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Miles Per Pedal

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Jeff Archer says he giggles every time he passes a gas station.

Archer laughs when he's riding his road bike from his home on Brawley School Rd. in Mooresville to his business, First Flight Bicycles, on Center Street.

The 18-mile ride each way provides more than just a way to save gas, says Archer.

"The \$8 a day I would pay in gas could pay for a nice lunch instead," he said.

Archer makes the ride, which covers 18 roads, at least once each week.

Craig Graham rides to work more often because he takes the Statesville Greenway.

Graham lives near the Greenway off Broad Street and rides his mountain bike three days per week to Kewaunee in west Statesville.

The ride is 10 miles

each way and takes him about 35 minutes.

"It's a huge stress reliever," Graham said. "With three kids, it's sometimes hard to exercise but riding to work has been a great way to do that."

Paul Chappin also uses his bike ride to work as a way to get in a workout.

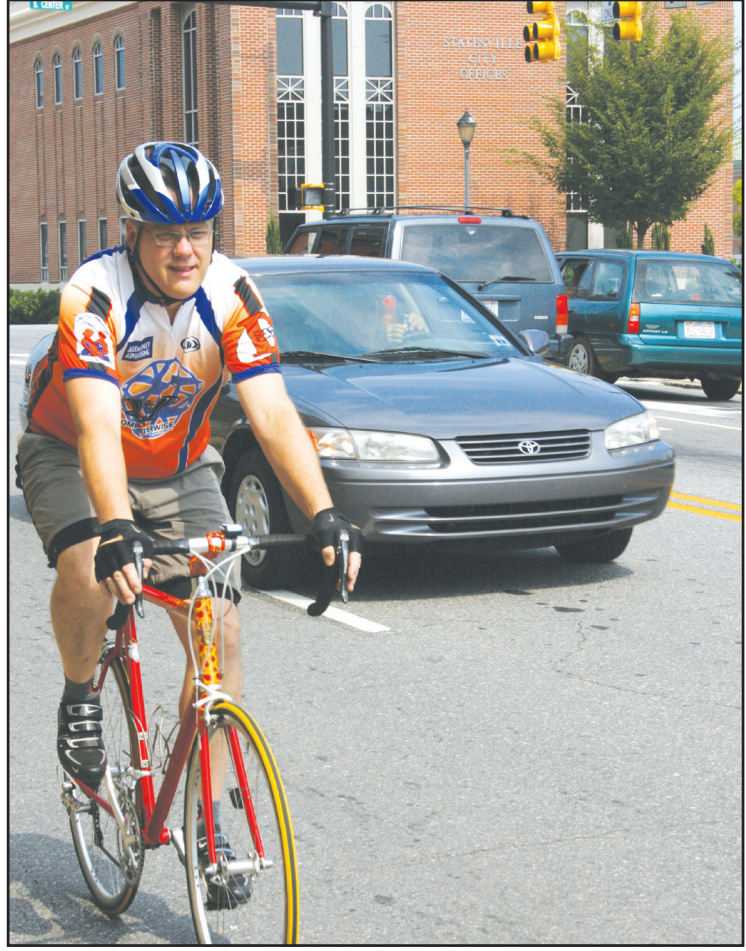
"I couldn't come home from work and tell my wife that I'm going to leave to ride for two and a half hours," said Chappin, who also has a two-year-old son at home.

Chappin rides from Statesville to Mooresville.

"I drive down to work, with a week's worth of clothes and my bike, leave the car, ride, and on the last day I drive home with my bike and dirty clothes.

"It's nice to have a car at work in case a shower pops up," he said.

While the price of gas has dropped a little over the past few weeks, Ar-



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Jeff Archer rides his bike along Front Street. Archer rides from Mooresville to Statesville at least once per week.

cher, Graham and Chappin each say they'll continue to ride to work.

"I can stretch a tank

of gas to two weeks now," said Graham.

"I don't plan on giving that up anytime soon."

The Progress offers an apology

The Progress would like to extend an apology to the Statesville Record and Landmark. Last week, Record and Landmark circulation director Bud Welch called and asked the Progress to "stop putting your newspapers in our tubes."

For this, we apologize.

Though Mr. Welch did not respond when asked which tubes were violated, we will honor the Record and Landmark's request.

While it could be that some nice couple walking their neighborhood put the Progress in the tubes,

we promise our carriers will not put the Progress in a Record and Landmark tube.

We ask that if you see the Progress in your neighborhood - it will always be in a blue bag - please leave it on the ground.

We've made a promise to the Record and Landmark and intend to keep it.

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"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."