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Williams, Hoyer to be marshals of Ripley parade

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RIPLEY — Called America’s largest small-town Independence Day celebration, Ripley’s July 4 celebration culminates on Wednesday with a parade, concert and fireworks.

Most activities are on the lawn of the Jackson County Courthouse.

“Ripley looks forward to hosting this special day every year,” said Mayor Carolyn Rader. “We are rolling out the red, white and blue carpet.”

Little Patriots Hour at 9 a.m. features a cast of superheroes for kids. Appalachian Gold Drum & Bugle Corps will perform at the 10 a.m. opening ceremony.

Runners will compete in the 11:30 a.m. Firecracker 2-Miler Race.

Marshals of the noon Grand Parade are Medal of Honor recipient Hershel “Woody” Williams and Maj. Gen. James A. Hoyer of the West Virginia Army National Guard. Two-hundred entries are anticipated, including portrayals of Presidents Washington and Lincoln.

Entertainment on the lawn of the Jackson County Courthouse

features tribute artists. Ladies for Liberty, a tribute to the Andrews Sisters, will perform at 4 p.m. Parrots of the Caribbean, a tribute to the summer classics of Jimmy Buffett, will perform at 6 p.m.

Dwight Icenhower, an award-winning Elvis Presley tribute artist, performs at 8 p.m.

The finale is a 10 p.m. fireworks display.