

OBITUARIES

James E. 'Jimmy' Adkins

September 1, 1937 - May 27, 1995

James E. "Jimmy" Adkins, 57, of Eagle Lake passed away on Saturday, May 27, 1995, at 10:48 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

He was born on September 1, 1937, in Chesterville to James Leslie "Jim Bill" and Frances Sramek Adkins.

Jimmy was a native and lifelong resident of our area and the first born child of James and Frances Adkins.

He graduated from Eagle Lake High and attended Sam Houston State University, earning his Animal Science degree.

He then pursued a multi-faceted career as county agent, rice and cattle producer and insurance agent.

In 1961, Jimmy wed Gerri Jo Halbert and they were blessed with a son, James Roderick.

Later, he married LaVerne Ann Griffin in 1973. They were blessed with a daughter, Theresa Lynn.

His favorite past time was golf. He often went to the golf course to relax and anyone who played with him or saw his scores, knew he had to be relaxed.

Another passion of his was the Lord. He proudly served him as a youth officer at the Lissie Church and later in life as a Lay Leader at the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father and wife, LaVerne.

Survivors include his mother of Chesterville; children, Rod and Theresa Adkins of Eagle Lake; sisters and brothers-in-law, Esther and Jim Ross of Houston and Mary Jane and Bob Thonson of East Bernard; brother and sister-in-law, Robert G. and Cathy Adkins of Center, Colorado; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, many friends and golfing partners and loved ones, including Chris Mateja of College Station.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, at 10 a.m. from the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Bailey officiating. Interment was to follow in the Lissie Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Dufany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Rusty Spalinger, Russ Adams, Ben Hancock, David Wayne Gates, Vic Corman and Frank Adkins.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to your favorite charity.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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N. Lake Baptist Church missionary lessons for April

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Third week: "The Holy Spirit and Revelation. God's spirit has played an important role in the daily affairs of humanity. The Holy Spirit is God's agent, and means, of comforting, guiding, teaching and convicting his children.

Fourth week: "The Holy Spirit, and accomplishment." Acts 1:8

Fifth week: "The Holy Spirit and cooperation." Eph. 4:1-6



Louise Brasher

July 11, 1912 - May 26, 1995

Mrs. Louise Veronica Brasher, 82, of Sealy passed away on Friday, May 26, 1995, at her home in Sealy.

She was born July 11, 1912, to Edward and Veronica Tomasik Marek in Seymour.

Louise was raised in Seymour and attended public schools there.

On April 25, 1935, she and Charles Clifton Brasher were married in Nada.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sealy and the church Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Rosie Vlasta, Sophie, Lillie and Antonia Marek; and brothers, Edward and Louis Marek.

Survivors include her husband of Sealy; daughters, Georgie Pilcik and Lois Frank of Katy, Margie Morris of Buffalo and Jo Ann Herbig of Bellville; sons, Raymond and Charles Jr. of Huffman, Benny of Pattison and Fred of Sealy; sisters, Annie Pavlat of Dayton and Vera Hough of Hangerford; 22 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m. from the Immaculate Conception Church in Sealy with Msgr. B.J. Zientek celebrating the funeral mass and rite of committal.

Interment followed in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

The parish rosary was recited Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m. from Knesek Brothers/Etinger Funeral Chapel in Sealy.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Knesek Brothers/Etinger Funeral Chapel of Sealy.

Pallbearers were James, Fred Jr., Clifton and Glenn Brasher, Mike Pilcik, David Morris and Travis Herbig.

Honorary pallbearers were Jeff McDaniel, Brent Gorman, Mike Strick, George Cincotta, Danny Salzman, Robert Davis and Kenneth Macat.

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The Holy Spirit and me. I must learn to take it very serious, what it means to be one in the body of Christ. It excludes, jealousy, envy, malice, race and prejudice. Eph. 4:5, states, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism. The Holy Spirit is the one who produces God like character in the believer. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Rom. 8:9.

For God has no respect of persons. The Holy Spirit will wash our minds from old habits, because the Spirit of God hath made us, and the breath of the Almighty hath given us life. We are living in the age of the church and the Holy Spirit. Let us not be spiritual ignorants, seek God, while he may be found, call Him while he is near. The rapture is sure to come, and the only security we have, is in God's word.

For instance, a teacher who retired with 30 years of service in 1960 currently receives a retirement check of \$580 per month. Under the bill approved by the Senate and the House, that amount will nearly double to \$1,099 a month.

The Legislature also took another step to help Texas teachers by tightening management controls over the Teacher Retirement System.

A report by the Texas Sunset Commission last year discovered questionable investment practices by the agency that administers teacher retirement, costing retired teachers \$1.8 billion in lost earning potential over the past decade.

The report also questioned high administrative costs for the system.

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Giant Easter egg hunt

These children were counting the many eggs which were found during an Easter egg hunt at Eagle Lake Middle School. Sixth graders and volunteers from the staff helped the Easter bunny hide over 1,000 eggs.

Photo Courtesy of ELMs



ELPS students enjoy reading

Third graders Hillary Torres, Russell Hadley and Michael Spears, along with all the students from Mrs. Kucherka's classroom, enjoyed reading and dramatizing the literature selection, Caps for Sale, with Mrs. Appelt who shared an hour of the day in Kucherka's classroom.

Reading for enjoyment is stressed at the Eagle Lake Primary School through D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) time library activities and textbook selections.

Photo Courtesy of ELPS

11th Annual 4-H Extravaganza held

The 11th Annual Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza was held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood on April 29.

Ten shooting events were open to the Texas 4-H shooting sports members including: 3-position smallbore rifle, light rifle, smallbore silhouette, 3-position air rifle, air pistol, compound archery, recurve archery, skeet, BB gun and running target.

This match emphasized fun and promoted shooting sports by introducing shooters to several shooting disciplines.

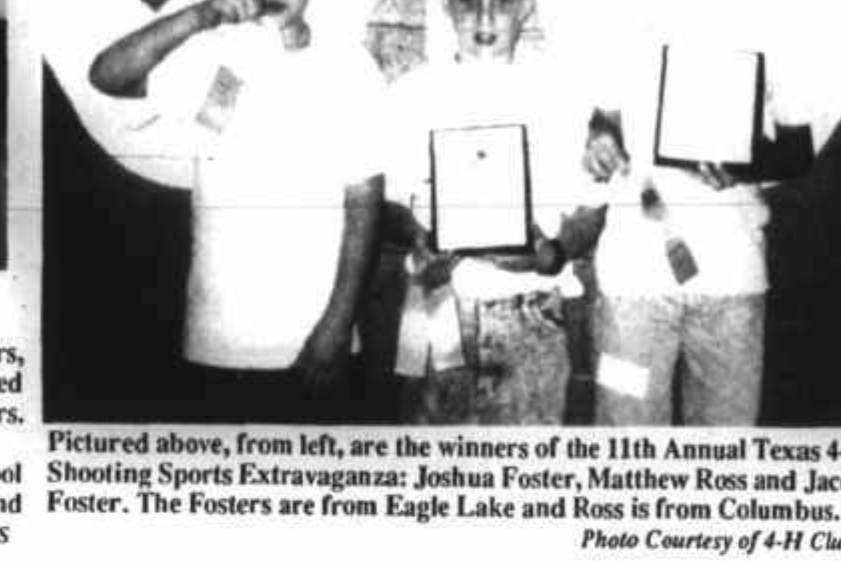
4-Hers were encouraged to try new events.

There were 335 4-H members from across the state participating in this year's Extravaganza.

Representing Colorado County were: Jacob Foster of Eagle Lake, third place first year sub-jr. compound archery, third place novice sub-jr. 3-position smallbore rifle; Joshua Foster of Eagle Lake, fourth place novice sub-jr. 3-position smallbore rifle; and Matthew Ross of Columbus, second place sub-jr. competition compound archery; fifth place novice sub-jr. 3-position smallbore rifle.

Jacob and Joshua Foster are members of the 4-H Field and Stream Club and Matthew Ross is a member of the Live Oak 4-H Club.

Coches for this event were Joe Foster of Eagle Lake and James R. Ross of Columbus.



Pictured above, from left, are the winners of the 11th Annual Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza: Joshua Foster, Matthew Ross and Jacob Foster. The Fosters are from Eagle Lake and Ross is from Columbus.

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Eye Allergy Medicine Approved

According to a recent report in *Pharmacist's Letter*, a new prescription medicine has been approved for eye allergies. The approved medicine is *Cromolyn*. The brand name for this medicine is *Crolom*. It is made by Bausch & Lomb.

According to the report, this is good news for physicians who previously had treated eye allergies with another cromolyn product that eventually was taken off the market. *Crolom* is approved for a severe type of allergy that is referred to as *vernal keratoconjunctivitis*. The report indicated that cromolyn probably also will be used by certain eye specialists for prevention of itchy, watery eyes, a common condition with eye allergies.

Cromolyn sodium stabilizes mast cells in the body, thereby preventing release of histamine and other substances that cause watery eyes, sneezing, and other allergy symptoms. This compound usually is less effective after an allergic response is already under way. Cromolyn is, therefore, used to prevent allergies. Prescription products on the market containing cromolyn include a nasal spray for seasonal allergic rhinitis and several products (a powder inside a capsule, an aerosol, and a solution) for oral inhalation in persons with asthma.

Benefits increased for retired Texas teachers

Texas' retired teachers will receive the largest benefit increase in history as a result of a bill approved by the Texas Senate and House.

Retired teachers have dedicated their lives to Texas and the children attending public schools. They couldn't be more worthy; the future of Texas has been in their hands.

An increase in retirement benefits is the least that can be done to care for them just as they have cared for so many.

The teacher retirement bill will increase benefits for all 128,000 retired teachers in Texas with an average increase of \$1,800 per year.

The amount each retired teacher receives will depend on the salary earned as a teacher and the retirement year.

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The bill approved by legislators will put the system under closer legislative oversight.

The changes in benefits for retired teachers and the management of the Teacher Retirement System were recommended by the Texas Sunset Commission, Comptroller John Sharp and legislative leaders.

The Teacher Retirement System remains healthy thanks to the faith of Texas teachers and contributions they have made.

Current legislative changes will make sure it stays that way for retired teachers, teachers teaching today and those who will teach young Texans tomorrow.

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