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"Stories never really end...even if the books like to pretend they do. Stories always go on. They don't end on the last page, any more than they begin on the first page."

Technology & Innovation

New Ocean Technology Helps Fish Stay Healthy

Scientists are using exciting new technology to take better care of fish in our oceans. They watch over more than 460 different types of fish across 4 million square miles of water.

Taking care of fish is important work. It helps fishing communities make a living. It also makes sure we have healthy fish to eat at dinner. The scientists want to make sure there are always plenty of fish in the ocean.

The new technology helps scientists learn more about fish. They can find out how big fish are and where they like to live. They can also see how healthy the fish are doing.

Better information helps scientists make good choices about fishing. This keeps fish populations strong for many years to come. The improved technology makes their work faster and easier.

These ocean discoveries help fishing families and coastal towns. Everyone benefits when fish are healthy and plentiful. The new tools are making ocean science better than ever before.

Space Station Returns Science Experiments to Earth

A special spacecraft is coming home from the space station. The Dragon spacecraft has been visiting the International Space Station. It carried over 5,000 pounds of supplies and science experiments.

The spacecraft will leave the space station on Thursday. It will splash down safely in the ocean near California. NASA will share live coverage of this exciting event online.

The Dragon is bringing back many interesting science experiments. One study looked at how different materials change in space. Scientists tested coatings and special plastics for a whole year.

Another experiment studied how brain and heart cells grow in space. This research might help doctors treat diseases like Parkinson's. The cells were kept frozen for the trip back to Earth.

There was also a project that tested low-cost science tools in space. All of these experiments will help scientists learn more. The knowledge could make life better for people on Earth and help build better spacecraft for future space travel.

Georgia Partners Care for Forests Together

Georgia is working with forest experts to take better care of trees. The state signed a special agreement with two government groups. They want to protect forests and help them stay healthy.

The Forest Service chief is very happy about this partnership. He says Georgia has been a wonderful partner for many years. Together, they will use controlled fires to help forests grow better. They will also harvest timber in smart ways.

This teamwork helps forests in many ways. It makes trees stronger and healthier. It also helps people who work in the timber industry. Georgia has the biggest forestry business in the whole country.

The partnership also helps people who love the outdoors. It creates better places for hunting and fishing. People can enjoy nature more when forests are well cared for.

Working together makes everything better. State and local leaders can make faster decisions. The forests get the care they need. Georgia's communities benefit from healthy, beautiful woodlands.

Space Camera Technology Now in Our Phones

Amazing camera technology first made for space missions now helps us take pictures every day. This special invention is inside billions of phones and cameras around the world.

In the 1990s, a smart scientist named Dr. Eric Fossum worked at NASA. His job was to make better cameras for spaceships traveling to other planets. He created a tiny camera chip that worked much better than old cameras.

Dr. Fossum's team made cameras that used less power and worked faster. These space cameras helped take beautiful pictures of stars and planets far away. The technology was so good that other people wanted to use it too.

Soon, phone makers started putting these tiny camera chips in cell phones. The same technology that takes pictures in space now helps us capture family photos and selfies. Car makers use it for backup cameras too.

Today, this space invention touches millions of lives. Every time someone takes a phone picture, they use technology that once explored the stars. It shows how space research helps make our daily lives better and more fun.

Animals & Wildlife

Learning About Local Plants and Animals

February is a special week for nature lovers. It's time to learn about plants and animals in our communities.

Some plants and animals are not native to Alaska. This means they came from other places. When they spread too quickly, they can crowd out local wildlife. Learning about them helps protect our beautiful outdoors.

Even in winter, there are fun ways to get involved. Many groups in Alaska teach people about local nature. They plan activities like garden cleanups and nature walks. You can sign up for emails or check their websites. When spring comes, you'll know about fun outdoor events.

Winter is perfect for learning indoors too. You can read about which plants grow best in Alaska gardens. There are helpful guides and even phone apps. They show pictures of different plants and animals.

Getting to know your local wildlife is rewarding. It helps you become a better neighbor to the animals and plants around you.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

NATURE

CAMERA

OCEAN

TREES

SPACE

SPACE

PHONE

