

'So lucky to have the Rail Trail'

To the editor,

Yesterday, for the first time, I rode my bike from back lot of fairgrounds to town on the rail trail and I was most impressed. Today, this 77-years-plus woman rode her over 20 year old bike — first to town for Scrabble and then from town to the terminus of the trail near Agway in Danvers.

I had walked on the rail trail before but hadn't tried a bike (had to get the tires pumped up first). We are so lucky to have that rail trail...it is mostly flat and the Topsfield end is very easy to ride on...it gets a little tough near the Danvers end...kind of rocky. Despite some drizzle, I saw geese, ducks, chipmunks, Cedar Wax Wings, Robins, and heard warblers and Baltimore Orioles. I had never realized that there was so much swamp between Topsfield and Danvers but it is very pretty.

The hardest thing is crossing route 1 but I have heard that there may be a flashing light installed there. It would also be nice to have a "curb cut" in Topsfield on S. Main Street.

Kudos to everyone who has worked so hard on that trail and I hope that it will continue all the way to New Hampshire!

— **Dorothy Wass, Topsfield**



Reed Brockman, a civil engineer with AECO, demonstrates how to build suspension bridges during Engineering Day at Masconomet High School. From left to right, are: Ali Nevenhaus, Tiffany M

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Twenty professional engineers were invited to Masconomet High School Tuesday, May 22 for the 5th annual Engineering Day to

class.
The engineering workshops, inspire the students to become the professional engineers.
Some of the students also return ev