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APRIL VERCH BAND TO CLOSE OUT MAC SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—The final concert in the Summer Concerts in the Park series this year features the old time bluegrass sound of the April Verch Band. This group performs on Saturday, August 17, 5:30 pm at Berkeley Springs State Park.

April Verch steps, sings, and fiddles with a fresh and feisty approach to deep North American traditions. Touring the world to share songs from her 12th album (*Once A Day*), Verch and her band – featuring bassist and clawhammer banjo player Cody Walters, and guitarist Alex Rubin – keep the community celebratory side of their traditional music at the forefront, honing a keen awareness of how to engage contemporary listeners. At the heart lie Verch's delicate voice, energetic footwork, and stunning playing, a trifecta of talents she brings together simultaneously to jaw-dropping effect. Even as she plays with the tradition she inherited in her native Ottawa Valley, Verch's energetic and breathtaking performances speak to the heart of roots music with mature and reflective songwriting, interpreting, and storytelling.

The Ice House, corner of Independence and Mercer, two blocks north of the park, serves as the rain location. Sponsors for the series are River Bend Family Medicine, SureStay Plus Berkeley Springs Inn, Heath Studio Gallery, Lot 12 Public House and The Naked Olive, with additional funding from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, and local hotel/motel taxes.

For detailed information on the concert series and participating performers, visit macicehouse.org or call 304-258-2300.