

Town to purchase radar gun, lights have arrived for display

By Monique Massiah
After talks with local RCMP, council deliberated using the Armoury as a location for a scooter operation training course at the Nov. 22 council meeting. A date has not been confirmed for the course. A number of complaints of excessive speeding in town brought to council has prompted the town to reduce the speed

limit in all alleys from 40 km/h to 20 km/h. "There are a number of the alleys where the traffic is moving at a very high speed," said Rudd. "A number of alleys are used quite frequently by pedestrians and people on scooters and delivery trucks. People don't seem to be slowing down." At the request of RCMP, council has moved

to purchase a handheld radar gun for local police. The instrument will cost \$2,900. This year the town received \$9,623 in revenue from the RCMP in relation to community law enforcement. "The radar gun will pay for itself in six months," said Rudd. The gun will only be used in town unless requested by RCMP for special purposes. The Dec. 27 meeting of council has been cancelled to accommodate council members during the upcoming holiday season. The town of Maple Creek has also decided to offer all permanent town employees a \$100 holiday gift. During presentations of committee reports, Councillor Andreas stated after a recent inspection of the Armoury boiler room

the inspector deemed the room too hot. "I don't know what to do with this. I don't think it's a code violation, but he just thinks it's too hot," said Andreas. Council deliberated insulating or ventilating the room with a fan. "We are seriously considering changing the system in a year or two," said Andreas. The topic was noted by council and a letter thanking the inspector for his efforts explaining the town's future plans will be sent to the inspector. Councillor Tina Cresswell reported that Tourism Saskatchewan will soon no longer exist as a regional organization. "It will be a central agency," said Cresswell. "Maple Creek will benefit from this." It is thought

the new organization will enable small communities like Maple Creek to request funding directly from the provincial government. Rolls of thousands of Christmas lights for the town's display in front of the hospital have finally arrived. The Christmas lights display will be organized by Katimavik volunteers Stephanie Morgan and Sebastien Poirier under the supervision of Michael Evan Smith of the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation and Maple Creek finance officer Diane Moss. This season the town has created a program called "Colour your night," which will feature a drawing and colouring contest for children from kindergarten to Grade 5. The contest will begin when the lights are

lit on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. Letters containing donation pamphlets will be mailed out to residents. Individuals are able to make donations to the light display at the town office. Donations of \$15 or more are eligible for tax receipts. Donation amounts listed in the pamphlet will also correspond with particular displays. Proceeds raised from donations will go to the hospital equipment fund. About 7,000 feet of Christmas lights have been stored in the town compound since Nov. 19. The town will be asking for the help of volunteers from the surrounding communities, rural municipalities and Hutterite colonies to put the lights on frames during the weekend of Dec. 3.



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Learn to self-publish at weekend workshop

By Marcia Love
Ever considered writing a book, but aren't sure where to start? Kathleen Mailer is here to help you start that new chapter of your life as an author. The expert in self-publishing will be leading a one-day workshop on how to write and publish a how-to book at the Assembly of God Church on Nov. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mailer has travelled across the country to pro-

vide her services to those who are interested in writing a book, but aren't sure where to start. "A book is never about a book, it's about life," she explained. Mailer intends to dispel myths of book writing that have turned many people away from it. "A lot of people think it's too expensive or they're too young or too old, or even that they only have their Grade 10 English and are not versed enough in

English for it," she said. "These are all myths that people have about writing books and it stops them from moving forward. But I'm going to dispel each and every one of them." The Calgary resident is an author, business coach and the founder and editor-in-chief of Today's Businesswoman magazine. The day-long workshop will focus on three main areas of publishing a book: the outline of the book, marketing it and self-publishing it. "By the end of it, people will have their whole title and topic for the book, and that helps them to figure out how to write it in record-breaking time," Mailer explained. Larilyn Mitchell, organizer of the event, said she

decided to arrange for Mailer to come to the community after her daughter, Melanie, found inspiration from taking her workshop. "She's already gotten her 16-chapter book ready to go to the publishers, so this just opened up any areas where she was stuck in her thinking," she explained. Mitchell noted Mailer's message isn't just about book writing. "She believes everybody has a story to share," she said. "Kathleen is an extremely motivational speaker." With about half of the 25 seats for the class filled, the cost will be increasing from \$197 to \$249 tonight. Anyone interested in taking the workshop can contact Mitchell at 662-3857.

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Dr retention fund discussed

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"It's hard to get the attention of somebody in government unless you have some cash in hand," said Councillor John Andreas. "I see it as an extension of our health advisory trust." The fund would be monitored by four or five members of the community and may require an annual contribution for the first three years from

local RMs, villages and towns. The fund is centred around the idea of requiring potential doctors to sign contracts to stay within the community after schooling in return for a tuition bursary. "What we're doing now is not working," said Rudd. Council agreed to the idea of establishing the fund in principle.



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