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# Fifth Grade Risco Student Receives Bicycle from Bernie Masonic Lodge

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**Fifth Grade Risco Student Receives Bicycle from Bernie Masonic Lodge** Bernie, Missouri. The Bernie Masonic Lodge gave away several bicycles to Risco and Bernie students as a part of the Bikes for Book programs sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Risco fifth grade student Jessie Blankinship was one of several students to received a free bike from the Bernie Masonic Lodge.

"We will be giving away bicycles to the Risco Public Schools and the Bernie Public Schools as part of the Bikes for Book program," stated David Gasser, Master at the Bernie Masonic Lodge. "The program is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Missouri."

It's essential to establish a love for reading early in life. Towards that end, Masons in Missouri are happy to bring the Masonic Bikes for Books program to students throughout Missouri's Elementary and Middle schools. The objectives of the program are threefold:

- to increase student reading and comprehension skills
- to recognize positive student achievements
- to provide an attainable goal, with life enhancing results

Students are invited to participate in the program, and each time they read an age appropriate book, their name will go into the drawing; the more they read, the better their chances of earning a bike and safety helmet, which will be

presented before the school closes for the summer.

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