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"Don't be afraid of death; be afraid of an unlived life. You don't have to live forever, you just have to live."

— Natalie Babbitt

Animals & Wildlife

Fish Get New Home in Michigan Lake

A beautiful old mansion in Michigan is helping fish find better homes. The Ford House sits by Lake St. Clair. It was built in the 1920s for Eleanor and Edsel Ford.

Most of the lake's shore is covered with concrete and rocks. This keeps the water from washing away the land. But it also takes away places where fish like to live and have babies.

The people at Ford House are working with ocean experts. They are taking away the concrete. They are putting back natural plants and soft shores instead.

This new project will help many animals. Fish will have safe places to lay eggs. Turtles can move easily between water and land. Birds and frogs will find good homes too.

The workers will fix over one mile of shoreline. They will also build wooden walkways. People can walk on these and watch the wildlife. There will be a fishing dock too.

Space Rocket Brings Science Experiments to Astronauts

A rocket blasted off from Florida on Friday evening. It carried a spacecraft full of supplies to astronauts living in space.

The rocket launched at just after 6 o'clock in the evening. It lifted off from Cape Canaveral in Florida. The spacecraft will reach the space station on Sunday morning.

The spacecraft brings almost 6,500 pounds of supplies to the astronauts. It also carries exciting new science experiments for them to work on.

One experiment will help doctors learn about bone health. Another will study how blood changes in space. Scientists also sent equipment to measure sunlight bouncing off Earth and the Moon.

For over 25 years, people have lived and worked in the space station. They do hundreds of science experiments there. These experiments help us learn about our world and space.

Nature & Environment

Forest Service and Native Tribes Share Land Care

The U.S. Forest Service and Native American tribes are working together in a special new way. They signed an agreement to share care of the Black Elk Wilderness in South Dakota.

This beautiful wilderness area sits in the Black Hills. It is sacred land for the Great Sioux Nation tribes. Eleven different tribes will help take care of this special place.

The tribes and Forest Service will work as partners. They will protect wildlife and plants together. They will also share Native American culture and history with visitors.

Boyd Gourneau from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe is excited about this partnership. He wants Native children to visit these sacred lands. They can plant trees and connect with nature where their ancestors lived.

Wayne Boyd from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe feels honored to care for these lands. Black Elk Peak is named after a holy man from their culture. This agreement brings jobs and chances to teach others about Native traditions.

Technology & Innovation

Scientist Wins Award for Ocean Research

Dr. Elizabeth Holmes just won a special award for her amazing work with ocean science. She has spent 25 years helping other scientists understand our oceans better.

Dr. Holmes works for NOAA Fisheries. This group studies fish and ocean life. She creates computer tools that help scientists track fish populations. Her work is especially important for protecting salmon.

One of her biggest projects involves "big earth data." This means using huge amounts of information about our planet. Satellites and underwater robots collect this data. Dr. Holmes makes it easier for other scientists to use.

Teaching is very important to Dr. Holmes. She has taught over 500 scientists new skills. She organizes special workshops called "ocean hackweeks." These events help researchers learn together.

Her award recognizes how she makes science more open and honest. When scientists share their work openly, everyone benefits. Dr. Holmes builds trust between scientists and the public.

Scientists Work to Help Beautiful Coral Reefs

Coral reefs are some of nature's most amazing treasures. These colorful underwater gardens are home to many fish and sea animals. They create beautiful places for people to visit and enjoy.

In America, we have coral reefs in Florida, Hawaii, and other warm ocean areas. These reefs are like underwater rainbows. They come in many bright colors like orange, pink, and purple.

Our coral reefs help protect the land from big ocean waves. They also provide homes for the fish that people like to catch. Many people love to swim and dive near reefs to see the pretty fish.

Scientists have noticed that some reefs need help to stay healthy. They are working hard to take better care of these special places. The government has made a new plan to help coral reefs grow strong again.

The plan will last until 2040. Scientists, park rangers, and ocean experts will work together. They want to make sure children and grandchildren can enjoy these beautiful reefs too. This is good news for our oceans.

Activity Time - Word Search

Find the words below in the puzzle. Words go across or down only.

Words to Find:

TREES

SPACE

OCEAN

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HILLS

DATA

FISH

