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The United Way of Eagle Lake recently distributed the funds they raised during their yearly fund drive. Pictured from left to right in back are Linda Lipperdt, Special Olympics and Children Protective Services; Dayne Liescheski, Colorado County Opportunity Center manager; Judy Pustejovsky, Special Olympics and Red Cross; Ronnie Sedgwick, Eagle Lake Youth Council; Steve Whitefield, Ministerial Alliance and Colorado County Youth and Family Services; Stephanie Merrett, Red Cross Service Director; Brenda Besch, United Way board member; Laurel Holden, United Way board member; Middle row, left to right, Joyce Stancik, Eagle Lake Salvation Army; Angie Herek, Opportunity Center and Special Olympics; Beth Lipperdt, Opportunity Center and Special Olympics; Jessica Burris, Opportunity Center and Special Olympics; Angela Duet, Opportunity Center and Special Olympics; Don Churchill, Branch Manager of Red Cross; Lena Ferguson, Eagle Lake Little League; Sherry Fruge, Special Olympics; Pat Curry, Red Cross Executive Director Rio Colorado Chapter; Lydia Contreras, United Way board member; front row, left to right, Roman Herek, Opportunity Center and Special Olympics; Ryan Zickhur, Opportunity Center and Special Olympics; and Lee Fields, Opportunity Center and Special Olympics.

### Eagle Lake United Way Distributes 2007 Funds

The Eagle Lake United Way recently distributed funds raised for 2007.

Special donations came from Ministerial Alliance (Local Relief), \$100; and Colorado County Special Olympics, \$50.

Funds were disbursed to the following organizations: Eagle Lake Youth Council, \$701.25; Children's Protective Services, \$536.25; Little League Operations, \$522.50; Local Relief (Ministerial

Alliance), \$1,100; Texana (Colorado County Opportunity Center), \$467.50; Colorado County Red Cross, \$220; Eagle Lake Salvation Army, \$632.50; Colorado County Special Olympics, \$577.50;

Colorado County Youth and Family Services, \$577.50; and project Phone Home (for military personnel), \$165. Totaling \$5,650.

The United Way thanks all those who gave.

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Willard Lange and Mark Anderson man the to-go station during the Eagle Lake Lion's Club barbecue held Sunday, April 15.

### Dr. Thomas Participates In Mentor Program

Russell Thomas, DO from Eagle Lake, participated in the Texas Statewide Family Practice Preceptorship Program (TSFPP), helping to ensure that patients in rural, urban and other underserved areas will have access to family medicine for years to come.

As a preceptor, Dr. Thomas spent one month with Laura

Olson, a medical student at UT-Houston.

This exposure allowed Olson to observe firsthand the challenges and the satisfactions of practicing primary care, and to examine Family Practice as a serious personal career option.

Since its inception, the Texas Statewide Preceptorship Program has enabled 4,912 clinical and 3,644 pre-clinical Texas medical students to work in the offices of experienced Texas family physicians usually for a month at a time.

The TSFPP is designed to promote medical student interest in the specialized field of family medicine.

An effective preceptorship

can promote students awareness of their clinical strengths and weaknesses, increase their self-confidence and facilitate their application of classroom knowledge to the problems encountered by the family physician.

Much of the success of the program has been attributed to its involvement with the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP).

TAFP is the largest medical society in Texas with more than 5,500 members.

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