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Hunger in the Valley: Local food banks see unprecedented demand

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Editor's note: This article is the first part in a series exploring food insecurity in North Central Washington.

CHELAN COUNTY – In a trend that mirrors statewide statistics, North Central Washington food banks are experiencing historically high numbers as residents struggle to make ends meet. According to the state Department of Agriculture, one in four Washingtonians visited a food pantry last year—a stark indicator of growing food insecurity that's becoming increasingly visible in the region.

“The [Community Cupboard] food pantry is kind of our best indicator of overall how people are doing, and it's certainly right now showing us that

people are struggling,” said Upper Valley MEND Executive Director Kaylin Bettinger.

The Leavenworth-based Community Cupboard's traditional service area spans from Cashmere to Plain, with about 47 percent of its visitors coming from surrounding locations throughout the region.

Over the last few years, the number of households receiving assistance from the Community Cupboard has continued to reach new highs, growing from approximately 660 in 2022, to just over 1,300 households in 2024.

This year, the Community Cupboard has seen record use, serving nearly 3,000 individual shoppers to date in 2025, compared to just over 1,800 individual shoppers at the same time last year.

“[The Community Cupboard]

definitely came in super, super clutch for me, when I was worried where my next meal was going to come from,” said a Community Cupboard user, who asked to remain anonymous. “If it wasn't there, I think it would probably [be] more of a burden psychologically and emotionally, wondering how I'm going to pay for food.”

The Leavenworth resident, who works in both the service industry and construction, first visited the pantry in 2019, when they were struggling to find housing and work in the area. Facing similar circumstances in addition to the rising cost of living, the resident returned to the Community Cupboard this year for support.

“It's pretty crazy right now, just spending \$100 for a couple days of groceries at Safeway or Dan's. Things like that would maybe usually only cost me like, 30 bucks, is now like, 100

bucks for everything. Like, cheese and eggs, and just staples that really shouldn't be that crazy are now almost unattainable,” they said.

The Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council (CDCAC), which distributes food to 20 pantries and other locations, including Upper Valley MEND, has seen similar trends across the two-country region.

In 2024, its Food Distribution Center supported about 21,400 people, compared to 8,600 people in 2022. And while the number of people visiting in the first quarter of 2025 is slightly lower than last year's numbers – 6,200 unduplicated visitors this year compared to 8,900 in 2024 – the total number of visits this year is up by 45 percent.

“There definitely was a spike in

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COURTESY OF UPPER VALLEY MEND

Community Cupboard volunteer Glen Ferrier and staff member Alexandra Muro repackage bulk eggs into dozen-sized cartons for individual families.

Olalla Canyon blooms draw crowds – and concerns – in Cashmere



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People from all over the state grab their hiking boots, sunglasses and water bottles for this 4-mile in and out hike.



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Picturesque views of the foothills of the Cascade Mountains attract visitors from all over the state.

By **ANDREW SIMPSON**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE — It's easy to see why Olalla Canyon is one of the most popular areas to hike for Central Washington locals: The lupine and balsamroot blooms have become synonymous with the beauty of the

Cascade foothills. The rolling green hills, brown just weeks before, are dotted with the gold and purple that mark the fertile time of year that brings buds, blooms, fruit and one other thing that locals aren't all that crazy about — tourists.

Since the publication of a pictorial and article about the scenic trail

in the local paper of record for the Wenatchee Valley a few years ago, foot traffic on the trail has picked up exponentially. There are good aspects to that, of course: We live in one of the most beautiful areas of the state, and being appreciated for our natural attractions — whether it's Peshastin Pinnacles State Park, Blackbird

island in Leavenworth or even Ohme Gardens down closer to Wenatchee — is a boon to tourism, which keeps many local businesses flush.

More simply put, the people of Cashmere can only eat at Rusty's so many times per week, and visitors keep the Rustyburgers and milkshakes passing through the

drive-through window year round.

But the impact visitors can have on any natural area can be inconvenient, or, at worst, devastating to the local ecology. It's not just that cars who had a moderately difficult time even finding Olalla don't know not

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Cashmere quilting group donates hundreds of quilts to those in need



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Quilter Judy Laub holds a quilt before packing it away.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – The Grace Lutheran Church quilting group shipped over 250 quilts to Lutheran World Relief on April 29, which will disperse the quilts

to places around the world that have been affected by natural disasters and war.

The quilts were put on display during the Sunday church service

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Film featuring Cashmere, Leavenworth to screen at Seattle International Film Festival



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The production was filmed in both Cashmere and Leavenworth last summer.



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“Evergreens” is a coming-of-age love story following characters Eve and James as they travel across Washington state.

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TedDriven Leavenworth Mai Blumenlauf Run

The Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the TedDriven Leavenworth Mai Blumenlauf Run on May 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
"Join in for a new kind of event that brings the community together, with a focus on family-friendly fun and fitness!"

For more info, please contact: Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce

Leavenworth Jazz Festival 2025

The Leavenworth Jazz Festival is hosting its 3rd Annual event on May 9, starting at 6:30 p.m. This weekend of live music, swing dancing, and

community celebration is all in support of local art programs.
"Come out for a night of incredible jazz, dancing, and fun while supporting the vibrant arts community in Leavenworth!"

For more info, please contact: Leavenworth Jazz Festival on facebook

Hell on Hooves

The Town Toyota Center will be hosting Hell on Hooves on May 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m.
"This exciting rodeo event features barrel racing, bull riding, a beer garden, kids zone, and much more! Get ready for a thrilling night of rodeo action for the whole family."

For tickets and more info, visit: Town Toyota Center

Website

Tails and Ails Festival

Ground Control and the East Wenatchee Dog Pack will be hosting the Tails and Ails Festival on May 10 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
"A day for dogs and their humans, featuring dog-themed activities, crafts, a play area, food, and much more!"

For more info, please visit Ground Control online

Science On Tap: Wild Neighbors

Wenatchee River Institute will be hosting Science On Tap at Ground Control in

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Wenatchee on May 8. The presentation starts at 7 p.m.—arrive early to grab a drink and a seat!
"This casual, free event is a great opportunity to gather, socialize, and learn about an exciting science topic from members of our community. No prior science knowledge necessary!"

For more information, contact Virginia Shoup at vshoup@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org or 509-548-0181 ext. 5.

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Climate Commitment Act awards \$4 million for salmon recovery in Chelan County

PHOTO STATE OF WASHINGTON RECREATION & CONSERVATION OFFICE
A culvert under a railroad crossing on Derby Creek near Peshastin will be replaced with a bridge to improve fish passage, restoring access to more than five miles of habitat for Chinook salmon, steelhead trout and other species. The project, led by the Chelan County Natural Resources Department, is funded through a grant from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board.

PHOTO STATE OF WASHINGTON RECREATION & CONSERVATION OFFICE
A culvert in Derby Creek near Peshastin will be replaced with a bridge to improve fish passage as part of a Chelan County Natural Resources Department project. The work, funded by a \$841,925 grant from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board, will open more than five miles of habitat for endangered Chinook salmon, threatened steelhead trout, and other fish species.

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WENATCHEE — Chelan County will receive more than \$4 million in funding for salmon recovery projects through the Climate Commitment Act, state officials announced this week.

The Climate Commitment Act, passed by the Legislature in 2021 and reaffirmed by voters in November, requires Washington's largest polluters to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Funds collected through the program are reinvested into projects designed to mitigate climate change impacts, create jobs, and improve public health. The Recreation and Conservation Office, which administers the funding, awarded \$71.3 million statewide for 69 projects, with Chelan County securing \$4,094,713 for salmon habitat improvements.

"These Climate Commitment Act-funded projects will reroute creeks, reconnect rivers to their floodplains to reduce flooding, restore streams to provide better habitat for salmon and remove barriers to salmon migration, allowing us to take big steps forward in our effort to recover salmon, steelhead and bull trout from extinction," said Megan Duffy, director of the Recreation and Conservation Office.

The projects in Chelan County target the removal of barriers to fish migration and habitat restoration, including several significant investments in Derby Creek and Little Chumstick Creek near Peshastin.

The funded projects include:

- **Cutler Barrier Removal:** The Cascadia Conservation District received \$311,670 to remove a culvert blocking fish passage in Eagle Creek,

Cashmere Farmers Market opens fifth season on Mother's Day

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CASHMERE — The Cashmere Community Farmers Market will kick off its fifth season on Sunday, May 11, coinciding with Mother's Day. The weekly market, held at the Cashmere Museum, will run every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 12.

Since its founding in 2021, the market has grown steadily, offering locally grown produce, handcrafted goods, and live music. The 2025 season is expected to build on that momentum with a full lineup of vendors and community events.

Each market day features Washington-grown vegetables, fruit, berries, and flowers, along with a variety of artisan goods and artwork. Live music performances are scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Additionally, a monthly Kids Market allows local youth to sell their own creations in a special vendor section.

The market is located at a Link Transit bus stop and offers on-site parking for both cars and bicycles. It accepts multiple forms of payment including credit cards, SNAP EBT, SUN Bucks, and vouchers from the Senior and WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNP). The market also doubles the value of SNAP EBT and SUN Bucks up to \$25 per day, making fresh produce more accessible to low-income households. The season's opening day typically sees high foot traffic, with popular items such as flowers, plant starts and baked goods quickly selling out. Market organizers encourage families to bring their mothers and enjoy a festive start to the season.

On Sunday, May 18, the market will host a Summer Safety Day in partnership with the Chelan-Douglas Health District. The event will include the distribution of free life jackets and sunscreen to community members. Vendor applications remain open through August 31, with opportunities available for farms, artisans and youth participants. Additional details are available at CascadeMarkets.org.

The Cashmere Community Farmers Market is operated by Cascade Community Markets, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on promoting health, equity and sustainability through community-based markets that support local agriculture and artisans.

Shoppers browse booths and enjoy the sunshine at the Cashmere Community Farmers Market, held on the lawn of the Cashmere Museum. The market features local produce, artisan goods, live music, and family-friendly programming each Sunday.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

Cashmere Rotary Club. meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb. 509-885-0676.
Mission Creek Community Club. meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).
Cashmere Food Bank. open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam. 509-245-6464
Ukulele Circle. Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

Caregiver Support Group. 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club), open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.
Cashmere American Legion Post #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. **(1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).**
Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. **(1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).**

Sunday

CHURCH: See the church page for local service times & events.

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club. 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. **(4th Mon.)**
Tillicum Riders. 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. **(1st Mon.)**
Cashmere City Council. 6 p.m., City Hall **(2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).**
Planning Committee Meeting. 5 p.m. at City Hall **(1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).**
Cashmere Fire Department. Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy. 509-782-3513. **(3rd Mon.)**
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy. 509-782-3513. **(3rd Mon.)**
Cashmere School Board Work Session. Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu
Cashmere School Regular Board Meetings, are typically held towards the end of the month at 7 p.m. with action taken. The schedule for meetings is subject to change to accommodate conflicts in schedule or special circumstances. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu for the most up to date info.
Chelan Douglas Republican Women. Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 **(1st Mon.)**

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts. Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net **(2nd Tues.)**
Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. **(2nd Tues.)**
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. **(2nd Tues.)**

NCW Libraries

Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314
You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).
Mon.,Tues.,Thurs., and Fri., 9-6, Wed. 1-6 and Sat.,10-2.
Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village
Call for more information 509-782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets. 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cottlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. **(3rd Thurs.)**
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

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people accessing food during the pandemic...And going through 2023 and into 2024, we anticipated to see kind of those numbers drop...Our belief is, and what we're hearing from people also, is that just the rising cost of food at the grocery store is driving them

to food pantries, and for many people, it's something they haven't done before," said CDCAC Executive Director Alan Walker.
According to a food price report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), food prices saw a sharp rise of 9.9 percent in 2022, faster than in any year since 1979. The report credited

the rise partly to the avian influenza outbreak affecting egg prices, as well as other factors, "including the Russia-Ukraine war, which compounded other economy-wide inflationary pressures such as high energy costs."
While price increases have slowed in recent years, from a 5.8 percent increase in 2023, to a 2.3 percent



COURTESY OF UPPER VALLEY MEND

Upper Valley MEND's Community Cupboard sees about 47 percent of its visitors come from throughout the region, beyond its traditional service area of the upper valley and Cashmere.

Film Festival

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"We always joke that Washington State [is] sort of the third lead behind the two main actors," Briley previously told Ward Media.
In July 2024, the cast and crew travelled to the upper valley to film scenes at the Outpost Saloon and an orchard in Cashmere. The next day, the production filmed a montage of the characters travelling through Leavenworth, such as walking along Front Street, Blackbird Island, and even

visiting Das Thrift Shoppe and the Nutcracker Museum. Briley coordinated with the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce to scout locations prior to filming.
According to Briley, about 35 percent of the film's budget was supported by Washington Filmworks, a private nonprofit organization whose mission "is to create economic development opportunities by building and enhancing the competitiveness, profile and sustainability of Washington State's film industry."
Funding was provided through the organization's

Small Budget Production Initiative, which included an additional 10 percent back on in-state expenditures for filming at least 50 percent of its production in rural areas.
The film will be showing at the SIFF Cinema Uptown at 5:30 p.m. on May 19, and at 3:30 p.m. on May 20. For at-home viewing, there will also be a streaming option available from May 26 to June 1. All tickets are \$20, and can be found at siff.net/festival/ evergreens.

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Chelan County Sheriff's Report

This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

April 25

10:34:29malicious Misch, 123 Mission Ave, Cashmere
11:24:08 Disturbance, 300 Woodring St, Cashmere
11:34:05 Theft, 115 E Pleasant Ave# 3, Cashmere
11:39:30 Disturbance, 121 Elberta Ave, Cashmere
12:14:43 Assist Public, Olalla Canyon Rd Mp 3, Cashmere
21:52:01 Malicious Misch, 300blk Riverside Dr, Cashmere

April 26

11:06:43 Parking/Abandon, 8900blk Olalla Canyon Rd, Cashmere
11:21:16 Civil, 257 Independence Way, Cashmere
12:54:09 Parking/Abandon, 7646 Nahahum Canyon Rd,

Cashmere
14:43:19 Parking/Abandon, Nahahum Canyon Rd Mp3, Cashmere

April 27

00:32:03 Disturbance, 206 Woodring St, Cashmere
07:41:38 Domestic Disturbance, 85 Chicken Farm Ln, Cashmere
09:22:30 Assist Public, Olalla Canyon Rd Mp 3, Cashmere
09:44:36 Welfare Check, 9345 Nahahum Canyon Rd, Cashmere
10:52:00 Hazard, Olalla Canyon Rd Mp, Cashmere
10:59:07 Domestic Distur 202 Chapel St, Cashmere
14:09:11 Assist Public, 5565 Weatherend Dr, Cashmere
14:47:19 Accident No Inj, Olalla

Canyon Rd Mp3, Cashmere
18:09:11 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 2 Mp 107, Dryden
19:03:48 Domestic Disturbance, 257 Independence Way, Cashmere
22:36:42 Domestic Disturbance, 208 Chapel St, Cashmere

April 29

05:40:36 Domestic Disturbance, 125 White Birch Pl, Cashmere
08:50:48 Diversion, 9150 Olalla Canyon Rd, Cashmere
09:40:02 911, 300 Tigner Rd, Cashmere
16:33:22 Property, Cashmere, Cashmere

April 30

04:28:12 Alarm, 603 Cottlets Way, Cashmere

09:09:16 Extra Patrol, Mission Creek Rd Mp, Cashmere
13:00:20 Trespass, 9150 Olalla Canyon Rd, Cashmere
14:29:48 Animal Problem, 35 Millholm Ln, Cashmere
14:52:27 Scam, 817 Pioneer Ave, Cashmere

May 1

04:02:44 Suspicious, Olalla Canyon Rd & N Dryden, Dryden
09:32:50 Parking/Abandon, Olalla Canyon Rd Mp 2, Cashmere
15:35:46 Accident No Inj, oblk Nahahum Canyon Rd, Cashmere
18:35:29 Civil, 9150 Olalla Canyon Rd, Cashmere



Search and rescue incident at French Creek highlights dangers of early season runoff

By ANDREW SIMPSON
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY — Chelan County Sheriff Mike Morrison reported that around 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, RiverCom received a satellite-to-911 text message from two injured hikers in the French Creek area of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness portion of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.
Through subsequent messages, RiverCom ascertained that the two hikers were 21-year-old males who potentially had lower body injuries, including what was described as a broken toe. The two hikers had tried to cross a creek in an unsafe area and gotten swept away by the

water.

By the time their messages, which provided a precise location, reached the Sheriff's Office, they were waiting on shore for assistance. Including CCSO search and rescue deputies and volunteer personnel from Chelan County Volunteer Search and Rescue, 14 people in all were dispatched to locate the hikers.
Deputies trekked around 1.5 miles to the hikers' location, where they determined that the two men had sustained only minor injuries, but would definitely need assistance getting back across the creek they'd been swept away by. The deputies requested rope equipment, which was brought

in to the scene by members of the CCVSAR. Deputies and volunteers worked together to set up a rope system and got the two men back across French Creek, after which the men were able to hike back out with the rescuers to the trailhead some 6.5 hours after

the initial message to 911.
The CCSO advises that creeks can be running very high this time of year, and that even as little as six inches of fast-flowing water can take an adult off their feet. These waters should not be crossed, says the CCSO, or hikers could end up with significant injuries or worse.

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CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Rescuers are seen at the French Creek crossing in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

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a tributary to Chumstick Creek. The project will replace the existing culvert with a small footbridge, reopening critical spawning habitat for Chinook and coho salmon and steelhead trout.
• **Derby Creek Barrier Design and Correction:** Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group secured \$185,000 to finalize designs and permitting for six fish passage barriers in Derby Creek. An additional \$213,418 will fund the replacement of a culvert in Peshastin, opening

access to more than a mile of habitat for threatened steelhead and rainbow trout.
• **Little Chumstick Fish Barriers Design:** Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group was awarded \$188,000 to design corrections for nine fish passage barriers in Little Chumstick Creek. The project is part of a broader, multi-year effort to restore private land habitat connectivity within the Chumstick Creek watershed.
• **Derby Creek Railroad Crossing Replacement:** Chelan County Natural Resources Department will use a \$2,254,200 grant to replace a culvert under

a railroad crossing with a bridge near Peshastin, eliminating the lowermost fish barrier in Derby Creek. The replacement will restore access to more than five miles of habitat for endangered Chinook salmon, threatened steelhead trout, and other native fish species.
• **Derby Canyon Orchards Project:** Chelan County also received \$841,925 to design and replace a second major culvert in Derby Creek, a key barrier downstream of ongoing fish passage improvements.
• **Camas Creek Crossing Design:** Another \$100,500 was awarded to Chelan County to design the

replacement of a culvert on Camas Creek. The new bottomless culvert will allow better access to rearing and refuge habitat for steelhead and bull trout.
According to Duffy, the voter reaffirmation of the Climate Commitment Act last fall has allowed Washington to move swiftly on these critical projects. "Voters reaffirmed the critical pieces of the Climate Commitment Act in November and we are getting projects on-the-ground," she said. "We're grateful that Washingtonians have such a strong commitment to making sure this state stays a great place to live for people and our salmon."

increase in 2024, the cost of groceries has continued to rise at a faster rate than many households can keep up with. Additionally, the USDA's report, updated in March, anticipates overall food prices in 2025 to rise slightly faster than the historical average rate of growth, predicting an increase of 3.2 percent.
In addition to grocery prices, housing costs have also risen significantly. According to Zillow data, U.S. rents have increased by 34.7 percent since the start of the pandemic, and are up 3.5 percent from last

year. According to Zillow's March report, typical asking rent in the U.S. has reached \$2,005.
"People are just spending so much more of the money that they have on their rent and groceries and sort of the basics, and so we used to see that people had some savings, and now we just see that people are really living paycheck to paycheck," said Bettinger.
As demand for food support increases, what remains unclear is how local food pantries will continue to meet the need as these

organizations face higher food costs, decreased funding, and future uncertainties.
"What we have seen over the last 12 months is an increase in need...And a reduction in the amount of food that we have available to support people. So it's kind of a dual effect there," said Walker.
Part 2 of this series will explore the challenges these organizations face, and the ways in which they are adapting.

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Wapato edges Cashmere in double OT thriller to close regular season



CASHMERE - Cashmere dropped a thriller of a match against the visiting Wapato Wolves on May 2, losing 3-2 in double overtime.

● Edgar Reyna patrols the midfield for Cashmere during their regular-season finale match against a tough Wapato squad. Cashmere jumped to a 2-0 lead but Wapato scored twice in the second half to tie it up, and send it to OT. In the second extra period, Wapato scored the game-winner.

● Nate Hodges in action against Wapato last Friday. Hodges scored the first goal for Cashmere against a tough Wolf squad.

Cashmere splits season finale with Connell; Girls sweep, Boys fall 3-2



CASHMERE - Cashmere split series with the visiting Connell Eagles, with the boys losing a hard-fought series 3-2, and the girls winning 5-0 during the season finale.

● Tony Bumgarner in action during a doubles match against Connell on May 2. The



boys fought hard, but lost their series to the Eagles 3-2.

● Jackson Meloy prepares to serve during a doubles match against Connell on May 2. The Eagles proved irreverent guests, winning all the doubles matches en route to a 3-20 victory.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Mac Carlson Freshman Cashmere Boys Baseball

Pitcher and infielder Mac Carlson delivered a stellar all-around performance this week to help the Cashmere Bulldogs baseball team win three of four conference matchups. Carlson earned two wins on the mound, starting with Tuesday's game against Wahluke, where he threw 4.2 innings, giving up just one earned run on five hits while striking out five without a walk. He was even better Friday against Kiona-Benton, tossing six shutout innings, allowing just one hit and striking out nine while walking only one. Carlson

now leads the team in innings pitched (54 IP) with a 6-1 season record and a 2.57 ERA, along with 59 strikeouts and just 14 walks on the season. At the plate, Carlson added to his impact by going 7-for-12 across four games, including two doubles, a triple, and 6 RBI. He's currently batting .348 with 22 RBI on the season. Head Coach Colton Loomis said Carlson has become a foundational piece of the team: "Simply put, Mac has stepped up for us this season. He is a guy that the team can rely on



in all situations on defense and at the plate. But, I think that I'm most proud of how he competes on the mound. He challenges hitters by setting his own pace of play and consistently throws strikes giving our defense opportunities to make plays behind him."

Juliana Boyd Freshman Cashmere Girls Softball

Juliana Boyd played a pivotal role in leading the Cashmere Bulldogs fastpitch softball team to five wins this week, showcasing her versatility both at the plate and in the circle. Boyd tossed two complete-game victories, first on Tuesday against Wahluke (5 IP, 8 R, 6 ER, 8 H, 4 K, 0 BB) and again on Thursday against Cle Elum (5 IP, 2 R, 1 ER, 4 H, 5 K, 2 BB). Her performance at the plate was equally impressive, as she went 4-for-4 with a double and 2 RBI in the win over Wahluke. On Friday, she stayed hot at the

plate, going 2-for-4 with 2 RBI in the first game of a doubleheader against Kiona-Benton and 3-for-4 with two runs scored in the second. Boyd finished the week with a .444 batting average over six games. Head Coach Steve Mongeon praised Boyd's work ethic and adaptability: "Juliana is always looking to improve and really learn the game of softball. Her dedication and efforts have helped her to become an outstanding left fielder. She can back that up at the plate as well. She is 3rd



on the team in batting average and a tough out on the bases. In addition, when called upon, she has been excellent in the circle. Her freshman season has been more than we could have expected."

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CASHMERE SCHEDULE					
Boys Varsity Track					
Sat, May 10 11:00 AM	Cashmere vs.	SCAC league championships	Away		
Girls Varsity Track					
Sat, May 10 11:00 AM	Cashmere vs.	SCAC league championships	Away		
CASHMERE SCOREBOARD					
Boys Varsity Soccer					
Tue, Apr 29	Cashmere	2	Highland	1	Win
Fri, May 2	Cashmere	2	Wapato	3	Loss
Boys Varsity Baseball					
Tue, Apr 29	Cashmere	6	Wahluke	3	Win
Tue, Apr 29	Cashmere	24	Wahluke	2	Win
Fri, May 2	Cashmere	6	Kiona Benton	7	Loss
Fri, May 2	Cashmere	5	Kiona Benton	0	Win
Girls Varsity Softball					
Fri, May 2	Cashmere	13	Kiona-Benton	3	Win
Fri, May 2	Cashmere	13	Kiona-Benton	12	Win

Cashmere students recognized on WVC Winter 2025 Dean's List

Cashmere Valley Record
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Wenatchee Valley College has announced its Winter 2025 Dean's List, honoring students who earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher while completing at least 12 college-level credits during the winter quarter.

Students from Cashmere earning a spot on the Dean's List include Ada DeClerk Bonnett, Miriam G. Bravo, Addyson Grace Burger, Gavin Michael Burnett, Tabytha Kay Conrad, Dylan Scott Cornea, Nelson K. Cowden, Corban Jay Givens, Jacob Ezekiel Holladay, Gennevieve Ledesma, Mireya Lopez-Guzman, Emely Martinez,

Karen Lauren May, Violet Mora Ochoa, Lizbeth Oropeza Onate, Diana Ponce, Krisia M. Quintanilla Martinez, Aidan R. Sweeney and Colton Bradley Thomas.

The Dean's List recognizes academic achievement and is announced each quarter to honor students who demonstrate outstanding scholastic performance.

Cashmere students named to WVC Winter 2025 President's List

Cashmere Valley Record
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WENATCHEE — Wenatchee Valley College has announced its Winter 2025 President's List, recognizing students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average while completing at least 12 college-

level credits during the winter quarter. Several students from Cashmere earned a place on the prestigious list. The Cashmere honorees are Rachel Dean, Annabelle Rose Flick, Emily N. Garcia, Molly High, Kate Jacobson, Brianna Lane, Grace Lynn Lloyd,

Sophee Colette Mott, Pearl Lucia Spurrell, Lesly Yoselin Vejar Garcia and Maite Vidal Madsen.

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WVC Foundation to host Alumni Week Celebration May 14–17 at Wenatchee and Omak Campuses

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WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee Valley College Foundation will welcome graduates and community members back to campus this spring for WVC Alumni Week, a four-day celebration taking place May 14–17 on the Wenatchee and Omak campuses.

Under the theme “Knights Unite,” the multi-day event features five free, public gatherings designed to celebrate the legacy and spirit of WVC alumni. The program is supported by presenting sponsor Microsoft, alongside

additional community sponsors.

“Alumni Week is a celebration of community, legacy, and the stories that begin at WVC,” said Lupe Brito, WVC Foundation development director. “We’re thrilled to welcome Knights back to campus with events that reflect the creativity, diversity, and spirit of our alumni.”

The week’s schedule includes:

- Snapshot Social — Wednesday, May 14, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Maguire Conference Center, Wenatchee Campus. A networking event offering

light refreshments and complimentary professional portraits for attendees.

- LITerary Knight — Thursday, May 15, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Music & Art Center (MAC), Wenatchee Campus. A celebration marking the relaunch of Mirror Northwest, WVC’s student-led literary journal, with live readings by students and faculty.
- AlumKnight Block Party — Friday, May 16, 3:00–6:00 p.m., Omak Campus. A family-friendly event featuring games and activities such as cornhole, basketball, mini golf, and crafts.

- Knight of the Stars — Friday, May 16, 7:00–9:00 p.m., Wells Hall Theater, Wenatchee Campus. An evening of music and dancing hosted by the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and TRIO Student Support Services.
- Clash of the Cleats — Saturday, May 17, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Mike Hollis Field, Wenatchee Campus. A spirited soccer match featuring WVC alumni, with refreshments and activities on the sidelines.

All events are free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP and find more information at wvc.edu/



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The entrance sign at Wenatchee Valley College welcomes visitors and alumni ahead of WVC Alumni Week, taking place May 14–17 on the Wenatchee and Omak campuses.

alumni.

The WVC Foundation, established in 1971, supports educational access and

student success through philanthropy. Those interested in supporting the foundation may call (509) 682-6410 or visit wvc.edu/foundation.

WVC keynote highlights barriers for students of color

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Dr. Gina Ann Garcia, a nationally recognized expert on Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), delivered the keynote address during Wenatchee Valley College’s Dean’s Day on April 25, urging faculty and staff to elevate the voices of students from historically marginalized communities.

Garcia, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley’s School of Education, presented “Centering Student Voices at Hispanic Serving Institutions,” a lecture focused on closing equity gaps and strengthening HSI identity by prioritizing the lived

experiences of Latine and other students of color.

“This event provided a beautiful opportunity to come together as an institution to reorient to our north star—our students,” said Vanessa Saldivar, WVC’s interim executive director of HSI initiatives. “Dr. Garcia ardently calls us to center our students, especially the roughly half that come from minoritized communities that are actively being targeted by discriminatory policies and hateful rhetoric. This is a critical moment for our community and for our college, as we deepen our understanding of, and our commitment to, our HSI identity.”

Garcia’s talk, organized and sponsored by El Corazón and the college’s Center for Teaching and Learning, was part of a broader effort supported by a Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions (DHSI) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. DHSI grants are intended to expand educational access and increase academic attainment for Hispanic students.

In her address, Garcia encouraged faculty and staff to reflect on how institutional policies and classroom practices can either perpetuate or dismantle barriers to student success.

She invited educators to “be unafraid educator[s] who work with and for all students.”

Garcia’s research focuses on equity and justice in higher education, with particular attention to how HSIs operationalize their mission to serve minoritized populations. Her work explores the role of race and racism in shaping higher education and examines the experiences of those working and studying within HSI environments.

Wenatchee Valley College has been designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. With a student population that is 45 percent Hispanic, the college qualifies for federal support aimed at improving outcomes for Hispanic and underserved students.



COURTESY OF WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE
Dr. Gina Ann Garcia, a professor at U.C. Berkeley and national expert on Hispanic Serving Institutions, delivered the keynote address at Wenatchee Valley College’s Dean’s Day on April 25, focusing on equity in education and centering student voices.

Olalla Canyon

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to park along the road that local residents use to get to their homes. It’s also that too much foot traffic can stunt scrub growth that keeps the hillsides fertile for the blooms that everyone’s enjoying.

Add to that the fact that some hikers are less considerate than others, and generally that means

they’re not from this area, and overcrowding of a once mostly unknown (other than to locals) area becomes more than a headache and a distraction. It becomes a source of potential damage. No one wants to see discarded wrappers and bottles, or worse, tiny little tied-off bags of dog waste that folks were courteous enough to pick up, but not kind enough to pack out.

In a Cashmere-related Facebook group, there was

recently a discussion about this area among locals who live in the canyon and those who simply live in the valley and are concerned about the area. There has long been a sense of antipathy in this area toward “westsiders” who come to visit Central Washington and leave a mess. But the ones who live there were also confused and concerned about all the cars parked along and sometimes

in the road, and worried about it being spoiled.

There may not be a Starbucks every few blocks in Cashmere. There may not be the convenience of an all-night grocery store any closer than Wenatchee. But Cashmere does have balsamroot and lupines. The locals would like your help in preserving them.

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State budget omits funding for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Washington

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OLYMPIA — Washington state lawmakers released the final 2025–2027 operating budget on April 26, with the legislative session concluding Sunday. Despite previous commitments made in 2022, the final budget does not include funding to expand the Imagination Library of Washington, a program currently serving more than 121,000 children.

Founded by Dolly Parton in 1995 to honor her father, who was unable to read or write, the Imagination Library provides children from birth to age 5 with a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book

each month. The program is operated through The Dollywood Foundation and aims to foster early literacy and a love of reading.

“This is a heartbreaking loss to our team, our 46 local Imagination Library partners, and, most importantly, the 121,000 children across Washington, who receive the gift of a free book each month,” stated Brooke Fisher-Clark, executive director of Imagination Library of Washington.

Washington established its statewide program in 2022, becoming the first on the West Coast and the eleventh nationwide among 21 statewide programs. The program relies on a 50/50

public-private partnership model, with funding shared equally between the state and local program partners. Washington lawmakers previously expressed support by passing House Bill 2068, which included critical financial backing.

“We are deeply disappointed by Washington’s decision to withdraw from our partnership to expand Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library across the state. The close of the budget session does not prevent Washington’s leaders from taking action to fund its portion of Dolly

Parton’s Imagination Library as promised to the state’s children and families. We remain sincerely grateful for our partnership and hope that state leaders will find a path forward to honor this commitment,” stated Jeff Conyers, vice chair and president of The Dollywood Foundation.

With the loss of state funding, program leaders said the future of the Imagination Library of Washington depends on public support.

“With the loss of state funding, our statewide programmatic framework has

been altered, and we must now pivot to address this funding challenge. We need the public to rally and help us preserve this impactful program for young children. Please act and contribute now to ensure its survival,” stated Fisher-Clark.

The requested state investment totaled \$7 million for the biennium—\$3.2 million in the first year and \$3.8 million in the second year—to maintain current enrollment and support anticipated growth. Without the funding, the statewide organization and its 46 local partners must raise critical donations to continue mailing books to enrolled children.

Donations to support the program can be made online at www.imaginationlibrarywashington.org

librarywashington.org/donate or by mail to Imagination Library of Washington, 400 Union Avenue SE, Suite 200, Olympia, WA 98501.

The Imagination Library of Washington, powered by United Ways of the Pacific Northwest and partnering with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families, collaborates with local organizations to deliver books directly to children’s homes each month at no cost to families. Research has shown the program’s positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills.

For more information, visit www.imaginationlibrarywashington.org.



Quilts

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two days prior, inviting the congregation to admire the work and bless the quilts before they were sent to their next destination.

“It’s just overwhelming when you think of all the time and the energy that people have put into them, and how beautiful they look, and to know that they’ll go to be somebody’s bedding or a wall in a room, or that someone in need will be able to cuddle up in that, I think, is the thing that hits my heart,” said quilter Gail Fraser.

The group, which is believed to have started in the late 1950s,

makes a shipment of quilts to the Lutheran World Relief organization each year, but typically saves about 10 percent of its quilts for local support, donating to individuals in need, veterans, cancer patients and groups such as the Women’s Resource Center and Bruce Transitional Housing.

The quilts are made by approximately 15 quilters ranging from Dryden to East Wenatchee, who meet every Tuesday morning, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Individuals typically prepare the quilt top at home, then come together to attach the batting, backing and binding. The entire operation consumes about four rooms in the basement of the church.

“We’re very fortunate to have the church to work in, and we don’t have to clean up our messes. We have a designated area so we can leave things out in the process, which makes a huge difference,” said Fraser.

While the social aspect of Tuesday mornings is a huge draw for the quilters, the gatherings are incredibly productive. Every year, they complete anywhere from 200 to 300 quilts, with more ready to go. After they make their annual shipment, the quilters will start working on the table stacked full of quilt tops ready to be completed.

“My granddaughter came one day, and she’s heard me talk about it for years, and she

said, ‘Grammy, I just thought this was a bunch of little old ladies sitting around.’ I said, ‘No, this is a production, is what this is,’” said quilter Carolyn Barnes. “Everybody has a job... It’s an incredible undertaking, and it’s a gift. That’s the coolest thing about it.”

The quilting group sources its fabric and sheets for backing through donation. Its largest expense is batting, which costs about \$115 for 25 quilts, said Barnes. Those looking to support the group, or connect the quilters with someone in need, can reach out to the Grace Lutheran Church in Cashmere.

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Hundreds of handmade quilts sit on display at the Grace Lutheran Church in Cashmere before they are sent to Lutheran World Relief.

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The quilts are handmade by the quilting group using donated fabric and sheets.



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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.


WORDS

AMUSEMENTS
ARCADE
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CAROUSEL
CONCESSIONS
CONTEST
CORNDOG
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FAIR
FERRIS WHEEL
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VENUS FLYTRAP

THE JAWS OF DOOM

Yikes!

Quick! Help this fly escape the Venus flytrap's grip!

START

FINISH

Beautiful but Hungry

The Venus flytrap is a meat-eating, or **carnivorous**, plant. It is also quite lovely. That is why its name includes Venus. That is the name of the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

But don't worry – a Venus flytrap won't eat you. Mostly they eat bugs. They especially love mosquitoes and flies.

Jaws of Doom True or False Quiz

Make a guess about which of these statements are true and which are false. Then read the scientist's notes about the Venus flytrap to check your answers.


1. Venus flytraps have teeth.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

2. Venus flytraps only need bugs to survive.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

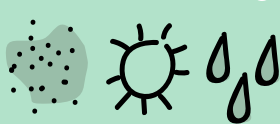
3. Venus flytraps eat anything that falls into their mouth-like leaves.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

4. Venus flytraps help keep bugs out of your house.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE


5. Its "mouth" shuts in under one second.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE




Venus flytraps have little spikes around the leaves. But they are not teeth. They don't chew. The plant uses digestive juices, much like those in your stomach, to eat insects.



Venus flytraps get much of their nutrition from the bugs they eat, but they also need water, sun and soil to survive.



Digestion of real food takes five to 12 days, after which the trap reopens. The insect's exoskeleton blows away in the wind or is washed away by rain.



If something not edible falls into a Venus flytrap, it will close up and try to digest it. But after about 12 hours, it will open its leaves and let the fake food fall out.

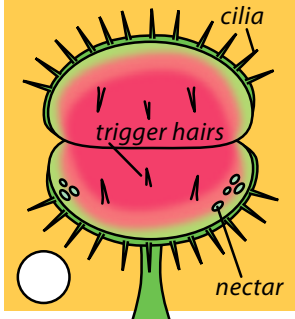
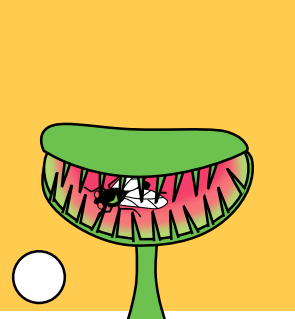
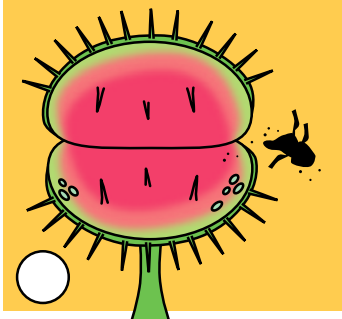
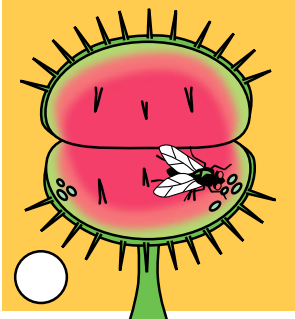
How many flies can you find on this page?

Today the plant is threatened in the wild. The draining of bogs for farming and the building of shopping centers and houses has reduced the plant's habitat and numbers. **Less than 5% of the plants are left.**

Snapping Up a Meal

Number the pictures in order.

Sweet nectar around the edges of the Venus flytrap's open leaves attract insects. As a bug moves across the surface drinking up this treat, it touches small, sensitive bristles on the Venus flytrap. These trigger hairs tell the plant when a possible meal has arrived. Then the plant's "jaws" close very quickly, trapping the insect inside. The long *cilia*, hairs along the leaf edges, act like prison bars, preventing the insect from escaping. Several days later, after the insect has been digested, the leaves open and what's left of the insect body blows away.



Extra! Extra!


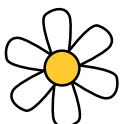


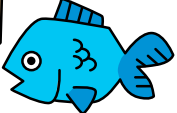
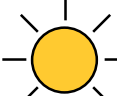






Before & After

Look at a photograph in the newspaper. What do you think happened before the photo was taken? What do you think happened afterwards?

Standards Link: Research: Students predict likely outcomes.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Flytrap is a **compound word**, made by combining two smaller words: **fly** and **trap**. Look at the pictures below. Draw a line between two pictures to make a compound word. Then write the word.



ARMCHAIR


Double Double Word Search

FLYTRAP
CLIMATE
STOMACH
SURVIVE
BEAUTY
SPIKES
EDIBLE
DIGEST
JUICES
VENUS
LOVE
BOGS
FEAR
WILD

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

A	K	A	B	D	L	I	W	T	H
J	E	S	T	O	M	A	C	H	E
U	D	F	V	R	G	J	A	Y	S
I	I	E	L	E	U	S	W	T	U
C	B	A	S	Y	N	H	O	U	R
E	L	R	F	O	T	U	O	A	V
S	E	K	I	P	S	R	S	E	I
C	L	I	M	A	T	E	A	B	V
O	T	S	E	G	I	D	M	P	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Kid Scoop Together:

Cause and Effect

When something happens, there is usually something that caused it to happen. The **cause** comes first, the **effect** second. Here are some examples:

When the hairs on the inside of a Venus flytrap's leaves are touched, the plant snaps shut.

Cause: touch the hairs
Effect: plant snaps leaves closed

If a little rock is put inside the mouth-like leaves of a Venus flytrap, the leaves will snap shut. After about 12 hours, the leaves will open so the rock can drop out because it is something the plant can't eat.


Which part of the above is the "cause?"

Which part is the "effect?"

Look through the newspaper for an article that interests you. Can you find one effect and what caused it?

Cause:

Effect:



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **EDIBLE**

The adjective **edible** means safe to be eaten.

Kevin and his grandpa looked through the bushes for **edible** berries to eat.

Use the word **edible** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

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