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Farm Bureau to Shop for Ronald McDonald House in Recognition of Food Check-Out Week, June 1 in Bend

On Monday, June 1, members from the Oregon Farm Bureau Women's Advisory Committee will purchase food for the local Ronald McDonald House Charity at Ray's Food Place in Bend in recognition of Food Check-Out Week.

About \$400 worth of food will be purchased, using funds donated by county Farm Bureaus and the OFB Women's Advisory Council. Afterward, the items will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House.

Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week is devoted to helping teach Americans how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food. America's farmers and ranchers are committed to producing safe, healthy, and abundant food. And they share a common concern with consumers when it comes to putting nutritious meals on the table while sticking to a tight budget.

Members of Farm Bureau's Women's Advisory Council will be at the following locations:

10:00-11:00 a.m., Monday, June 1
Ray's Food Place
210 SW Century Dr. in Bend
Location contact: Anne Marie Moss, cell: (503) 551-4799

At around 11:00 the group will deliver the food to the Bend Ronald McDonald House
1700 NE Purcell Boulevard in Bend
Location contact: Anne Marie Moss, cell: (503) 551-4799

A March 2008 USDA report favorably supports the economics of healthier eating. Recent food price data show that prices for unprepared, readily available fresh fruits and vegetables have remained stable relative to dessert and snack foods, such as chips, ice cream, and cola. Therefore, as defined by foods in the study, the price of a "healthier" diet has not changed compared to an "unhealthy" diet.

Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week is aimed at helping American consumers learn how to shop effectively to put nutritious meals on the table with fewer dollars. "Learning to use your grocery dollars wisely ensures that nutrition isn't neglected," according to Mary Grimes, Chair of the Oregon Farm Bureau Women's Advisory Council.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment. The food will be used to help feed families staying at the House.

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