



Biking Safely

The Optimist Club of Stratford along with the Festival City Optimist Club held their annual Bike Day and Family Fun Fair on recently at the Allman Arena. The participants were challenged to an obstacle course, followed by safety tips at traffic lights provided by members of Stratford Police Services. Then they had their bikes registered and given a licence by Optimist members. Following that, everyone had his or her bikes tuned-up by staff from Totally Spoked. Helmets were then checked for proper fit and cracks, and if deficiencies were noted their owners received a new one from the Stratford Brain Injury Helmet Safety Program. Stratford Community Services staff provided games, a bounce house, colouring and face painting for the kids. Participants had the opportunity to win one of six bikes given away by the Optimist clubs. Pictured above is five-year-old Cassidy Pratt-Bishop the winner of a new bike and Paul Trottier, chairman Optimist Club of Stratford Bike Day committee.

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Bike Rodeo a great day of fun, prizes, bicycle safety

The Optimist Club of Festival City would like to thank the parents who took the time to bring their children to the Bike Rodeo held at the Allman arena on May 3. The last-minute change in venue and the rain did not dampen the spirit of those who participated.

Even though the conditions weren't ideal, approximately 100 children had the opportunity to participate in the bicycle course and

learn bicycle safety, get their bikes inspected, helmets adjusted or replaced and participate in the games and activities. At the end of the morning, six lucky children had their names drawn to win new bicycles.

We would like to thank the Stratford police, Totally Spoked, Summer Camp Leaders and the Brain Injury Association for helping us make this another successful event. Without

the support of the community, these events would not happen.

The Optimist Club of Festival City and Stratford Northwestern are hosting a Community Fun Day at Northwestern featuring a performance by children's entertainer Erick Traplin on Saturday, May 24, 1-4 p.m., at

Hope to see you there.

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