

■ **READY FOR DERBY DAY:** Avon stocked for annual Optimist event



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Brad Ricket and Pat Walsh brave the rain Wednesday to stock the Avon River with hundreds of trout from Rainbow Springs Hatchery of Kintore for this Saturday's annual Optimist Club of Stratford Trout Derby. The free event, sponsored by the Co-operators and the Fishing and Hunting Store, runs Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Pre-registration is at the Optimist Hall, 72 Water St., on Friday from 4-9 p.m. Fishing is between the William Hutt Bridge on Waterloo St. and the R. Thomas Orr Dam. Organizers ask participants to respect the property of William Street residents. Access to the river is prohibited through private property.