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## We are CHANGING OUR NAME!!

**KAMFES will soon be changing our affiliate to NEHA! So soon, you will be calling us KYEHA!! KAMFES/KYEHA (KY Environmental Health Association) member benefits will automatically transfer so no action is needed by members. More information will be available soon. Visit our website by clicking the LOGO!**



Dear Fellow KAMFES Members and Friends:

So I have been watching this TV show called “zoo” lately. It essentially is about a concerted and planned animal takeover of man. I stopped going into the ocean for just this reason. Not because of the TV show, but because I think for a long time, sharks have liked to eat fish with legs. But if its really a revolution of animals, sharks are such an obvious weapon and animals are notorious for being more creative by using disease in a multitude of fashions in this scheme. Mosquitos, ticks, birds and rabbits are all vehicles for disease transmission to name just a few in which it does not hurt the animal, rather the human. But in a unique wave of creativity put forth by the animal kingdom, the most recent strategy is the sly, low profile and rugged.....armadillo. Now I won't say I have gone out of my way to see an armadillo, but spotting the old 'possum on a half shell' is not a common practice across Kentucky unless you live in Western portions. In my experience, the most I have seen were sunbathing in the middle of Highway 68/80 somewhere. Most recently, the armadillo has been attributed to an increase in Leprosy (or Hansen's disease) in Florida. Currently the state has exceeded their annual average for cases and the year isn't over yet. Now, maybe that part of the story isn't surprising to you, but there's more. As it turns out this recent outbreak has taught us, 1. Some people eat armadillos, which is interesting and curious, and 2. If trapped or cornered, armadillos will SPIT their leprosy at you!!

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/07/22/spitting-armadillos-spread-leprosy-in-florida.html> So this piece of the animal take over plot includes a pesky and popular critter that SPITS on you and then you have leprosy. If they start using cute and furry things for stuff like this, we will simply crumble under our own voluntary need to cuddle and scratch their bellies. Stay vigilant my friends.

## Meet the Officers -President 2015/16

Dr. Gary Brown is a Professor for Eastern Kentucky University Environmental Health Science Program. He is currently serving as the President of KAMFES 2015/16 and will oversee the conference in February. Dr. Brown is an instructor for both undergraduate class work as well as capstone project management within the Masters of Public Health program at EKU. Thank you for your service!



### FDA recall list

Always an adventure keeping up with which products have glass in them and which just have nuts they didn't tell me about. Click the FDA logo and search for yourself. Stay informed!

Speaking of the ocean, I have wanted to visit Hawaii since I saw the Brady Bunch do it. Even that spider that crawled onto Bobby hasn't changed my mind. However, now may not be the best time to go. Recently, the heavy rains have done their part in filling the sewage waste water plants and allowing them to overflow and spew out of the manholes right in the tourist district of Waikiki. <http://news.yahoo.com/sewage-spill-prompts-closure-famed-hawaii-beach-073924139.html#> The most bizarre portion is, the signs of RAW SEWAGE, BEACH CLOSED and WARNING seem to have only moderate success in detouring swimmers. Some claiming, "we are from L.A., we are used to it". If there is one thing I have learned over my career, it is that the average person (in Kentucky anyway) doesn't want to see, smell, touch or discuss sewage in any way, shape or form. If signs warning people that the water is contaminated with sewage doesn't change people's minds, then maybe I don't want to go to Hawaii. Any place so beautiful it makes common sense go away, I'm not sure I need more of. But...On second thought.....maybe I just didn't think it through completely. Maybe these swimmers of the sewage KNOW....that even a shark won't swim in poop. I stand corrected and humbled.

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