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**24-HOUR RIDE AGAINST CRIME COMPLETE** — Taylorsville Police Department Captain Dennis James rode his bike from noon Friday, April 25, to noon Saturday, April 26, during the “24-hour Ride Against Crime.” He rode 208 miles around the A.C.H.S. track, concluding his ride at the Crime Stoppers’ Day event at the Wal-Mart parking lot. James raised over \$2,200 for Crime Stoppers. Above: Dennis concentrates as he makes his first few laps around the track with his wife, Shelia, riding along for support. Below: A.C.H.S. student Bridgette Neill greeted James with a sign reading

"24-Ride Against Crime...Thank you Dennis James" as he began his ride around the track at noon on Friday.



## 24-Hour Ride Against Crime raises over \$2,000

By STEPHANIE CASS

Captain Dennis James of the Taylorsville Police Department rode a total of 208 miles, raising \$2,238 for Crime Stoppers, during his "24-Hour Ride Against Crime."

Dennis rode his bicycle from noon Friday, April 25, to noon Saturday, April 26, around the track at Alexander Central High School.

Also riding were his wife Shelia and friends Gordon and Zane Knight, who rode in shifts, giving Dennis support and keeping him company throughout the ride.

The ride concluded at Crime Stopper's Day Saturday at the Wal-Mart parking lot where Dennis was welcomed by area residents as well as sirens and flashing lights from area fire trucks.

Dennis commented that he would like to thank all of those people involved in this year's "24-Hour Ride Against Crime" as well as those who donated to the local cause. He gave a special thanks to Mrs. Amy Pruet and her class at A.C.H.S. for their send off; Judy Feimster for collecting pledge money; County Manager Rick French for donating food; the local Police Department and Sheriff's Office for checking on him through the night; Shelia James, and Gordon and Zane Knight for riding with him; members of Crime Stoppers, and for all the people who stopped by to see him while riding.

Alexander County Crime Stoppers is a 100 percent volunteer organization that raises funds, through donations and fund-raising events, to assist local law enforcement. Crime Stoppers takes anonymous tips from local residents on area crimes, and gives awards to callers providing beneficial information for law enforcement officers.

In addition, Crime Stoppers has helped to purchase and maintain the Sheriff's office patrol boat used on Lake Hickory, and CHIP, the motorized patrol car, for school children to learn about officers and law-enforcement. The organization has also donated stop sticks, an in car camera, and tasers to the Alexander County Sheriff's Office and to the Taylorsville Police Department.