



Lindsey Schust (keyboard) and some of the Ragged Mountain Band.

Ragged Mountain Band Performs in Zoom Concert on August 2

Features two new songs by Grace and Lindsey

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In place of the Andover-based summer events like the Fourth of July Celebration and the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair that have been canceled this year because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Andover Historical Society will present a one-hour (or longer) concert by Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, a local group that performs original material and a mixture of traditional Americana, folk, country western, bluegrass, and

folk rock.

To begin at 6 PM on Sunday, August 2, the concert will be delivered "live" over the internet to local homes via an easy-to-use technology called Zoom. There it can be viewed on home computers and hand-held devices. Up to 100 households can reserve "seats" in advance by sending an e-mail request to Treasurer@AndoverHistory.org.

Now in its tenth year, the Ragged Mountain Band includes, besides Lindsey Schust on keyboards, other members of the Schust family (Grace, Jim, and Jesse) plus several "friends of the family," among them Andover's Paul
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ezoidal fence that is narrow at the culvert and widens upstream. Shapes and sizes and overall design vary according to the site. The fence is made with cedar or pressure treated wood posts and concrete reinforced steel sheet fencing. The fencing and pipes allow water, fish, turtles, frogs, and other aquatic animals to pass through.

The fence structure is combined with polyethylene pipe which extends from the fence structure at the culvert upstream to a second structure which covers the end of the pipe to prevent damming. The pipe keeps the water flowing even if the beavers attempt to

dam the fence. The level of the pipe can be adjusted to the desired water level on the upstream side of the culvert.

The cost for a new installation is about \$3,000 depending on the site. For the past several years, the town has had a line item in the highway budget of \$1,500 to \$5,000 for Beaver Deceivers, which covers a new installation or any maintenance or design improvement needed.

Very little maintenance is actually necessary, due to the quality of the materials and workmanship. Many people think that sticks and debris that wash up against the fence have to be cleared regularly, but the device works with or without debris, as long as the pipes remain clear.



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ate the bank account for receiving and loaning Superfund dollars to address the "forever chemicals" in New Hampshire drinking water that have been linked to clusters of rare cancers across the state.

Frankly, little was accomplished legislatively, because the House could not agree to extend the deadlines for legislation, which had expired during the COVID-19 State House lockout. To suspend the House Rules and change the deadlines for all bills would have

required a two-thirds majority, and it failed to carry on a strictly partisan vote. Then, the House went through each of about 30 bills, one at a time, to vote on whether the deadline could be extended for just that one bill. Again, every bill failed to get a two-thirds majority, except a bill that now allows restaurants and breweries to refill half-gallon "growlers" with beer, regardless of whether the establishment's name is printed on the outside of the growler. Not an encouraging outcome, that only showed that most people seem to agree
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