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# THE HAUNTING OF COUPEVILLE



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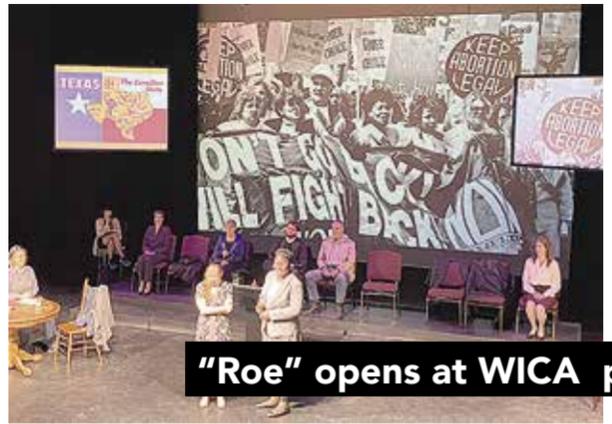
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## Frightful delights abound during Haunting of Coupeville

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It is said that every October, the quaint, quiet town of Coupeville, nestled along the shores of Penn Cove on Whidbey Island, comes alive with a frightening, spooky spirit – of fun!

The annual Haunting of Coupeville is in full swing, complete with scare-crows, pumpkin patches, torchlight parades, haunted forts and much, much more. A full slate of Haunting activities taking place throughout the month can be found online at [hauntingofcoupeville.com](http://hauntingofcoupeville.com).

### PICK A PUMPKIN!

Already delighting guests of all ages is the pumpkin patch at Scenic Isle Farm (formerly known as Sherman's Pioneer Farm) on Ebey Road in Coupeville. Don't let the name change fool you – Scenic Isle Farm is still run by members of the fifth and sixth generations of Shermans and they are carrying on some well-loved traditions.

"Brandon and I have leased some of the family farm to carry on the pumpkin and Hubbard squash traditions," said Alix Roos, who runs the farm with her husband, Brandon. "It's the continuation of decades of pumpkin and pumpkin patch experiences that have been an integral part of the community's fall celebration. We are excited! We have a four-acre pumpkin patch and the pumpkins grew exceptionally well this year."

The farm is open every day in October from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the trolley runs every Saturday and Sunday to shuttle guests to and from the pumpkin patch. Don't worry – Roos said there are plenty of pumpkins to go around and plenty of varieties, too.

"There are all different sizes and lots of different varieties of specialty pumpkins," she said. "There's one called 'One Too Many,' that kind of looks like a bloodshot eye, one called 'Mellow Yellow,' there are 'Ghost Whites,' and some extremely large pumpkins."

Opening weekend at Scenic Isle Farm was a blast, according to Roos.

"We had so much fun," she said. "This is a place that brings a lot of joy. Kids come smiling and they leave smiling. Last weekend we had lots of first-timers. A lot of visitors said they'd never been to a real pumpkin patch before. This is an authentic patch, people get to get out, be on a farm and experience a real pumpkin patch. It's part of what sets us apart."



Photo Courtesy of Meerkerk Gardens

Meerkerk Gardens is showing off some spectacular color for the fall season. The gardens will host an Octoberfest celebration Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring the gardens, live music, food and its annual fall plant sale.



And picking the perfect pumpkin, as it turns out, is a matter of personal preference.

"I think it is in the eye of the pumpkin picker," Roos said. "Everyone has their own unique way of looking at a pumpkin. Some want to be able to carry it, some want one that's unique and goofy looking, and some adults are very particular about how a pumpkin stands up, how it might look on a table or a porch or a step. It just depends on whether someone is an artist, a kid or an adult who's very decorative. It's in the eye of the pumpkin picker."

Plus, there's more to find than just pumpkins at Scenic Isle Farm. Shoppers can find lettuce, spinach, potatoes, carrots and beets at the farm stand, in addition to some very special items.

"We're starting to bring in the Hubbard squash," Roos said. "It was a later season than we normally have. But we do have them in bins. And an even bigger tradition for our family is the Sugar Hubbard, the special heritage squash people are dying to get their hands on. They're here and they're ready. We also have Rockwell beans drying – we hope to have them available by mid to late October. That's another heritage product for us."

Roos said if the first Haunting weekend was any indication, the pumpkin patch is a tradition that will just keep growing. Check them out at [scenicislefarm.com](http://scenicislefarm.com).

### CELEBRATE OCTOBERFEST

Meerkerk Gardens has joined in the Haunting of Coupeville fun for the first time. Meerkerk will celebrate Octoberfest and its fall plant sale Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guests can enjoy live music from the Shifty Sailors and accordion player Lori Hansen in the gazebo, purchase a bratwurst from Dlux BBQ's fire engine food truck, and enjoy strolling through a huge selection of 1-gallon rhododendrons ready to be planted.

"We have some beautiful fall color," said Ron Newberry, publicity, outreach and events coordinator for Meerkerk. "We offer arboretum tours in early fall. Our woodland nature trails are ideal for fall hikes. Wildlife is abundant. The gardens are peaceful. The view of Puget Sound is spectacular."

Admission to the gardens is \$5; kids under 16 are free. Admission can also be paid in advance online, to allow guests to enter more quickly and get straight to the fun.

"Our Octoberfest is a mix of fun entertainment, wonderful food and a great opportunity to purchase rhododendrons and other plants during our fall plant sale," Newberry said, adding guests will get 10 percent off their purchases Saturday. "We recently received a shipment of more than 1,300 beautiful rhododendrons in 1-gallon pots – just in time for the fall planting season. We'll also be selling daffodil bulbs by the bundle. Lastly, we'll be holding guided arboretum and forest bath tours on this day at no additional cost."

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# Island 911

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### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

#### 8:25 am, Ault Field Rd.

Requesting call; inquiring if they do a stake out at location due to recent burglaries, if someone shows up with a key and accesses a unit, is there enough probable cause for law enforcement to intervene.

#### 1:19 pm, Langley Rd.

Reporting party advising of hit and run; reporting party is flagger worker; advising female drove up speeding, yelled at reporting party that she was late for work and didn't have time to wait; reporting party was standing in front of vehicle, advising vehicle skimmed reporting party's leg and knocked flag pole out of hand.

#### 4:19 pm, Donald Ave.

Reporting party states client showed up at an employee's house and began harassing employee.

#### 4:29 pm, E Henni Rd.

Advising female was detoxing and hit reporting party in vehicle an hour ago. Now reporting party is at location and female took reporting party's vehicle keys. Occurred five minutes ago.

#### 4:35 pm, Monkey Hill Rd.

Female crying that the cartel is after her; said she needed gas for her vehicle. No weapons seen.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

#### 5:51 am, Monroe Landing Rd.

Caller states has no idea of her location, only knows she is on the beach. States possibly witnessed a car accident. States there is one vehicle on the beach, unknown if it crashed.

#### 12:07 pm, SR 20

Advising vehicle on Main Street is parked on the sidewalk; vehicle is tan or yellow Ford pickup, license unknown; not blocking roadway, just on the sidewalk.

#### 6:11 pm, Northgate Dr.

Advising RV just arrived; male came out of RV with pants down and was staggering; caller asked to hold while RV is still there; concerned male may have been drinking.

#### 10:22 pm, Island Ct.

Five minutes ago, reporting party heard yelling, groaning and screaming, not saying anything; coming from the south of location, not hearing anything now.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

#### 4:39 pm, NW Front St.

Open line, talking heard; singing of "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini;" no sounds of distress.

#### 6:35 pm, Honeymoon Bay Rd.

Advising tenants are in the process of moving out and taking the dishwasher that came with unit; tenants are not aware reporting party is calling.

#### 7:17 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party advising an address on Barque Road is where his wife lives; reporting party advising his wife contracted someone to replace her shower; reporting party advising he found out the contractor is using a certain mixture that is highly toxic and illegal and is violating the building code.

#### 11:11 pm, Mobius Loop

Caller states he is in the back of a police car in Douglas County; was told he still has a court order out of Island County; reporting party was told court order had been "taken care of." Showing valid order on file.

#### 11:32 pm, Lakeside Dr.

Caller states has camera footage showing stranger walking all over their porch today; female was unplugging things and complaining that there were beer cans all over the porch.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

#### 8:01 am, Lakeside Dr.

Requesting call; not occurring now; between "malicious neighbors;" advising neighbors come on to property and are "throwing nails on property."

#### 9:39 am, Neely Rd.

Requesting call first; reporting party advising neighbor owns location; has been trying to evict tenants at location; neighbor advising there are "three bombs at location with very specific locations;" the neighbor knows because female was injured while trying to remove one; "one foot blown off."

#### 10:04 pm, Nature Ln.

Caller states kid is being an asshole to his mom; juvenile is threatening to run away. Unknown if assault has occurred.

#### 11:23 pm, Emil Rd.

Caller very hard to understand; states occurred 15 minutes ago, son was on a walk with his friend and a male pointed a gun at them. Reporting party states he brandished the gun, asked them questions, then got on his tractor.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

#### 12:03 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising a white, midsize SUV was "trying to take reporting party out;" was driving aggressively, trying to run reporting party off the road. Reporting party advising vehicle was 20 miles per hour over the speed limit when it passed reporting party.

#### 1:03 am, Mobius Loop

Reporting party advising about black terrorist groups; states he was attacked by an African, black terrorist organization; states his father was in the Navy and was also attacked.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

#### 9:48 am, W Frostad Rd.

Requesting call referencing subject that continually drives by reporting party's house and honks horn; states this morning same subject drove by with a bullhorn.

#### 6:16 pm, Lakeside Dr.

Reporting party advising male subject "verbally accosted" him; told the reporting party he was a pervert; occurred a few minutes ago. Reporting party is an ice cream man, subject still on the scene.

#### 8:40 pm, Jaydee Way

Reporting party advising someone came to their house and turned on their power washer and then left; reporting party advising went outside and couldn't find anyone.

Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.

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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

Kelly Mauck should be our next Island County Assessor. From patrol deputy in 1996 to patrol sergeant and then undersheriff for Mark Brown in 2007, Kelly worked for Island County in law enforcement for 18 years. He resigned in 2014 and opened a home inspections/general contracting business and in 2019, became a real estate broker. The past eight years have provided him with the education and experience that qualify him to understand the valuation of properties for property tax purposes and to hold this elected office.

RCW 36.21.015 (1) and WAC 458-10 list the duties and responsibilities of the county assessor and establish criteria for persons assessing real property for property taxation purposes. Kelly has already met three out of four of those requirements because he has 1) at least one year of experience in transactions involving real property, 2) he is knowledgeable in the repair and remodeling of buildings and improvement of land, and 3) he has become knowledgeable in the standards for appraising property set forth by the Department of Revenue (DOR). He has only to complete the required training administered by the DOR and sit for the exam to become accredited.

The county assessor is a full-time position requiring the elected official to act as an employee, share in the duties, recruit, train and retain staff, and participate in every function of the office. Along with property appraisals, the assessor handles Board of Equalization appeals, prepares the annual levy of taxes, and administers state current use and personal exemption programs.

Kelly is bright, he is a hard worker, and he learns fast. His many years of management experience in local government and qualifying knowledge in this field will shorten the transition period after election. Kelly wants this job and is willing to put in the hands-on work so your real property is accurately valued and to assure that if you have questions or disagree, you will receive answers. Please give him your vote.

Wanda Grone  
Langley, Wash.

### Editor,

My husband and I want to publicly thank Emily and the many people involved in the Meals on Wheels program on Whidbey Island.

As elderly seniors, we now find it more difficult to do ordinary tasks that have always been so easy. This includes planning and fixing our meals. So, when we read about Meals on Wheels in Whidbey Weekly's "Island Times," I made a call to Emily MacCormick, the program's assessor, to get more information about the program.

It turned out my husband and I both met the criteria used to determine eligibility for the service. We were over 60 years old and have mobility issues. Emily suggested we try the program out to see if we liked it. The meals would be delivered three times a week at a minimal donation - or even for no donation if we were unable to pay.

In short, we decided to try out the service and were delighted we did. We found the meals are tasty and supplement what we usually have at home. As a former professional restaurant reviewer of this paper, I would give an overall rating of the food a 4.5 out of 5.

If you think you might qualify and have any questions about the plan, we heartedly recommend you consider calling Emily MacCormick at 360-321-1615 or 360-605-3904. You will be glad you did. We certainly were!

Helen and Ken Bates  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

### State Ferries Says, 'Welcome Aboard For Free!' to Youth

Some say the best things in life are free. If you're age 18 or younger, this now includes a ride aboard Washington State Ferries.

Starting Oct. 1, youth board for free as a result of this year's Move Ahead Washington transportation package. The law directs transit agencies to provide free fares for passengers 18 and under across the state.

The legislation applies only to youth riding as a passenger in a vehicle and those walking onto a state ferry. It does not include teenagers behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. Drivers under 19 years old will continue to pay the adult vehicle and driver fare.

Because of this change, youth tickets are no longer available at self-serve kiosks and online. However, youth walking onto a ferry will still need a ticket or a valid ORCA card to board at terminals where one is currently needed. Terminal employees at the ticket booth can issue the free-fare youth tickets, which will be valid for two hours.

WSF, a division of the Washington State Department of Transportation, is the largest ferry system in the U.S. and safely and efficiently carries tens of millions of people a year through some of the most majestic scenery in the world. For breaking news and the latest information, follow WSF on Twitter and Facebook.

[Submitted by Justin Fujioka, WSDOT]

### Whidbey Raises Over \$125,000 for Essential Needs Program

Together with the community, Goosefoot Community Fund and Whidbey Community Foundation (WCF) partnered for a second year in a row to raise over \$125,000 for the Essential Needs Program, providing direct and immediate assistance to local households to help keep our neighbors housed, keep them working and help them through an emergency.

It has been over two years since the start of the pandemic, but the rising cost of goods, lack of affordable housing and limited public transportation on the island have led to many of our Whidbey neighbors struggling to afford even their basic needs. Donations to the Essential Needs Program help fill gaps for Whidbey Island households that aren't met through existing funding streams. Goosefoot and WCF are working again with The Opportunity Council Island County Service Center (OC) to administer these funds directly to households.

"We are honored to be deploying this funding that assists our community in ways we have never been able to do. To date, we have been able to purchase fridges for disabled community members and elders, assist with homelessness prevention for veterans, purchase home items for those moving out of homelessness, support new moms with car seats, assist with medical bills, car repairs, urgent daycare needs and much more. This means so much to

our staff, who often feel frustration not having funds for the extra things people need assistance with. The program has given us the freedom to help MORE, which is our passion! In this critical time, during the pandemic, we cannot express just how important these funds are."

~ Melissa Frasch-Brown, Island County Service Center, Director

Starting in May 2022, the Whidbey Island fundraiser for the Essential Needs Program was seeded with \$50,000 (\$25,000 each from Goosefoot and WCF) with a collective goal of \$125,000. The Goose Community Grocer again designated the Essential Needs Program as its Roundup for Charity recipient from May through July and alone raised more than \$25,000. In addition to The Goose Community Grocer's efforts, Prima Bistro and Saltwater Fish House and Oyster Bar in Langley supported the fundraiser by designating the Essential Needs Program as their June recipient for their Cocktails for a Cause. Two dollars from each themed cocktail went directly towards the Essential Needs fundraiser. Because of these generous donations and our community partnerships, the fundraiser met and surpassed its goal by July 31, with a final total of \$125,195.06. Thank you, Whidbey!

"It is truly amazing to see so many partners come together in our community with a common purpose of supporting our neighbors. What started as a response to the economic effects of the pandemic, has grown into a far-reaching program that provides a safety net for our neighbors in need. Flexible dollars like these create more efficiencies in Opportunity Council's administration of multiple government assistance programs."

~ Jessie Gunn, Whidbey Community Foundation, Executive Director

As of Aug. 31, Opportunity Council has deployed these funds to 147 households (over 300 neighbors total) for utility bills, storage facilities, medical, transportation and temporary housing costs, and to purchase necessary mobility, household and childcare items. The majority of the households served have been below 30 percent of the area median income.

Goosefoot and WCF are extremely grateful for the community support. They extend its gratitude to the Opportunity Council for their dedication to helping our community members directly. And they also extend a huge thank you to the entire team at The Goose Community Grocer for their enthusiastic support of this important cause and for their Roundup for Charity Program, benefiting many different local organizations.

"We love the Essential Needs Roundup here at The Goose. It is a much needed support system beyond what is offered through government assistant programs and has the potential to provide life changing aid to our community members. We are proud to be involved in an endeavor that has such a huge impact on our friends and family members."

~ Kayla Leganza, Goose Community Grocer Manager

Learn more about the Essential Needs Program and donate directly at [goosefoot.org/essential-needs/](http://goosefoot.org/essential-needs/) or [whidbeyfoundation.org/essential-needs-program/](http://whidbeyfoundation.org/essential-needs-program/).

Assistance is available via Opportunity Council Island County Service Center! Learn more at [oppco.org/locations/island-county/](http://oppco.org/locations/island-county/).

[Submitted by Jessie Gunn, Whidbey Community Foundation]

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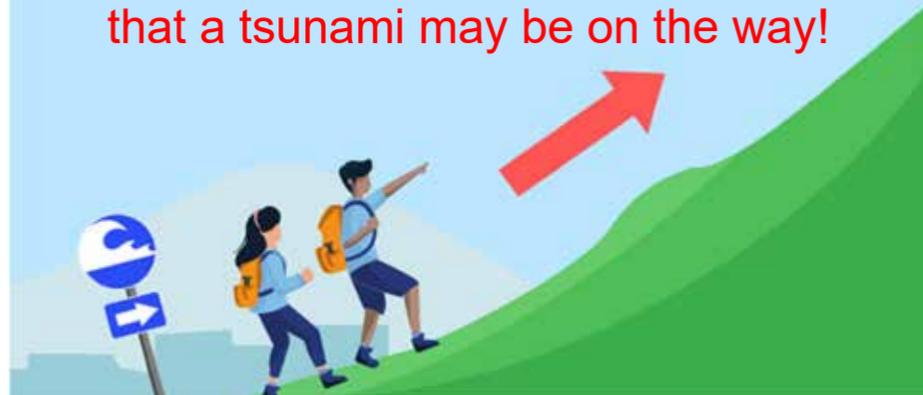
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**Shred-It Fundraiser**  
Saturday, October 8, 10:00AM-2:00PM  
Whidbey Island/Heritage Bank, Freeland  
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of South Whidbey Island programs and scholarships. The bank is located at 5590 S Harbor Ave.

**Free Concert**  
Sunday, October 16, 4:00PM  
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**Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events**  
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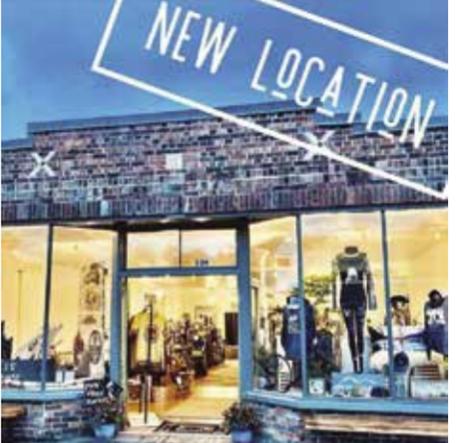
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Fourth Thursday, 7:00PM-8:30PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

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with a mental illness and their friends and loved ones. The group is nonreligious but meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 State Route 525. It isn't necessary to preregister. Please contact Kathy Chiles, 206-218-6449 or k.chiles22@live.com for more information.

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# WICA chooses timely storytelling with “Roe”

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

It is timely. It is compelling. It is our history.

Those are just some of the ways to describe Whidbey Island Center for the Arts’ production of “Roe,” by playwright Lisa Loomer, perhaps best known for co-writing the screenplay for the film, “Girl Interrupted.” WICA is just the third theater in the nation with the rights to produce a newly updated version of the play, which includes the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade. The play opens Friday at the Langley theater and runs through Oct. 22.

While the topic has become a highly charged issue in the headlines, the play is described as an even-handed depiction of the history and background of the landmark court case.

“Is this a political play?” responded WICA Executive Artistic Director Deana Duncan to a question from *Whidbey Weekly*. “Maybe [it’s more] a sociopolitical piece of art, used to help the public understand a particular social or political issue. But this is not a play that is trying to lean one way or another politically. It’s fair-handed, and that is its brilliance. At the heart of this play is not a political ideology but the story of human beings who lived this moment in history – a history that is still being written today.”

“It isn’t an easy story. But it is an important one,” said director Rose Woods. “For me, WICA’s choice to produce this play, at this time, is a powerful one. As the director, it is an opportunity for me to do a deep dive into all the aspects of this particular history. Theater is a form of activism for me. As a female, it’s also personal.

“The history of Roe v. Wade is part of all our lives,” she continued. “Theater has long been



Deana Duncan Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts  
**Cast and crew of the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts’ production of “Roe” say the play does not choose sides, but rather tells the story of the people involved at the heart of the landmark case.**

an artistic voice of the people, often disguised as satire, comedy. This play, however, feels real, topical, personal. Human. And that intrigues me. The human experience is political in many ways. This play is an opportunity to have a voice. And a voice that speaks to the rights of women, the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities. It’s all connected.”

Duncan said she specifically went looking for a play that “means something today,” and stumbled across “Roe” following a Google search for a Roe v. Wade play.

“Seriously, that’s how I found it,” she said. “I was intrigued by the script but didn’t think it was spot on anymore; even though it was only six years old, it felt and sounded dated. I wondered out loud – ‘Wouldn’t it be great if the playwright would update it for now?’ Well, that’s exactly what Lisa Loomer does; she updates the script every time it is produced in order for it to stay relevant and fresh. With the help of a Hedgebrook alum who knew Lisa, I was able to get in contact with her and her agent. We won the rights to be one of the first theaters in the country to fully produce this updated script after the fall of Roe v. Wade.”

Duncan said WICA’s long history and reputation of producing professional level theater is helping the theater attract top playwrights, directors and actors to the stage and to Whidbey Island. But she also said she really doesn’t know how audiences will respond to this production.

“Some will love it, some will hate it, like all great art,” she said. “I think audiences will be left with

big ideas and questions – and isn’t that at the heartbeat of all great stories?”

“I never know how any audience will respond,” Woods acknowledged. “But I hope for a connection, a recognition, a questioning, room for dialog.”

This is a fast-paced play. There are 11 adult actors and two youth in the cast, who play a total of 52 characters. Time literally flies by, as audiences take in the story from its very beginning to its most recent turn.

“Oh, this beautiful, fearless cast,” said Woods. “I love them and I respect them. Their thoughts and ideas, their questions, their willingness to take deep dives in the characters they portray. The script is complex and is not for the faint of heart, to say the least. There is also the challenge of portraying humans who actually lived or are living. This cast is powerful, fierce, questioning, compassionate and deeply involved and it is an honor to be able to work with them as well as the designers and crew who are all very invested in this work.”

Katrina Collins Bentsen plays the roles of Ophelia and Connie Gonzalez, two women with very different emotional reactions.

“Discussions about abortion are very upsetting to Ophelia,” she described. “But there is not much that upsets Connie – she is Norma’s life partner: loving, strong, and devoted. This story is so important — it’s a huge honor and responsibility to represent Connie’s voice, her love, her work, and her why.”

“It’s one thing to see Roe debated in the political realm, but it lands differently when told from a heart space,” Collins Bentsen continued. “The crew is coming from their heart, and the story is accessible to folks on all sides of the debate. Norma the person, and Roe the case, are both important and need to be better understood. This play helps with that. There’s also actual historical footage woven with current news – it’s a way to witness history unfolding in real time.”

Learning more about the characters and history can also help add context to the story, said Lexi Warden, who plays Roxy.

“I love stories that connect our past to our present,” she said. “That’s why I got into art and storytelling in the first place, because stories help me better understand the world around me. It has been particularly powerful to work on ‘Roe’ in our current political moment. Being in the world of the play has taught me so much that I likely wouldn’t have explored otherwise.”

“I don’t think people are aware of the back story of the decision to bring the case to the courts and certainly not aware of the complex individuals whose stories are intertwined with the legal issue,” said Jeff Natter, who plays Justice Harry Blackmun, among others.

“Equity and social justice issues have always been important to me,” he continued. “I spent 35 years of my professional life working towards these causes. I’ve always been disturbed by how rarely we hear men speaking up to defend women’s rights in areas such as body autonomy, fair pay and representation across the professional spectrum. ‘Roe’ cuts right to the heart of these issues at a crucial time for our country. I feel honored to participate in the production.”

Evening performances of “Roe” begin at 7:30 p.m., with two matinees Oct. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. A full schedule and ticket information/purchasing options can be found at [wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org).

“Like everything we work on here at WICA, I hope audiences take away an appreciation for the art form and for the stories they are introduced to,” Duncan said. “I hope they support artists, actors, designers, directors, stage managers... that they appreciate how lucky we are to live in a country we can create and share art that is controversial.”



Sarah Sanborn Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts  
**The production of “Roe” opens Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley, and features the history of the Roe v. Wade court case, from the beginning up to the recent Supreme Court decision. Some of the cast members, pictured from left, are Miles Harrison, Gail Liston, Helen Roundhill, Jacq Babb.**

## HAUNTING continued from page 2

While this may be the first time Meerkerk Gardens is joining the Haunting of Coupeville, Newberry said it likely won’t be the last.

“We’re honored to be participating in the Haunting of Coupeville,” he said. “We’re always interested in exploring new ideas. Next year, we’re considering adding elements and activities that would do just that, making it more of a family-fun event.”

Learn more about Saturday’s events at [meerkerkgardens.org](http://meerkerkgardens.org).

### MORE HAUNTING FUN

For those interested in other events taking place during the Haunting of Coupeville, don’t be afraid – there is plenty going on.

This year’s Scarey-Crow Trail features scarecrows based on characters from scary movies. They can be whimsical, traditional or spooky. Maps are available at the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce, so visitors can tour the trail and vote for their favorite scarecrow at the Coupeville Library.

The Weary Bones Rest Stop Graveyard is a good place to take a break, although not all its residents are resting in peace. Find it next to the Chamber of Commerce.

For those who are brave, Haunted Fort Casey is a delightfully creepy adventure. This year’s event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23 and 29-30. Admission is \$5 per person ages 4 and up and there are two sections – a family fun section appropriate for all ages, and the haunted fort portion, recommended for those age 12 and above. A Discover Pass is required for entrance into Fort Casey State Park. Proceeds from the event benefit restoration projects at Admiralty Head Lighthouse.

The Great Pumpkin Race will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 on Alexander Street, between Coveland and Front Streets. Handcrafted, decorated pumpkin race “cars” go pumpkin-to-pumpkin in this single-elimination style race. There is no cost to participate (just create your pumpkin race car) and prizes will be awarded.

The All Island Juried Art Show takes place Friday through Sunday, Oct. 28-30 at the Pacific Northwest Art School, located at 15 NW

Birch St. Tickets to the Friday night social from 6 to 9 p.m. are \$25 each. The free art show and sale continues Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Visit [pacificnorthwestartschool.org](http://pacificnorthwestartschool.org) to learn more.

The ever popular Torchlight Halloween Parade and costume contest will take place at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

### GREAT COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PARTY

For those who love creating fun and festive Halloween jack o’ lanterns, be sure to check out the Community Pumpkin Party, to be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 at the Meet Market, located at 7 Front Street.

This is a first-time Haunting event for the Meet Market, which opened Memorial Day weekend. The market is owned by Cade Roach and Andrew Ziehl, and is “part creative supply store, part community arts center,” according to Roach, who said they are excited to take part in this Coupeville tradition.

“The Haunting of Coupeville has always been our favorite town happening, so we were excited to create an event for everyone to participate in this year, now that we have a space to host,” they said. “Like a lot of folks, pumpkin carving has been a long-time tradition in our family, and to be able to share in that creative night with others is exactly what Meet Market is about.”

This community event is open to all ages and all abilities.

“We’ve pre-purchased enough pumpkins for everyone from Scenic Isle Farm to both carve or paint,” Roach described. “We’ll have live music in our cozy back patio space from amazing south Whidbey duo Puff N’ Scrubb, cider, snacks and Halloween crafts. Costumes are optional but encouraged!

“We want Meet Market to be a space where everyone can come feel inspired and collaborative with the greater community, while making organic connections with each other,” they continued. “Meet Market is a place where you can come hang out and make art anytime we’re open. We’ve got free supplies for everyone! We also host workshops and events led by creatives in the community, which are posted to our website and Instagram each month.”

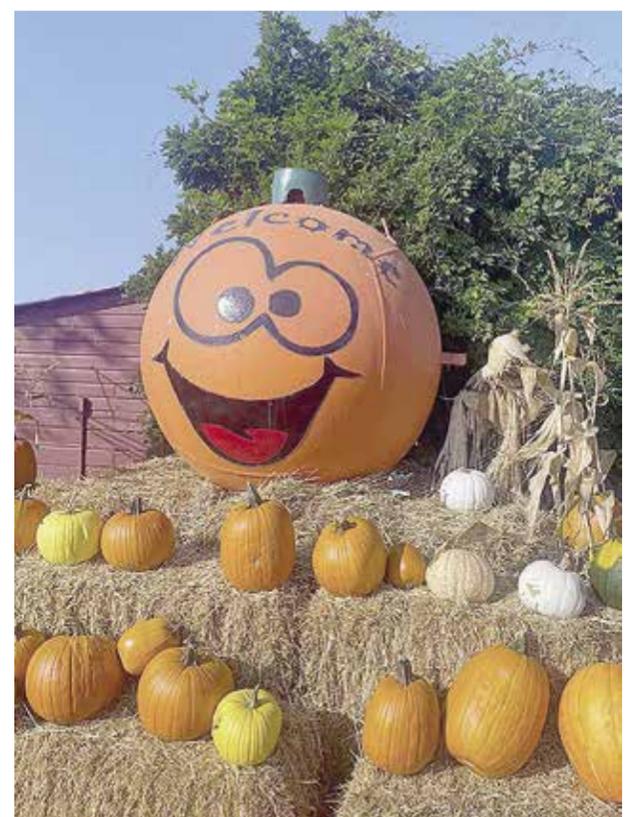


Photo Courtesy of Lisa Bernhardt  
**The pumpkin patch at Scenic Isle Farm in Coupeville the perfect place to pick a pumpkin. The farm is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with trolley rides to and from the pumpkin patch on weekends.**

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per pumpkin, but people may also bring their own. All tools and other supplies are provided for free. More details are available at [meetmarket.org](http://meetmarket.org).

“There’s no greater place to be on Halloween weekend than downtown Coupeville,” Roach said. “It truly is such a magical town to live in, especially this time of year. And what better way to spend a Friday night in October than with a Halloween soundtrack and a pumpkin to carve (or paint!)?”



Roasts are customary during the holiday season because they often feed a crowd and look impressive on serving platters. Some people opt for a roast beef while others prefer to roast a turkey. However, chicken just as easily can be turned into a Christmas dinner since it is versatile and tasty. In addition, the cooking time for a roasted chicken is much shorter than it is with other roasted dishes.

This recipe for "Roast Chicken with Whole Roasted Garlic" from "Rachael Ray 50: Memories and Meals from a Sweet and Savory Life" (Ballantine Books) by Rachael Ray provides the basis for a tasty holiday meal. Simply multiply the recipe as needed depending on the number of guests.

**ROAST CHICKEN WITH WHOLE ROASTED GARLIC** (Serves 4)

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| 1 4-pound chicken  | hairy root end intact)               |
| Kosher salt  | Extra-virgin olive oil for drizzling |
| 2 lemons, one pierced several times with the tines of a fork and one halved            | Freshly ground black pepper          |
| Few sprigs each of thyme and rosemary  | 3 tablespoons butter                 |
| 4 large bulbs garlic, 1 per person or portion, ends cut to expose the cloves (keep the | 1 cup white wine                     |
|  | Warm, crusty bread                   |

Place the chicken in a shallow baking dish. Salt the chicken inside and out and place uncovered in the fridge overnight.

Preheat the oven to 450°F.

Pat the chicken dry and fill with the pierced whole lemon, thyme and rosemary. Tie the legs up. Dress the bulbs of garlic with extra virgin olive oil; season with salt and pepper. Arrange the garlic in the baking dish around the chicken. Rub the skin of the chicken with butter and season with pepper. Pour the wine into the bottom of the dish.

Roast the chicken for 1 hour or until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the dark meat reads 165°F. Let the chicken stand for a few minutes on a carving board until just cool enough to handle. Carve the chicken, dividing the white and dark parts and slicing the breast meat on the bias. Arrange the chicken on plates or a platter and top with drippings, juices and the juice from the remaining halved lemon. The garlic may get dark but it won't be charred. Serve in the skins or squeeze the paste from the skins with your knife and pass with a spoon to eat with the chicken or to slather on the warm chunks of bread.



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**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, others are counting on you this week, so you'll need to direct all of your attention toward a special project. Don't let distractions get in the way.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, rather than wishing for something to happen, figure out a plan to make it happen. Before taking action, consult with a few close friends for guidance.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Someone may come to you this week with a problem asking for your advice, Gemini. It's tempting to react right away. However, take a few hours to mull things over.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Someone at work may not agree with your point of view lately. Rather than cause friction, try to look at things through this person's perspective.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, cooperation could be essential in the days and weeks ahead. This week you will benefit from being more open-minded to other people's suggestions.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
It seems that you have been tasked with moving from one difficult situation into another one, Virgo. Find ways to set aside time strictly to unwind.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Keep careful track of your expenses, Libra. You may find that lately you have been going a bit overboard with expenditures and not bringing in any extra money.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Maintain a positive outlook this week, Scorpio. Things may not go exactly according to plan, but that doesn't make it any less successful and satisfying.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you may have to put others first for the next few days, particularly if you care for an elderly relative or a young child. It's a sacrifice worth making.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, let another person lead a team or spearhead a project at work, even if you have an urge to take control. You can use a break from your responsibilities.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, hands-on work not only helps save you some money, but also strengthens your skills. Think about a more DIY approach with your next project.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, if life has been tedious and filled with analytical requirements as of late, take on a creative project that will work your brain in new ways.

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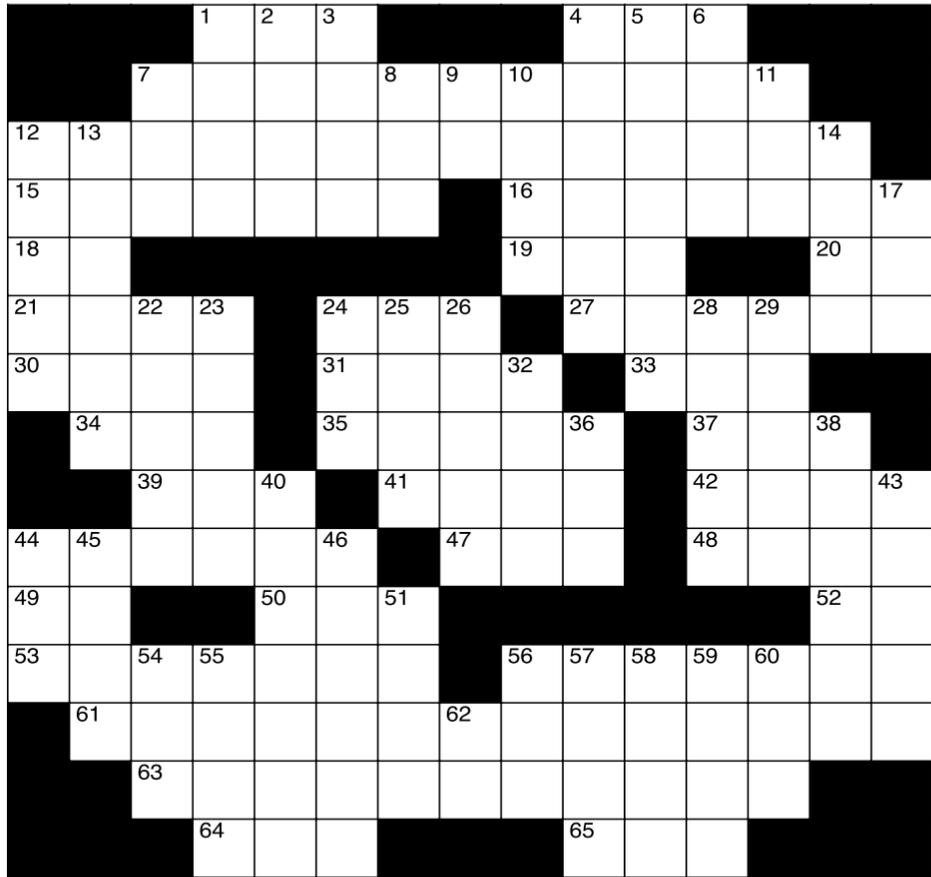
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unhappy
- 4. Clairvoyance
- 7. One who works under you
- 12. What happens there stays there
- 15. Not ingested
- 16. Got the picture
- 18. One thousandth of a gram
- 19. Breakfast item
- 20. About
- 21. Tall deciduous trees
- 24. Safe keeping receipt
- 27. Cowardly
- 30. Pueblo people of New Mexico
- 31. Herring-like fish
- 33. A very large body of water
- 34. Angle (abbr.)
- 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 37. White clerical vestment
- 39. Cool!
- 41. Matchstick games
- 42. Thick piece of something
- 44. A state that precedes vomiting
- 47. Burned item residue
- 48. Jaguarundi
- 49. Anno Domini (in the

year of Our Lord)

- 50. The home of "60 Minutes"
- 52. Dorm official
- 53. Give cards incorrectly
- 56. One who is learning the job
- 61. Popular R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. Attentively
- 64. CNN's founder
- 65. Criticize

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fijian capital
- 2. Assist
- 3. Elected lord in Venice
- 4. The capacity of a physical system to do work
- 5. People of the wild
- 6. Parent-teacher groups
- 7. Midway between south and southeast
- 8. Moved quickly on foot
- 9. Handheld Nintendo console
- 10. "Top of the Stairs" playwright
- 11. Electronic data processing
- 12. "Dog Day Afternoon" director
- 13. Leaned
- 14. About aviation
- 17. Mountain is a popular type

- 22. Lake along Zambia and Congo border
- 23. Heroic tales
- 24. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 25. "Star Trek" villain
- 26. Hand gesture popular on social media
- 28. Renters have one
- 29. Tubular steel column
- 32. Database management system
- 36. Similar
- 38. Providing no shelter or sustenance
- 40. Death
- 43. What a sheep did
- 44. Midcentury Asian battleground
- 45. Horizontal passage into a mine
- 46. Mortified
- 51. Improper word
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. It can be hot or iced
- 57. Tough outer skin of a fruit
- 58. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Misfortunes
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

Answers on page 11

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, October 6	Fri, October 7	Sat, October 8	Sun, October 9	Mon, October 10	Tues, October 11	Wed, October 12
North Isle H-66°/L-50° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-65°/L-51° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-67°/L-45° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-69°/L-49° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-66°/L-50° Cloudy	North Isle H-63°/L-48° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-62°/L-47° Mostly Sunny
South Isle H-68°/L-52° Mixed Clouds and Sun	South Isle H-67°/L-52° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-66°/L-51° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-67°/L-51° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-65°/L-50° Cloudy	South Isle H-63°/L-49° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-61°/L-48° Mostly Sunny



# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you had a friend coming to Whidbey for the first time, where would you take them?



### Jennifer Juniper, Oak Harbor

I take first-time visitors to Whidbey to Deception Pass State Park because there are so many different iconic sights and activities all within one zone. I like to guide my athletic visitors on a hike to the top of Goose Rock for a birds-eye view of the island or to Cornet Bay's Hoypus Hill region to see some of Whidbey's biggest trees. For my less mobile guests, we visit West Beach and stroll south on the paved path through sand dunes to visit the ancient Douglas fir tree twisted and gnarled from centuries of wind. And everyone gets to see the park's beautiful amphitheater with a fabulous

view of the Deception Pass Bridge!

### Belinda Perimeter, Freeland

If a friend was visiting me on Whidbey Island for the first time, I would be sure to show them Fort Casey State Park. Exploring the beach, tunnels, lighthouse, trails and big guns of Fort Casey is truly a unique island experience. After a Fort Casey adventure, I would take my friend to the historic Coupeville waterfront for shopping and ice cream. My friend and I would end the day with a trip to Blue Fox Drive-In. There are only a handful of drive-in theaters left in Washington state. Blue Fox has delicious food, fun games, fast go-carts and great movies. A day of Fort Casey, Coupeville waterfront and Blue Fox Drive-In seems just about the perfect representation of Island life. I am truly blessed to live in such a special place.



### Joy Pearson, Oak Harbor

There would be several places, but I would definitely take them to see Fort Casey and the lighthouse. Then we would share a meal at Callen's Restaurant.

Another must would be walking around Coupeville and a meal at one of the many fine restaurants there.

### Geri Morgan, Oak Harbor

Whidbey Island is such a treasure of beauty, it's hard to make choices, but a few would be Deception Pass, Cornet Bay, Windjammer Park, St. Joseph Park, Fort Casey, Hastie Lake/West Beach, downtown Oak Harbor, the town of Coupeville, with a stop at Toby's, of course. Ebey's Prairie, Rhododendron Park, the town of Langley, a few of the glass blowers and wineries, and I would take them on at least one of the ferries. Fraser's would definitely be on the list, too.



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