





## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS)



Smoky Lake County has changed the FCSS granting program. In order to access funding, organizations will need to apply funds to projects that qualify under Policy 08-17-01 using a prescribed application form and will need to submit a final report for each grant.

Example of Programs under the Policy include developing awareness with regards to social needs; helping individuals develop independence and strengthen coping skills; and, providing supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community.

Funds are still available for the 2012 year. For further information on funding, please contact Brenda Adamson, County Finance Manager.

## FALL CONTROL OF CANADA THISTLE



Canada Thistle is a common and widespread invasive species with high densities throughout Smoky Lake County causing major losses in pasture utilization as well as crop yield in cultivated land. Although a prolific seed producer, much of its reproduction is from its large creeping root system, which enables it to tolerate a large amount of disturbance throughout the growing season.

To eradicate Canada Thistle, any management program must target the thistle's roots. In-crop applications of herbicide as well as mowing will help suppress the plant growth, but a fall application of a systemic herbicide (pre or post harvest) provides the greatest opportunity for eradication.

In pasture, Canada Thistle infestations are most often a result of overgrazing and unsound pasture management. A multi tool approach — including correct stocking rates, sustainable grazing practices, mowing, fertilizing and herbicide application — is needed to bring infestations under control and eradicated. For more information please see:

[http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/canada\\_thistle\\_control](http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/canada_thistle_control) or  
[http://www1.foragebeef.ca/\\$foragebeef/frgebeef.nsf/all/frg1097/\\$FILE/Weedscanadathistle.pdf](http://www1.foragebeef.ca/$foragebeef/frgebeef.nsf/all/frg1097/$FILE/Weedscanadathistle.pdf)

Or, Contact County staff: Kurt Holdis, Agriculture Fieldman: 780-656-3730, email [kholdis@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:kholdis@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

Evonne Zukiwski, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman: 780-656-3730, email [Evonne.zukiwski@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:Evonne.zukiwski@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

## 2012 ASSESSMENT AND TAX ROLL SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Just a reminder that taxes are due by  
Wednesday, October 31, 2012

A 10% penalty will be applied on November 1, 2012 to any current taxes owing

If you are a property owner within the County and have not receive a tax notice, or have any questions please contact the County Office at 780-656-3730 or toll free 888-656-3730



## DID YOU KNOW ... Information on Safety Codes Permits



The Inspections Group Inc. provides compliance monitoring services in the building, electrical, plumbing, gas, and private sewage disposal system disciplines throughout Smoky Lake County. Applications are available at the County Office, on our website, or by contacting:

The Inspections Group Inc.  
12010 - 111 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0E6  
Phone: 780-554-5048  
Toll Free Phone: 1-866-554-5048  
Fax: 780-454-5222

\*\*If you are not sure if you need a permit, please call The Inspections Group Inc. before you begin any new projects. \*\*\*To avoid delays, please fax completed applications directly to The Inspections Group Inc. for permit issuance.

## SMOKY LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Consultation meetings to be held on the number of Trustees within Aspen View School Division. A proposal has been brought forward to restructure the number of Trustees from 9 to 7. Consultations will be held on Thursday, October 4 in Vilna at 7 p.m. and at H.A. Kostash School on October 29 at 7 p.m.



Town of Smoky Lake 24th Annual Great White North Pumpkin Fair and Weigh Off - October 6, starting at 9:00 a.m. Events will take place at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex.

Activities will also take place throughout Town such as the Seniors Garage Sale at the Seniors Drop-in Centre, and Studio 28 Art Show and Sale at the Ukrainian National Hall. Details at [www.smokylake.ca](http://www.smokylake.ca)



Vilna Quilt Show  
October 20 at the  
Vilna Cultural Centre

On Wednesday, October 31, please watch out for little ghosts, goblins and witches who might be crossing the roads



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