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Happy Holidays from the Fincannon family and employees at A-All! This has been a busy year and is ending with an extremely busy December as all the wildlife now attempts to enter homes.

Last years mild winter and increased food supply from bountiful pecan and acorn crops has increased the wildlife populations thereby increasing the amount of pressure these animals place on entering homes.

With this population increase you also need to be aware of another possibility on the horizon, and this will give you some "Holiday Party Chit Chat". One of our contractor friends told me the other day that he was cleaning up brush at a deer lease and was bitten by a tick. He developed a red spot around the bite.

He contracted Lyme Disease which is caused by a gramnegative spirochete.

Many years ago I took a medical entomology course in Austin provided by the Health Department. At that time the incidence of Texas contracted Lyme Disease was very low. I remember as a child helping my dad with a lot of tick jobs in the 1970s. However, after the fireants moved in the tick control requests dramatically diminished. This was reinforced to me after seeing the information from the Texas Department of Health.

However, the Lyme Disease my contractor friend got and the experience I heard about last week from my dentist who lives in North Dallas and whose dog keeps picking up ticks on their neighborhood

walks is an indication another perfect storm is brewing in North Texas. That storm is tick borne diseases. Why? We have a better handle on fireants and now the tick populations are going to increase. Lyme Disease is found in the rodent population and these populations are high this year. So next year we have a good chance for an increase in tick borne disease in North Texas

How do you protect yourself? Believe it or not, insect repellents are always a good idea whenever you move around an environment where you are not protected with your own pest control and maintenance of areas that harbor these pests.

We can protect your property but when you go to parks remember to use an insect spray to keep yourself protected.

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Insect of the Quarter:

Tick—How to remove....

- **Use fine-tipped tweezers**
- Grab tick as close as possible to it's mouth
- Gently pull until it lets go
- **DO NOT twist!**



Lonestar Tick



Characteristic bull'seye rash of Lyme

Tick Diseases

Lyme disease is not the only disease we have to worry about. We also have diseases such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Q Fever that can be transmitted by the Lone State Tick.

This tick, to support a big population, needs a lot of vegetation on the ground.

Once again, it is important difficult for the physithat hunters, hikers and even a person that gets off a main trail at a city park use insect protection. You need to make a decision if you are protected before getting off that trail.

There is nothing good about any of the diseases that can be transmitted by ticks. It might even be

cian to determine that it was a tick borne disease because the tick might get its blood meal and drop off the body before you realize you had a tick on your body.

So use repellents all year round in these environments to stay healthy and safe.

More detailed info can be found here:

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