

New In the News:

Lyme Disease Wakeup Call across the South

At the Georgia Lyme Disease Association, we've received literally hundreds of calls and letters over the years from citizens who contracted Lyme disease right here in Georgia. Patients across the South continue to complain that this disease is not recognized and treated early in our region, which can turn a potentially curable illness into a chronic one – one that may cause serious and permanent damage. Following are recent articles that made headlines.



Mississippi, February 13, 2010

Mother, daughter educate others about Lyme disease Spreading the word –Clarion Ledger

<http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20102130353>



Panama City, Florida, February 13, 2010

Family Calls It a Miracle – wjhg.com

A 21-year-old Panama City man whose been battling Lyme Disease since the fall of 2008 had a break through Thursday night and woke up from a coma. He was misdiagnosed as being schizophrenic, accused of being on drugs, and even tasered.

<http://www.wjhg.com/home/headlines/84266292.html>



Missouri, February 2, 2010

Univ. students tackle tick-borne diseases — Fulton Sun

Borrelia burgdorferi again found in ticks in Missouri

<http://www.fultonsun.com/articles/2010/02/05/news/340news04.txt>



**Fairfax County, Virginia,
February 2, 2010**

Student's research paper on Lyme disease ranks nationally

By Holly Hobbs | Staff Writer - Fairfax Times

A high school senior's research paper on Lyme disease is getting national recognition for proposing a method of early detection that cuts diagnosis time from a month to mere minutes.

Douglas said her research was inspired by three family members' struggles with Lyme disease.

"My sister and brother had joint pain, but my mom had more severe symptoms," she said. Almost half of the cases of Lyme disease in Virginia are reported in Loudoun County, where Douglas lives.

<http://www.fairfaxtimes.com/cms/story.php?id=1021>



Germantown, Tennessee, January 18, 2010

Family crusades against disease - by Maxine Hunter, the Germantown News

The Lee and Kelly Nanney family of Germantown are on a personal crusade to bring the dangers of Lyme disease to everyone's attention.

Their children, Wilson and Shelby Nanney, both students at Germantown High School, have been in a two-year battle with this disease and still have a way to go.

<http://www.lymedisease.org/news/index.php?news=318>



Kansas City, MO, January 15, 2010

'Kick It For Kelly' fundraiser benefits Summit County teen SHS student Kelly Secor undergoes daily medical treatment for advanced Lyme Disease in Kansas City -Summit Daily

When Kelly became ill in eighth grade, her family and doctors couldn't figure out what was wrong with her. After multiple years of undiagnosed illness, the Secors found out she had Lyme disease in February 2009.

<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20100115/NEWS/100119877/1078&ParentPr ofile=1055>



Kentucky, December 2009

Another Kentucky Researcher Documents *Borrelia burgdorferi*:

The Lyme Disease Spirochete, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, in Tick Species Collected from Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) and Opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*) Trapped in the Warren and Barren Counties of South Central Kentucky – *Western Kentucky University*

<http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/theses/118/>



Alabama, December 2009, Facebook posts

The heartbreaking story of Alabama's 13 year old Krymson Feazell who contracted Lyme disease 4 years ago while on a hunting trip with her dad

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54143460942&ref=mf>



Louisiana, November-December 2009

Endemic tick-borne infectious diseases in Louisiana and the Gulf South- J La State Med Soc. 2009 Nov-Dec; 161(6):325-6, 328, 330-1 passim.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20108827?itool=EntrezSystem2.PEntrez.Pubmed.Pubmed_ResultsPanel.Pubmed_RVDocSum&ordinalpos=2



Albany, Georgia - September 2009

Raising Awareness about Lyme Disease – WALB-TV

A smart area physician quickly recognized the illness in patients. Tick-borne disease researcher Dr. Kerry Clark and members of the Albany Medical Society, Georgia Lyme Disease Association, and Northeast Florida Lyme Association gathered to discuss Lyme disease in the Southeast.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kormoD_SwGI