

# EXPLORE AND PROTECT THE EARTH AND ITS CREATURES

"All the members of this endless universe are linked one to another." —Bahá'í Writings



## EARTH-SAVING TIP

### Meatless Mondays

Pump up your plant protein to start a healthy week for you *and* the planet. It takes less water to raise crops than cows. Try nuts, seeds, beans, soy products, or quinoa.



## WOW, REALLY?

Worldwide, we generate over 50 million tons of electronic waste per year. That's eight times heavier than the Great Pyramid of Giza!

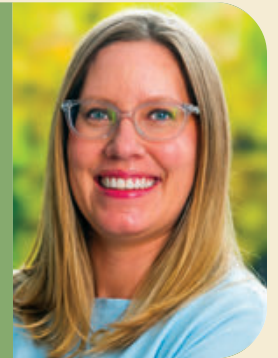
## OUR CONNECTIONS



Cars, phones, remotes, games—batteries are everywhere! When the chemicals inside them are activated, they power our stuff. But if you throw batteries in the garbage, they go to landfills, where they can leak toxic chemicals into our water and soil. Some batteries can catch fire, releasing pollution into the air. To save resources, use rechargeable batteries whenever possible, and learn about battery recycling options in your area.

## PROTECTING OUR PLANET

**Dr. Jessica Durham Macholz**, a materials scientist in Illinois, U.S., studies rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in electric vehicles. She strives to make it safer and less costly to recycle them. She finds her work "rewarding, not only to see the impact it has in my own life, but also on a global scale."



## WHERE IN THE WORLD?



The caverns and tunnels in these marble caves formed over 6,000 years ago due to water erosion. Minerals in the glacial meltwater reflect the blue part of sunlight, giving the water and caves brilliant hues. *Unscramble the letters to find the location:*

**LIECH, THOSU AICMERA**



## AMAZING ANIMALS



These rarely-seen predators roam the cold, high mountains of Central Asia. They survive with thick fur, a warm tail, and wide paws that act like snowshoes. They're threatened by habitat loss and hunting. *Fill in the blanks to find their name:*

**NO W LE PA D**