

Bits of Home Chat: This month is going by awfully fast, it seems! Today we made our second trek to Pittsburgh for Carl's radiation infusion treatment. Good news, Carl has only one active area of cancer remaining. That can now be hit with the regular radiation. His PSA counts have gone down to about a three, from a16, due to the new medical care in recent months. We were both amazed when they told us that today, and we give all glory to God for this!

The weather here has been quite nice for October, so I don't want to complain at all! How has it been where you are? We have gotten enough rain to cause the grass to be mowed this week. Alan came over and did that for us. He also finished the railing on the smallest porch. He and our sons, and a daughter-in-law were all here one night this week. I happened to have gotten a turkey breast, so I soaked it in a brine over night and half a day, then I roasted it, made mashed potatoes, and heated some of our canned green beans and fresh applesauce for them. Wow, did we eat! We felt blessed to be together and to enjoy a special meal, for which we thank our God.

My knee surgery is coming up on the 28th of Oct. I had a scan done this week for some pain I have been having, and it shows a blockage between my kidneys and bladder. I was taken aback by that one because I thought it was something else. I sure hope it does not hinder my knee surgery. The pain I have with the knee is by far more debilitating. I am so thankful to know that God has it in control. I just need to draw up close to Him, and He will see me through. Carl and I are joking about being two old wrecks!

*I ran out of things to say, so I pulled these interesting facts up from the internet. Hope you enjoy them!

Otters "hold hands" while sleeping, so they don't float away from each other.

Roosters prevent themselves from going deaf due to their own loud crowing, by tilting their head backs when they crow, which covers their ear canal completely, serving as a built-in ear-plug. A study showed that their crowing averages over 100 decibels, which is roughly the same as running a chainsaw. ^z

Little is known about the elusive Giant squid, however the largest squid ever found measured over 50 feet and weighed nearly a ton

Koalas can sleep for up to 22 hours a day. Koala need more sleep than most animals, because their diet of eucalyptus leaves contain toxins, are very low in nutrition, and high in fibrous matter – so they take a large amount of energy to digest!

A Blue Whale's tongue can weigh as much as a car, or a small adult elephant. A Blue Whales tongue can weigh approximately 6,000 – 8,000 pounds.



Baby elephants suck their trunks for comfort.

The Giant Pacific Octopus has 3 hearts, 9 brains and blue blood. They are also able to change their color and texture to camouflage themselves in a blink of an eye.

Memory or focal verse: All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. John1:3

Verses To Ponder: Genesis 1:1-27; Psalm 33:6-9; Isaiah 45:18; John 1:1-3; I Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16