

The Breeze

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Well, it's the end of July and summer has finally arrived in Pennsylvania. Sure hope the weather has treated you all better than it's treated us. Rain, rain, rain, for the past two months!!!! Sure have missed that Florida sunshine, but the sun's finally arrived here. Hope you're all enjoying your summer where ever you are.

I came across this poem and felt that it is food for thought, as we are all going into our older years, and many of us are faced with someone who has contracted this horrible affliction.



A POEM ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S

*Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you're near me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.*

*I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost,
All I know is that I need you,
To be with me at all cost.*

*Do not lose your patience with e,
Do not scold or curse or cry,
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different 'though I try.*

*Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone,
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.*

Unknown

ARMADILLOS IN FLORIDA



I don't know if you've read the reports concerning the disease that armadillos can carry. I had not, but Woody sent it to me and I feel that it is something worthwhile to pass on to you. Thank you, Woody Dail.

The report:

There are an unusually high number of leprosy cases cropping up in Florida. Experts believe the spike is due to people coming into contact with armadillos.

Florida typically sees 2 to 12 cases of leprosy a year, but according to the Florida Department of Health, there have been 9 cases in 2015.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, some armadillos are naturally infected with leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease. Armadillos are the only known animals to carry leprosy, an age old disease that causes skin and nerve damage. The CDC says it is possible to contract leprosy through contact with an armadillo, but that it is usually unlikely.

Leprosy is a rare disease, averaging 50-100 cases in the U. S. every year. It is spread through coughing and sneezing, but 95% of the human population is immune to the disease. The disease can lay dormant for months or years before the first signs of infection appear. Typically the first signs are skin lesions, and symptoms can progress to neurological problems such as psychosis and seizures. The prognosis for people who contract leprosy is usually good if the disease is treated promptly. Left untreated leprosy can be life threatening.

Although the increase is unusual, growing home development has removed a lot of their habitat, and now the naturally nocturnal armadillo are coming out in the daytime, and people working outside are getting exposed.

Experts are urging Florida residents to use caution and not touch the cat-sized creatures which are common through out most of the state.

Happy Birthday wishes to: Bill Hagan, 101 on August 31!!!!!!





Happy Anniversary to:

Larry & Elsie Green	August 2, 1958	57 years
Glen & Marilyn Tranbarger	August 7, 1949	66 years
Byron & Shirley Powell	August 8, 1953	62 years
Ray & Pauline Villeneuve	August 8, 1958	57 years
Pat & Jean Harwell	August 24, 1957	58 years

I have always thought that the aging process could be slowed down if it had to work its way through Congress. *President George H.W. Bush*

How does your garden grow?



Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Joyce and Carl Johnson the front of the park continues to impress. They have spent countless hours preserving all aspects of plantings. Huge thanks!!