

NOVEMBER 28, 2005

MEDICINE HAT CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS

Celebration to feature celebrity wheelchair basketball game, Mayor, MLAs, guest speakers

Members of the media are invited to attend a special event to celebrate the International Day of Disabled Persons on Saturday, Dec. 3 at Medicine Hat College (ceremonies, displays, and presentations) and the South Ridge Recreation and Wellness Centre for a Celebrity Wheelchair Basketball Game. The event features guest speaker, Wayne Turnbull, and entertainment by local singers, Annie Booth and Edmund Camphor. The local organizing committee for this event is presenting a certificate of recognition to Mayor Garth Valley and City Council for its adoption of an Inclusion Strategy and Charter.

The program begins at 1 p.m. in the foyer of the Medicine Hat College Theatre and moves to the South Ridge Recreation and Wellness Centre at 2:30 p.m. for the wheelchair basketball game. There will be displays by agencies supporting persons with disabilities from noon until 2:30 p.m. at the College. Transportation from the College venue to the Southridge Recreation and Wellness Centre is provided by Medicine Hat Transit's fleet of wheelchair accessible buses. Our City has the first full fleet of these buses!

Event details:

- What:** A celebration of the contributions that persons with disabilities make to our community, province, nation, and the world.
- When:** 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.
- Where:** Medicine Hat College Theatre lobby (noon to 2:30 p.m.) and South Ridge Recreation and Wellness Centre (2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Who:** Mayor Valley, Honourable Rob Renner (Minister of Municipal Affairs), Len Mitzel (MLA), and Shirley Dupmeier (Member of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities)

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