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MEDICINE HAT'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTED AT ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Heritage Festival – Saturday, August 7, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MEDICINE HAT, AB – The Esplanade Museum and Archives, in partnership with more than 30 local organizations, celebrate Medicine Hat's heritage with a public one-day festival on Saturday, Aug. 7.

"The festival is about acknowledging the past heritage of Medicine Hat and Alberta, but we also want residents to understand that their lives today will become the 'heritage' of a future Medicine Hat, so the event next Saturday highlights both our present community as well as that of days gone by," adds Pype.

This year's theme is "Exploration" and is inspired by the current exhibitions in the Esplanade Heritage Gallery:

- **Marking the 49th with Iron** – an archives photo exhibit chronicling the installation of iron monuments marking the border between Canada and the United States
- **Making Their Mark: The Land Surveyor's Role in the Peaceful & Orderly Development of Alberta** – an exhibition sponsored by the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association to commemorate its 100th year as a self-governing professional association

More than 30 heritage groups and organizations are participating in this year's festival, contributing to a full schedule of events throughout the day, including:

- Live music, dance and theatre on the Outdoor Stage and in the Studio Theatre
- Map Challenge by the Medicine Hat Interpretive Program
- Classic Cartoons in the Monarch Theatre
- Stories and films at the Library
- Tours of the Ewart-Duggan House
- Exploration craft in the Discovery Centre
- Vintage Vehicle Display
- Solar Telescope presented by the Medicine Hat Astronomy Club
- Free Admission to the Esplanade galleries
- Community Showcase
- and more!

The Festival begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7 and wraps up around 4:30 p.m.

The Heritage Festival at the Esplanade is a free public event that will occur rain or shine. All are welcome to attend, though children must be accompanied by an adult. For more details, visit www.esplanade.ca.

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