October 21 is Reptile Awareness Day, and this week, Tidbits is digging into the details of several unusual species.

- In order to be classified as a reptile, an animal must have five characteristics. It must have a backbone, be covered with scales, breathe with gills or lungs, be cold-blooded, and lay eggs (although a few reptiles give birth to live young). Their skin has no hair or oil-producing follicles. Most reptiles are carnivores, with a few very herbivorous types. There are four basic groups of reptiles: snakes and lizards, crocodiles and alligators, turtles and tortoises, and two species of tuatara.
- Tuatara are found only in New Zealand, and although they resemble lizards, they are their own species. This curious creature measures about 30 inches (80 cm) long, weighs 3 lbs. (1.3 kg), and has a spiny crest along its back. If caught by its tail by a predator, it has the ability to break off its tail and regenerate a new one. A tuatara will be between 10 and 20 years old before it is mature enough to reproduce. One record-breaking 117-year-old male reproduced for the first time with an 80-year-old female. Although the average lifespan is about 60 years, some believe tuatara could live up to 200 years in captivity.

- The frilled-neck lizard makes its home in Australia. It takes its name from the large pleated skin flap around its neck. Normally the frill stays folded against the lizard’s body, but when the lizard feels threatened, it unfurls its bright orange and red frill, opens its mouth wide, exposing a bright yellow interior, and hisses. The lizard also displays this behavior during courtship. When the frill is folded against the body, this lizard is a non-descript brown or gray with splashes of darker color, giving it the appearance of tree bark, enabling it blend in and hide from predators. It’s a large lizard, with the average adult reaching a length of about 3 feet (0.9 m).

- The Chinese water dragon, native to the rainforests of Thailand, Indochina, and China, is a colorful lizard that can grow up to a length of 3.3 feet (1 m). Although some are green, others are purple with an orange stomach and diagonal stripes of turquoise on the body. Their throats might be blue, purple, or peach, with either a solid color or with stripes. This carnivorous reptile likes to dine on mice, goldfish, quel chicks, and earthworms. In captivity, a Chinese water dragon might live to the age of 20.

- A gecko lizard’s long toes have tiny adhesive pads that are forked at the ends, which enable them to cling to any surface, including ceilings, glass, and other smooth vertical surfaces. The flying gecko, found only in southeast Asia, has an intricate system of membrane flaps along its side, tail, and feet. Although they don’t truly fly, they can glide from tree to tree, using their webbed feet and flaps to generate lift. This little lizard, about 7 inches (17.8 cm) long, can “fly” up to 200 feet (60 m).

- There are nearly 180 different species of chameleons, members of the iguana order, that are found primarily in Africa, with many species on the island of Madagascar. A few others are native to India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. They don’t live naturally anywhere in North or South America, and if any are found on those continents, they’re turn to page 3 for more!

The Eastern Diamondback is the largest rattlesnake, growing to a length of 8 feet (2.4 m). Found in the southeast from North Carolina to Louisiana, they can be recognized by their prominent yellow-bordered black diamond pattern.
UNUSUAL PLANTS: CHERRY BLOSSOMS

In 1912, Japan gifted the United States with 3,020 cherry blossom trees. This week, Tidbits focuses on these beautiful trees’ characteristics and history.

• Japan’s gift in 1912 wasn’t the first cherry blossom trees to hit the North American continent. In 1906, Dr. David Fairchild, an official with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, imported 100 flowering cherry trees from a Japanese nursery and planted them on his own property in Chevy Chase, Maryland. After two years of testing the trees’ hardiness in the area, Fairchild ordered 300 more trees, which were given to the schools in the District of Columbia to plant in their yards to honor Arbor Day.

• In 1909, trees were planted along the Potomac River beginning at the Lincoln Memorial. The following year, the City of Tokyo donated 2,000 cherry trees to be planted along the river. However, upon the trees’ arrival, it was discovered they were infested with insects and disease, and all the trees were burned. The 1912 gift was a replacement for the diseased trees.

• In the Spring of 1912, First Lady Helen Taft and the wife of the Japanese ambassador, Viscountess Chinda, planted two cherry trees on the northern bank in Washington, D.C.’s East Potomac park, trees that still stand in their original site.

• Washington, D.C.’s first annual cherry Blossom Festival was held in 1913, coinciding with the trees’ early spring full bloom. There are now 11 different varieties of cherry blossom trees in the Park.

• In 1965, Japan donated another 3,800 trees, the first two again planted by the First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, and the wife of the Japanese ambassador, Ryui Takeuchi.

• There are close to 4,000 cherry trees in D.C.’s Park, but it’s not the nation’s largest collection. That honor belongs to New Jersey’s Branch Brook Park, the oldest county park in America, where about 4,500 trees are planted. Philadelphia also has more than 2,000 flowering cherry trees, half of which were gifted by the Japanese government in 1926 to honor the 150th anniversary of America’s independence.

• The streets and parks of Vancouver, Canada, are lined with an estimated 50,000 flowering cherry trees, many of which were also gifts from Japan. But the title of Cherry Blossom Capital of the World belongs to Mackay, Georgia, a city with more than 300,000 trees.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a fall on ice and suffered a severe concussion. I was unconscious for several minutes. At the hospital, I had a CT scan, but there was no damage. Two months later, I had an episode where I became disoriented and the room was spinning. I was taken to the hospital, given Antivert without success and kept overnight. A physical therapist examined me the next day, did some vestibular rehab that helped some, and I continued it at home as needed. The episodes are getting worse, and neither the Antivert nor the exercises are helping. Could this be due to the fall? My ENT says no. — G.M.

ANSWER: You clearly have vertigo, although it may be due to the fall. The change color to match their surroundings, what really happens is that they live in an environment that matches their normal color. They don’t change color when they are frightened, angry, or stressed, or as a result of changes in light, temperature, or humidity. A male can change color to make himself more attractive to a female, and that female can use her color to accept or reject his advances. Her color can also reveal her reproductive condition in addition to changing color, chameleons have another exclusive ability: they have two eyes on different sides of their head, giving them a full 360-degree view. The smallest, chamäleon in the world is just half an inch (16 mm) long, tiny enough to sit on the head of a match.

There are more than 3,000 species of chameleons worldwide, but the good news is that only about 375 are venomous. Of those, about 250 can kill their prey with one bite. When they strike, they have nearly a 100% success rate, but some species are actually helpful since they keep the rodents population under control.

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Pin-ups for Vets

It was with great irritation that I learned about a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital canceling a previously scheduled visit from a group called Pin-Ups for Vets, without (apparently) doing its homework. After a hue and cry on the hospital’s website, it finally said yes, and the visit was on again. Pin-Ups for Vets, a kitchen-table band that has been quite successful in supporting veterans, was created in honor of a grandfather who died during World War II. Since 2007, the group has visited more than 60 military hospitals and 20 military bases (some overseas), and have been welcomed at each one. They donate funds for veteran programs, deliver care packages, support homeless veterans and military wives, make hospital visits (wearing their vintage dresses) and chat with the veterans, and that’s just a partial list. At each visit they also hand out Pin-Ups calendars with 1940s-pin-up girl themes. The calendars are extremely well-done. There are images of lovely ladies wearing retro dresses, high heels and hairstyles of that era, posing with vintage vehicles (planes, trucks, tractors) — all appropriate images. The clincher for me: Nearly all the women in the calendar are themselves military veterans. Check for yourself at www.pinupsforvets.com.

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Veteran Bits

1. Who was the last Kansas City Royals player before Eric Hosmer and Salvador Perez in 2016 to hit a home run in the All-Star Game?
2. How many teams did Hall of Fame Pitcher Roger Clemens play for during his 18-year major league career?
3. In 2016, Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints set a team record for longest touchdown pass (98 yards). Who had held the mark?
5. When was the last time before 2017 that Sweden won the World Hockey Championship?
6. Which of the three heavyweight boxing titles (WBA, WBC, IBF) did Lennox Lewis not win more than once?
7. Who was the fastest bowler (by number of events) to reach $1 million in career earnings?

Answers
5. It was 2013.
6. WBA title.
7. Jason Belmonte reached that milestone in 2016 with character 131st PBA Tour event.

ROYAL NAMESAKES

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6. Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (Paramount)
7. The Big Sick (Amazon)
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR


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Oct. 20
Craftwork: Fall Title Preview. Please register at the front desk or call the Library at 479-474-4603 prior to the date of the event. The library invites you to Craftwork — crafts after work! Create a fall tapen tree to display this season. Supplies are provided, but space is limited. Register by Oct. 18. Contact 479-215-2400 for more info. Free. 6 p.m. Van Buren

Oct. 20
Halloween Movie Everyone welcome! Halloween is almost here! Join us at the Alma Library as we celebrate Halloween a day early with popcorn and a movie. Movie details are found on our website at onecreatenetwork.org, select the tab for the Alma Library, and click on the link to pre-view the movie title, movie trailer and synopsis. Free. 4 p.m. Alma

Nov. 1-2
Birthday sale for local families in need by donating to this year’s trailer and synopsis. Free. 4 p.m. Alma

PICKS OF THE WEEK

1. Spider-Man: Homecoming (R) – With Tom Holland in “Spider-Man: Homecoming,” the newest feather in the web of fun from start to finish. Holland plays Peter Parker, a high school student who is also Spider-Man. He’s looking for: witty banter, exciting action, and the cockiness and high-school angst of our hero without being overly sappy or beating you over the head with a merchandising message. You’ll be caught in the web of fun from start to finish.

2. Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) – Tom Holland stars as the young buck must hone his superpowers and develop his inner strength as Spider-Man in “Spider-Man: Homecoming.” For fans of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The story follows the young Peter Parker as he navigates the ups and downs of high school life and the challenges of balancing his personal life and his superhuman identity. Holland and fellow actors deliver a dynamic performance.

3. Wonder Woman (PG-13) – Gal Gadot as Diana (Regina III), a motivational writer on the verge of next-level success, books a job as a computer engineer. Easy, it seems like the right time for her to graduate college and to rediscover her youth and have some fun. This gets an in-depth look at Diana’s life, homecoming, and the truth of her identity.


5. American Gods Season 1 – (TV-14) – Find out about shows, movies, and the like.

6. The Big Sick – A Cups and Coffee conversation with author Chip cartoonist and evening of networking works! Donna.

7. Planet Hollywood – (R) – With Dina (Regina III), a motivational writer on the verge of next-level success, books a job as a computer engineer.

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New DVD Reviews in This Column Will Be Released the Week of Oct. 16, 2017
Kiss My Glass

The game has changed — all of them — and it’s now up to ownership. The fans used to cheer in the face at a Yankees game during migraines. A little girl was smashed him and subjecting him to a life of lives. A Cubs fan is suing because he obstructing a fan's view or sending a baseball to relievers who also threw 100-plus mph fastballs. A deflection is enough to reliers who also threw 100-plus mph fastballs. A deflection is enough to

Small Diet Changes Reap Big Results

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Tips

Getting ready to put up decorative lights for Halloween and Christmas? Energy efficient bulbs cost far less electrically than incandescent bulbs and are much safer than incandescent because they emit very little heat, containing no risk of combustion. They’re also more resistant to breakage and last much longer.

IN THE GARDEN (CONT FROM PAGE 5)

runoff and the lay of the yard. I would like a small ornamental tree for this spot. Any advice? I thought of a crab apple and even a columnar English oak. The oak is not ornamental! It’s a nice one on the Hendrix campus in a somewhat similar spot.

A suburban light might have a southern aspect toward the dogwoods, the serviceberry should have done fine. I don’t think it is the intense sun, but the poor drainage. I would not attempt a crabapple or oak in wet feet.

Redbuds are more tolerant of wet feet and might be a better option, but solving the drainage issue or digging before planting a tree would be better. We would very much appreciate your opinion on the following. A family has who plots next to my family plots at a local cemetery wants to plant a couple of dogwood trees between the families’ plots. I have to agree with this to do this can they do this. A representative of the cemetery advises against it, as he is afraid the roots will encroach on the markers and cause problems down the road. I hate to say no, but I lean toward taking on the advice of the cemetery representative.

First question is: is there water available for the dogwoods, and would this be what you would describe as shady? Dogwoods are shallow-rooted trees that prefer morning sun and afternoon shade. If they are going to be totally out in the open and left to fend for themselves, they will not survive. If they have a good location and care, they would be beautiful small trees, and would not typically cause problems uprooting things.

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Greek Pork Chops with Veggie Rice

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1 cup orange juice
2 teaspoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons dried oregano
2 cloves garlic (peeled and minced)
4 (1/4-inch-thick) orange slices
1/2 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
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Combine 1 tablespoon of the oil, 2 tablespoons of orange juice, 2 cloves garlic, 1/2 cup orange juice, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, and 2 cups fresh, diced vegetables in a blender. Blend until smooth.

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The devout cowboy lost his favorite Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later, a lizard walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn’t believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the lizard’s mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, “It’s a miracle!” “Not really,” said the lizard. “Your name is written inside the cover.”

King Crossword

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Adult rattlesnakes only eat about once every two weeks. It's not unusual for a rattlesnake to live 30 years.
**Q:** Please give me some scoop on the new season of “The X-Files.” The wait is killing me! — Valerie B., Toledo, Ohio

**A:** You and me both, Valerie. Well, we learned some more info about the upcoming 11th season of the what’s-old-is-new-again hit alien/sci-fi series, which premieres on Fox in January. First of all, remember that episode from the first go-round that creeped out everyone, “Home”? (Look it up if you don’t, because I can’t stomach rehashing it here.) Well, the actress who don’t, because I can’t stomach rehashing it here.) Well, the actress who played the under-the-bed monster that episode will be featured as four different characters (two of which are male) in an episode this next season. Also, as I mentioned before, this 10-episode season will consist of eight stand-alone mysteries and two mythology installments. We will get an episode that deals with the backstory of the Cigarette Smoking Man (played by William B. Davis), as well as one that delves into the life of Mitch Pileggi’s Skinner, who also will be featured more heavily this season. The question on everyone minds is where is William — Mulder (David Duchovny) and Scully’s (Gillian Anderson) son — and does he have plans to destroy mankind? The truth is out there ... come January.

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**Q:** I’ve been waiting and waiting for news about “Psycho.” I heard a while ago that they were bringing it back, but since then, crickets. — Elly W., via email

**A:** The cast of “Psycho” will be back — for a reunion holiday movie. As series star Dule Hill announced via video at the New York Comic Con, the much-anticipated movie will premiere Dec. 7 on USA. "In the Movie" reunites the cast of the original series, and also welcomes aboard newcomer John Cena. Fans at Comic Con got to preview the first 20 minutes of the movie at the “Psych” panel, and they were not disappointed by the tease.

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**Q:** I’ve been binge-watching “Girlfriends’ Guide to Divorce” on Netflix, and I love the actor who plays badass pastry chef Scott. Can you tell me more about him and where else I can see him? — Gina T., via email

**A:** Forty-year-old British actor Will Kemp had his breakout role in “Van Helsing,” with Hugh Jackman and Kate Beckinsale back in 2004, and has been working steadily ever since. The actor, who also is a dancer, co-starred in “Step Up 2: The Streets” and Lifetime’s “Petals on the Wind,” both roles showcasing his classical dancing training. Will also played Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley in the CW’s historical-fiction series “Reign,” which wrapped up its fourth and final season this summer.

Next up, he stars with my favorite kickass actress Maggie Q (have you seen her in “Designated Survivor”?) in the feature film “Slumber,” a supernatural thriller. The film centers on a sleep doctor (played by Maggie) who tries to protect a family from a demon that feeds on people in their nightmares. Catch it in theaters starting Dec. 1.

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Different, even with the same shapes or similar or, in some cases, completely different drawings that might be identical, very different, even when you're done, you'll have a pair of things that are referred to as a “pair” even though they are really one item.

For example, a pair of pants, scissors, tights, earbuds, etc. Things that are referred to as a “pair” become more skillful at distinguishing things that are alike and different. No wonder that even 3- and 4-year-olds and kids become aware of the use every day such as clothing and accessories come in pairs, such as mittens, socks, gloves, shoes, earrings and cufflinks. All play- ers sit on the floor in a circle. Place all items in the middle of the circle. An adult or older child hides one member of each pair of objects in rooms throughout the house. Work in pairs to hunt for the objects. As one is found, bring it to the circle and match it with its mate. See how many pairs each team can make.

Extra idea: Ask your kids to think of things that are referred to as a “pair” even though they are really one item. For example, a pair of pants, scissors, eyeglasses, binoculars, pliers, shorts, tights, earbuds, etc.

US Trivia Q. What is the age range for Millennials’?
A. Millennials, whom we define as those ages 18-34 in 2015, now number 75.4 million, surpassing the 74.9 million Baby Boomers (ages 51-69). And Generation X (ages 35-50 in 2015) is projected to pass the Boomers in numbers on a roulette wheel.

Source: pewresearch.org

Playing With Pairs
Let’s pair up, everybody! Sounds like we might be on a basketball court doing drills. Or maybe lining up for recess. Remember second grade? Lots of things we do and use everyday such as clothing and accessories come in pairs, and kids become aware of the combinations at a very young age. Even 3- and 4-year-olds like to help sort socks.

As children grow, they become more skilled at distinguishing things that are alike and different. No wonder that matching games like Old Maid, Concentration and dominoes are favorites from generation to generation.

Here are a pair of activities for adults and kids who enjoy matching things up. First find a partner, because in both pair directions on how to draw the object is so that when you’re done, you’ll have a pair of drawings that might be identical, very similar or, in some cases, completely different, even with the same shapes or designs within them. When one person is done, switch roles, with the other partner drawing a new picture and giving directions. Compare results.

ScaVenger Hunt
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DEAR WITS' END:

This can happen with any dog at just about any age, even if it is well-housebroken. There are a number of reasons why – from health issues to anxiety. First, get8 Scolds checked out at the vet to rule out any issues, like a urinary tract infection, that might cause a lapse in housetraining. This is something you should do anyway there’s a sudden change in a pet’s behavior.

Then you’ll need to clean the area thoroughly to remove as much of the pee smell as possible -- not just for your nose, but to stop Scolds from identifying the area so easily as a place to pee. If he’s peeing on carpet, you will likely need to replace that section as well as the padding underneath.

Next, reintroduce a stricter routine for a while. That doesn’t mean punishing Scolds for a housetraining mistake; rather, it means a tighter training routine for both of you. If you know the approximate time that he peed on the carpet, put him on a leash at that time and take him outside. Give him lots of praise when he pees outdoors.

If you’re not sure when he peed there, or can’t be at home at the time, crating Scolds during periods you’re away may be helpful. Don’t keep him in the crate for more than a couple hours at a time.

Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com. Readers of my booklet, “Fighting Fleas,” also available as a Kindle download.

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