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## 2nd Open Streets Set For Friday

The Fit Kids of Southwest Oklahoma Coalition will host its second Open Streets event from 4-8 p.m. Friday, filling C Avenue from Southwest 2nd to 5th street with activities, food trucks and vendors.

After a successful first Open Streets in June, Fit Kids decided to get a jump on the next one. Ashley Green, of the healthy living program at the Comanche County Health Department, organized June's Open Streets and said even though the first one was overwhelming, the support from the community and participating organizations was astounding.

"Most events have some kind of nay-sayers or some type of issues," Green said. "We were real excited that everyone really loved the event. It was well-received in the community."

More than 3,000 people attended June Open Streets event and 60 organizations and businesses participated in the event by hosting activities. The October Open Street will have 74 organizations, some of which are returning from June's event.

"It's really great everyone wants to embrace creating a culture of health here and changing the culture of health here and the quality of life for Comanche County," Green said. "We have a lot of organizations that are making great strides and creating that culture here. We want to help move that along."

October's Open Streets event will have a similar feel to June's event. Organizations or businesses will have booths with activities set up in three different zones: active, chill and play. The zones are sponsored by MedExpress, and the whole Open Streets event is sponsored by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Almost all of the activities will be free. Green said some of the organizations have some big activities and will be charging \$1. There will be more food trucks than in June, and participants can buy a range of delicacies.

"It will be quite affordable for families to come and have a good time," Green said.

Friday's Open Streets will have a tailgating theme. Some booths will have classic tailgating games like corn hole and ladder ball.

"We want to encourage the community to come out and wear their team colors," Green said, "whether it's high school football, basketball, college, NFL ... whatever they like. We want to encourage everyone in the community to come out and show off their team pride that day."

When the coalition was brainstorming possible dates for the fall Open Streets, they wanted to make sure it was a night with few football games. Friday happened to be the evening Open Streets would not conflict with a lot of other activities or games. Green hopes having the event on a Friday will draw a more diverse crowd.