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"Just because you call an electric eel a rubber duck doesn't make it a rubber duck, does it? And God help the poor bastard who decides they want to take a bath with the duckie. (Jace Wayland)"

— Cassandra Clare

Scientists Help Forests Return to Natural Ways

Scientists have wonderful news about two special forest areas in the Southwest. They used a clever way to study old trees to learn about fires from long ago.

The scientists looked at tree rings to understand fire patterns. Tree rings are like nature's diary. They tell stories about what happened years ago. By reading these rings, scientists learned how fires used to burn naturally in the forests.

The good news is that the forests are healing. In the Gila Wilderness, fires now burn the way they did hundreds of years ago. At Saguaro National Park, the fires are getting back to natural patterns too.

Forest managers are helping this happen. They use controlled fires and let some natural fires burn safely. This helps the forests stay healthy. These gentle fires clear out dead plants and help new trees grow.

This research shows that people and nature can work together. The forests are becoming strong and healthy again. It's a wonderful example of how science helps us care for our natural world.

Animals & Wildlife

New Tool Helps Protect Missouri Wildlife

Missouri has a new way to protect its amazing wildlife. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service just released a special tool. It's called the Missouri Determination Key.

This helpful tool makes it easier to care for animals and plants. It covers all the special creatures that live in Missouri. This includes bats, fish, mussels, and many plants too.

The new system works like a helpful guide. It asks simple questions about projects. Then it gives clear answers about how to protect wildlife. This makes everything faster and easier for everyone.

Before this tool, protecting wildlife took a long time. There were many confusing steps. Now everything is in one place. People can get quick answers and clear directions.

Missouri joins other states across the country using these tools. Wildlife experts are working hard to protect nature. At the same time, they help important projects move forward. This balance helps both animals and people thrive together.

Japanese Space Ship Returns Home After Special Mission

A special space ship from Japan is getting ready to come home. The ship has been visiting the International Space Station high above Earth.

The space ship brought 12,000 pounds of supplies to the astronauts. It carried science experiments, tools, and other important items. The astronauts have been using these supplies for months.

On March 6th, the space ship will begin its journey back to Earth. A robotic arm will gently push it away from the space station. An American astronaut named Chris Williams will watch to make sure everything goes smoothly.

The space ship will not come back to land like an airplane. Instead, it will burn up safely as it enters Earth's air. This is normal and planned. The ship will take thousands of pounds of trash with it.

People have been living and working on the space station for over 25 years. They do amazing science experiments that cannot be done on Earth. These discoveries help make life better for everyone.

Scientists Learn How Our Amazing Brains Work Together

Scientists have made an exciting discovery about how our brains work. They studied how different parts of the brain talk to each other.

Our brains have many special areas. Some parts help us pay attention. Other parts help us remember things. Some areas help us understand language. Each part has its own important job.

For many years, scientists studied each brain area by itself. This taught them a lot. But they wanted to know something else. How do all these parts work together as a team?

The research team found that our brain parts are like a big orchestra. Each section plays its own music. But together, they create beautiful harmony. This teamwork is what makes us smart and helps us solve problems.

This discovery helps explain why humans are so good at learning new things. Our brains are amazing at working together. When all the parts cooperate, we can think clearly and make good choices every day.

Fish Farmers Share Ideas at Big Meeting

Nearly 700 people came together in Maine for a special meeting about fish farming. They traveled through snow and cold weather to learn new things.

The meeting lasted three days in January. People came from many states and even Canada. They all wanted to learn about growing fish, shellfish, and seaweed in the ocean.

More than 100 speakers shared their knowledge. They talked about new ways to farm mussels, sea urchins, and other sea creatures. The meeting also had the biggest trade show ever, with 38 companies showing new tools.

Many students came to the meeting too. Seventy-eight young people got help to attend and share their own projects. This helped them learn from experienced fish farmers.

The meeting started with a welcome speech about America's growing fish farming business. Then people from different places shared updates about their work. One special moment happened when a longtime fish farming expert received an award for his many years of good work.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

FOREST

PLANTS

OCEAN

BRAIN

TREES

EARTH

FISH

