audiences, resulting in sold-out performances at Mississippi Studios and the Sisters Folk Festival, a featured performance at Bend's Les Schwab Amphitheater, and two West Coast tours.

For ticket information visit [www.belfryevents.com](http://www.belfryevents.com).

## Elections chief denounces 'suppression' effort

By Andrew Selsky  
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — The official in charge of elections in Oregon said Friday that many voters across the state were receiving automated calls falsely telling them that they're not registered to vote and that their ballot will not be counted, and she called for an investigation of the "voter suppression."

"We have heard very specific information from a number of counties..." Secretary of State Jeanne P. Atkins said in a telephone interview.

She mentioned Crook County but the clerk in that county said her office has not received calls from worried voters, but Coos County and Tillamook County had. Some calls were automated and

others were from real people.

Turi did not hazard a guess on whether it was a concerted effort to affect the outcome of the election. If a person who had not yet sent in a ballot got such a call and believed it, that voter might not bother to send the ballot in.

"All I know is it is

disturbing our process," Turi said.

In a statement, Atkins assured voters that their ballots will count.

"There is simply no circumstance under which an Oregonian who has received a ballot should receive a call challenging their registration status," Atkins said.

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