

MLA Report From the Office of MLA Mark Smith

February 4, 2020 - This last week Minister Shandro announced a highly anticipated and welcome review of Alberta's Healthcare System. The report, conducted by Ernst & Young LLP (EY), will look to maintain current healthcare spending while searching for greater efficiencies and more effective services for Albertans.

The review is the first in 10 years, since Alberta Health Services was formed. The report contains 57 recommendations and 72 savings opportunities to improve the quality and long-term sustainability of health services.

"The AHS review is a key commitment to Albertans, and I'm very excited about moving forward with implementation. Every dollar we save will be put right back into the health system to deliver on our promise to improve access and make the system work better for patients. It's about freeing up administrative resources so we can spend more directly on Albertans' health care." Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

The recommendations address four key areas: people, clinical services, non-clinical services and governance. The government accepts the report, with two important exceptions: there will be no hospital closures or consolidation of urban trauma centres.

Internal savings will allow more money to be directed to patients and front-line care, and will help free up funds for more surgeries while diminishing wait times. The report identifies a range of long-term savings initiatives with the potential to save between \$1.5 billion to \$1.9 billion annually.

Stakeholder input into the review process far exceeded

any similar projects that Ernst & Young LLP (EY) has conducted across Canada. Staff engagement included feedback from about 1,200 physicians, 27,000 front-line staff and 4,200 AHS leaders.

Over the next 100 days, AHS will engage staff and clinical leaders as it develops a long-term implementation plan. The successful completion of this AHS review will fulfill an important platform committed to cut administrative costs while increasing patient care.

I am also excited to tell you about an incredible opportunity to honour and recognize those who help keep our communities safe. The Alberta Community Justice Awards acknowledge the people and organizations involved with crime prevention and community safety initiatives. This includes youth justice, restorative justice and other community-based justice efforts that improve safety and well-being.

Nominations close February 28 and the 29th Annual Alberta Community Justice Awards ceremony will take place in Edmonton in June.

Finally, in regards to our oil and gas sector, we have been receiving some great news and even better numbers. Since being elected, our government has focused on attracting investment and sending a strong message that Alberta is open for business.

I am happy to report that the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers expects total investment in oil and gas will be \$37 billion this year - up \$2 billion from \$35.1 billion in 2019. This investment will support approximately 8,100 jobs here in Alberta and 3,700 jobs in the rest of Canada. This is in addition to the 533,000 jobs that Alberta's energy industry provides across the country.



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KOLT, Vera

On January 19, 2020, Vera Kolt passed peacefully at the age of 98.

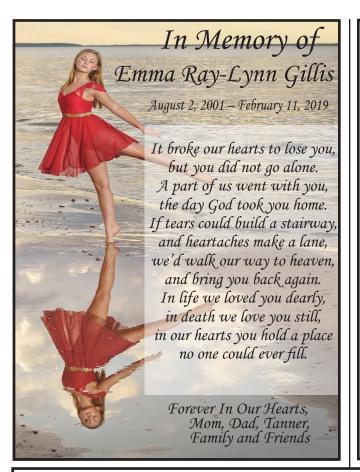
She will be remembered by her three children, Patricia Worshek, Carman Kolt, and Allan (Edie) Kolt. Vera also leaves behind eight grandchildren: Pam (Rob) Wenzel, Robert (Angela) Worshek, Trish Lafreniere, Valene, Carlene, Kaitlynn, Aydain and Christian Kolt. Vera was also blessed with eight great grandchildren: Jace, Rylee, Colton, Sydney, Coby, Brayden, Sam and Jaicob.

Vera was predeceased by her husband John, granddaughter Valerie, her parents Louis and Marianna Klotz, sister Eva Heidt, and brother George Klotz.

Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 8th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 4813 – 51 Street in Thorsby, Alberta. A private interment will follow at a later date in Warburg, Alberta.

In lieu of flowers, donations if one so desires may be made to the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery.

The family wishes to share their appreciation to the staff at the Leduc Salem Manor for the love and care given to Vera since her arrival in late 2015.



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If you ever require any information or for any reason at all!

Most sincerely, from all of us, Sue, Ruth, Nicole, Christina and Colin Bredin & Oreo...

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and food given upon the passing of our beloved
husband, father and grandfather. It means so much
to all of us at this sad time.

Special thanks are given to the following: Pastor Ron Flamand for coming to give Holy Communion at Christmas time, the comfort given upon Lawrence's passing and the beautiful service; to John Hawtin for the wonderful memorial video portraying Lawrence's life: the ladies of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the delicious lunch; Lori Dool for the beautiful casket spray; the Pallitive and Home Care nurses who helped us have Lawrence home until his last breath; Dr. Glenn Jeffrey for the home visit and numerous phone calls; to Cyril and Diane Dool and Clifford and Dianne Sather for their visits before and after Lawrence's passing, as well as the visits of numerous neighbors and friends; to Dean Green, Michael Mudry, Kurt Nahuliak, Shawn and Sheldon Sather, and Laurence Pawlick for acting as Pallbearers; to Christel Travnik for the touching poem she rendered; thanks to Linda Manning, Dianne Sather, Dakota Dool, Lori Dool and Michael Mudry for the eulogies.

We feel overwhelmed by the show of love and respect given to Lawrence upon his passing. Thank you so much. May God bless you all.

Shirley, Richard and Lori Dool, Michelle and Kurt Nahuliak, Dakota and Nakita Dool and Children



Bob Ostapchuk January 10, 1945 - January 7, 2020

It is with great sadness the family announces the sudden passing of Bob at the age of 74 years.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 51 years, Beverly, brothers George (Elizabeth), Reg (Marilynn), Marvin (Phyllis), nieces and nephews, Gloria (Bruce), Terry (Cindy), Sandy (John), Darcy, Jason, Darren and Charlene (Mike), great nieces and nephews, Justin (Taylor), Jennifer (Ben), Ryic, Garet, Chelsea, Noah, Korah, Ryley and Jimmy.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, January 16th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Thorsby Community Centre Cremation followed.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

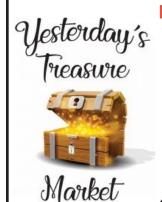
ESTATE of Virginia Rose Farwell known as Virginia R Farwell, Virginia Farwell who died on July 4, 2019. If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by March 15, 2020 and provide details of your claim with Marlow Henrikson, Site 428, Box 3, Comp.15, RR1, Drayton valley, AB T7A 2A1. If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

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All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers unless otherwise stated.



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Divine Liturgy Sunday, February 9th at 8:30 a.m. with Father Mark Bayrock. For more information contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

Winfield Public Market: Winfield Hall. Schedule dates from 11 am - 2 pm. Come have a coffee, eat at the concession & visit with our great vendors! Call or text Carla 780-621-1285 for more info. Follow us on Facebook for up to the minute details! Upcoming Markets: Valentine's Day Market Feb. 9th; Regular Markets on March 15th; April 19th.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MUL-HURST BRANCH - General Meeting: MON. Feb. 10 - 7pm. BINGO EVERY TUES @ 7PM.: (MEAT BINGO: FEB 11th)- 7PM. (VALENTINES THEME) COMMUNITY SOCIAL: FEB. 28TH- 7PM New Members always welcome! Marion 780-935-6281

Warburg Cultural Society Annual General Meeting will be held on February 18, 2020 at the Warburg Cultural Centre at 5120-52 ave, Warburg, ab at 7 pm. call 780 848 2916 for more information.

Thorsby Seniors Music Jam will be The next Jam will take place on February 19th (the third Wednesday of each month.) Starts at 7:30 pm and a light lunch will be provided midway. Admission \$5 and entertainers are free. Both music jammers and listeners are encouraged to come and have an evening of a fun time.

Emergency Town & City Meetings Of all Alberta Patriots - Constitutional Conventions Alberta To Be Republic of Alberta. Let your voices be heard! Please come and be educated on the solution to take back our power without a political party to govern ourselves. We the people, For the people, By the people! Enough is Enough! Thorsby Community Center Feb 22, 2020. From 7 pm to 9 pm. (Call for more info 780.360.5309)

Winter Afternoon at Rundle's Mission on Sunday Feb. 23rd from 1-4 pm. Enjoy a hot dog and hot choc around an outside fire. Talk a walk, snowshoe or cross-country ski (bring your own equipment) on the trails. Ski-waxing clinic at 1 pm with Michael Black. Ev-

eryone welcome. For info call 780-389-2422 or info@rundlesmission.org

Garage and Vendor Sale in the Sunnybrook Hall, Saturday, March 21, doors open at 10:00 til 4:00. To book a table, text or call Cheryl @780.920-1950. A table is \$10 each with limited space. Concession will be available.

We invite the community of Thorsby and surrounding areas to attend the **Philippian Friendship Church.** We are located at 4916A Hankin Street in Thorsby. Tuesday night Bible Study at 7 pm, Wednesday Praise and Worship 7 pm, Thursday Night Youth Group 7 pm, Friday Night Bible Study 7 pm, Saturday Night Prayer 6pm. Sunday morning service at 9:30 am and 6 pm. Office hours Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 am - 3 pm. Rev. Warrick Pollard.

HAVE YOU HEARD? Over the upcoming year Warburg Alliance Church, 4628-55 Ave, is offering a variety of EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENTS! Something for everyone! email: WAChurch.Betty@gmail.com Betty Desjarlais (403) 418-5266 Cell Upcoming Events: Mother's Day Tea - May 9th, \$5/adult, \$2.50/under 10. 2 - 4pm - photo booth, luncheon, gifts for Moms. Please note that the following event has been cancelled: FEB 14/20 VALENTINES DINNER Masquerade Murder Mystery.

Warburg Museum - Re-opened Feb. 1st. Open every Saturday (excluding long weekends). Stop in for pie and coffee from 1 - 4 pm.

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Municipal Library) or call 780-789-3808.

Thorsby Crib Nights - Need new players! Crib Nights at the Arctic Spas Rec Centre are held every Wednesday at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Thorsby Bingo - Bingo is held every Thursday evening at the Senior's Centre. Regular Bingo starts at 7:15 p.m. Early Bird is at 7:00 p.m. Loonie Pots and Progressive Bingos. Everyone is welcome!

Friday Night Crib at the Thorsby Senior's Centre - Every Friday night at 7 p.m. All ages welcome!!!

FUN & EXERCISE Sandholm Modern Square Dance Club welcomes new members, YOUTH, COUPLES and SINGLES. Dancing every Thursday from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. Sandholm Hall (10 Miles south of Thorsby) For more information call 780-389-2381 or 780-387-4927

Mulhurst Bay Seniors - Our weekly Floor Curling started on Oct. 16/19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Mulhurst. For more info please contact me: Eileen MacDonald (Secretary) at 780-389-3333.

Wilton Park Community Centre Monthly Jamboree - 4th Saturday of every month from October - April excl. Dec. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Jam at 7:30 pm. For more info call Ron at 780.985.2478

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Thorsby Senior's Soup & Sandwich Day at the Senior's Centre is on the second Wednesday of every month. Five dollars will buy you a bowl of soup, a sandwich, a coffee, tea, or juice. Enjoy all this between 11:30-1:30 pm. Birthday Party follows at 1:30 pm. Everyone Welcome!

Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement - For concerns or inquires email bylaw@thorsby.ca or call 780.789.3935 Ext. 28

Thorsby Community Centre - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our website ttcahs.yolasite.com .

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Morrowdale Community Hall - For bookings call Elaine at 780-789-2104.

Mulhurst Legion #246 Call: Marie 780-361-

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Genesee Community Hall - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

Glen Park Hall - For bookings call Mike at 780-919-1250.

Sandholm Community Hall - For hall bookings call Doris 780-389-2381.

Sunnybrook Hall - For bookings call Cheryl Krawiec @ 780-789-3193 or 780-920-1950. Sunnybrook Hall Meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Telfordville Hall - For bookings call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5:00 pm.

Thorsby Senior's Centre rentals. Call Cathy Kuzio 780-719-7124.

Rundle's Mission - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or www.rundlesmission.org .

Strawberry Community Hall - Call Ollie at 780-789-2180.

Warburg Senior's Centre rentals. Call Nancy/ Allan Gruninger 780-848-7756. \$75 per rental, \$50.00 damage deposit refundable after inspection.

Wilton Park Community Centre - For Hall Bookings or Information call Aileen at 780.850.9607.

Winfield Legion is available to rent. Keep eyes open for a list of upcoming social events. Rental Inquiries - Call Gordon 780-542-1243 Or Mona 780-682-3905

Warburg Cultural Society meets quarterly at the Warburg Cultural Centre at 7:00 pm. Our meetings are Feb 18, 2019 (AGM); May 20, 2019. Call Linda McLaughlin @780 848 2916 or Helen Spasoff @780 848 2944. Call Helen for rental of the facility, tables, tablecloths, wine glasses. Call us to see our new kitchen and other renovations!

Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church Mass times are at 9:00 am every Sunday until further notice

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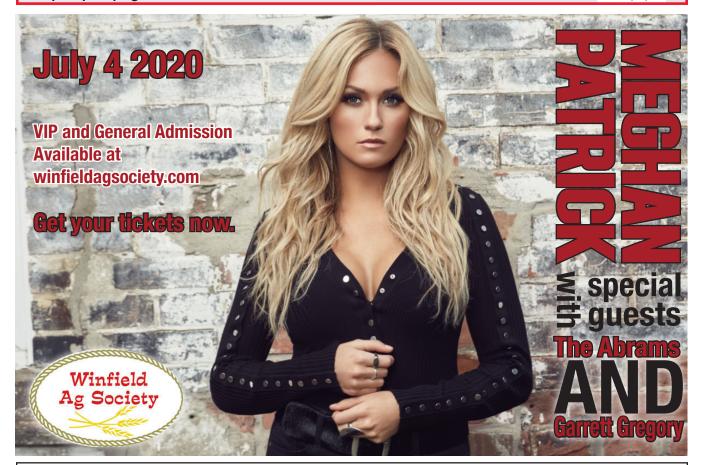
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Straight Out of Thorsby

From the County of Leduc, from Alberta and Canada, from Singapore to the U.K., from Australia to Holland, from the USA to Panama, Thorsby graduates are making a difference. This is the 52nd installment in a series of profiles which indicate what a small school and community can produce.

The people who conduct the interviews are Audrey Brosseau and John Elson. If you have. suggestions please contact John at 780-789-3822 or Audrey at 780-886-0658.

RON ZINGEL Class of '71 (Part 2 of 2)

After graduating from THS, I went to the University of Alberta where I studied Computer Science. I graduated in the spring of 1975 with an Honors B.Sc. (First Class) in Computer Science. In June 1975, I moved to Calgary and started working with Amoco Canada Petroleum Company (I had interviewed with Amoco in January of that year during the campus recruiting season).

Computing was quite different in the mid-70's. My initial training at Amoco included working in the operations area and the IBM 360 mainframe computer and writing programs in languages like IBM assembler, Fortran, and Cobol. Our coding sheets would be sent to the keypunch group, where the programs were converted onto punch cards. We'd then give the card decks to the operations group, who would load the cards into the mainframe, and we'd wait for the output. Since our programs were just training exercises, they received a much lower priority than production jobs. Sometimes it took a week to get the printed output, so you hoped you didn't make any silly mistakes!

After my training was complete, I was assigned to the field automation area. Our small group supported Interdata minicomputers that monitored (and provided rudimentary control) of production operations in places like Swan Hills, Crossfield, and Drayton Valley. The machines themselves were anything but mini, with the machines and the associated radio telemetry devices taking up four or five cabinets along the wall of an airconditioned computer room. However, they were VERY primitive: they had 56 kilobytes of main memory, 256 kilobytes of magnetic drum storage, paper tape for input and output, and dip switches on the control panel if you had to restart the machine after a serious failure. Programs were written in Interdata assembler language,

and the limited storage meant we'd regularly review our programs and declare it a successful day if we found a way to rewrite them to save a few bytes. During that time, Amoco started an oil sands pilot project at Gregoire Lake, just south of Fort McMurray. I wrote an interesting program that controlled the movement of temperature probes up and down observation wells. Unfortunately, the project, which involved heating the formation through stimulation wells so the oil and sand could be produced through production wells, was ahead of its time and was abandoned. With today's directional drilling technology and other innovations, SAGD (steam assisted gravity drainage) projects provide the vast majority of the oil produced from the oil sands.

After my next assignment, supporting an economics evaluation application, I moved into supervisory roles in both application development and infrastructure support. Highlights included:

- Supporting the development of a suite of NGL marketing applications that automated the entire NGL value chain from production through accounting. The natural gas liquids business (which includes ethane, butane, and propane) is a fascinating business that includes transporting NGLs from Alberta to the Sarnia area in Ontario in batches in oil pipelines, storing the liquids in underground salt caverns, and using them in the petrochemical industry, heating, and crop drying.
- Providing infrastructure support through two mergers (Amoco/Dome and Amoco/BP) and several outsourcing initiatives.
- Ensuring infrastructure hardware and software was Y2K compliant, and being on call the night of December 31, 1999 to ensure no issues occurred when the clock ticked into the new millennium. We had a jump on it since we could follow how company operations in locations like Australia and the Middle East fared with the change.
- Supporting business disposition activities such as the sale of the Rangeland Pipeline System and the Edmonton Ethane Extraction Plant, as well as the two major dispositions that occurred in Canada in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon disaster (the NGL business was sold to Plains Midstream and the production business was sold to Apache Canada). It's a significant challenge converting PCs, servers, and telecom networks from one company to another overnight.
- An assignment as the Global Service Desk Manager, providing oversight to externally sourced service desks (IBM was the major provider) who supported 60,000 BP users in the Americas and Europe.
- A rotation at one of the operations centers (in Mobile Alabama) set up to oversee cleanup operations in the Gulf of Mexico following the Deepwater Horizon incident. We ensured the operations center people (700 or

so during peak hours) had all the computer support they needed. It was amazing to see people from BP, the US Coast Guard, NOAA, and various gulf state and federal organizations come together almost overnight and work together to coordinate clean-up activities.

• Ensuring our computing infrastructure in the Calgary BP Centre was successfully remotely shut down when the 2013 Calgary flood occurred and restarted remotely when the waters receded. Calgary office staff worked from their homes for a significant period of time until it was safe to get back to the office.

After the sale of such a large part of the Canadian business following the Deepwater Horizon incident, it was determined that the infrastructure support I was doing could be handled by a person in another BP location. This resulted in my retirement on March 31, 2015, just two months short of forty years with Amoco/BP. It was quite a ride! I met a lot of great people from around the world and got a chance to visit locations like Toronto, Chicago, Houston, Anchorage, London (England), Greenock (Scotland), Lisbon, and Bangalore (India).

I kept active in sports while I was working, with golf and fastball during the summer and curling in the winter. It was through curling that in 1987 I met my future wife. One of the guys I curled with arranged a birthday party for his girlfriend Linda at a restaurant in downtown Calgary. Linda was a corporate sales rep for Air Canada and one of her clients was Janice Marshall, the travel supervisor at Petro Canada. Linda introduced me to Janice that night and, as they say, the rest is history! Janice and I were married in May 1989. Janice is a native Calgarian who worked in wholesale and retail travel before joining Petro Canada to manage its corporate travel. We have a daughter Vanessa, born in 1991, and a son Reid, born in 1993. Vanessa is engaged, and Reid is still single. Vanessa has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from UBC and is working on a second book. She also attended Bow Valley College and has worked as a Pharmacy Technician. Reid graduated from SAIT with a diploma in Broadcast Systems Information Technology, but could not find employment in the field following graduation so he worked at a golf course in New Zealand for a year and travelled throughout Southeast Asia. He returned home, worked for a year, and then travelled through Europe for a couple of months. He worked on a farm outside of Tromso Norway before returning to Calgary last October. Janice and I have been fortunate to travel quite a bit since I've retired, and we both work at staying fit so we can continue to enjoy a healthy retirement for as long as we can.

As I look back over my 66 years, there are a few pieces of advice I can offer young people today:

- No matter what task you're given, do your best. I'm confident it helped me enjoy such a long and successful career. Following one of the many restructurings we went though, my manager referred to me as one of his rocks, someone he could depend on regardless of what was needed.
- Control what you can control, influence what you can influence, and try not to worry about the rest. Spending time fretting about things you cannot control can eat you alive.
- Life will throw you curve balls from time to time. Often the only thing you can control is how you respond to them. Stay positive instead of being negative or angry.
- Don't take your health for granted. Eat well, exercise regularly, and manage your stress. The goal is to make the quality of life equal to the quantity of life.
- Give back. Volunteering not only helps your community, but it is extremely satisfying and rewarding to you personally. As I scanned through some of the backissues of the Thorsby Target, I noticed the names of a lot of people who were involved in community activities when I was in school, and who are still volunteering. It's that kind of spirit that makes a community a community.

I still get back to the Thorsby area occasionally since Mom and Dad live in Leduc, as does one of my brothers. My cousin Darryl Hostyn still lives in Thorsby, and his brother Lorne has a cabin at Pigeon Lake on Sandholm Beach. We've used Lorne's cabin the past few years as the base for a golf weekend in June, and we usually go through Thorsby. It's nice to see the town is growing, and a trip down main street brings back lots of memories.



Ron and his family



Wednesday Crib Results

The winners of the January 29th Wednesday Crib Night were:

1st Place - George Yawney with 943 2nd Place - Orest Fitzowich - 936 3rd Place Rod Blair - 932 Low - Elaine Blair - 810 High Hand - Eugene Senio with 24.

Wednesday Crib Night takes place in the Arctic Spas Rec Complex Craft Room from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, every Wednesday. Everyone welcome!

Friday Crib Results

The winners of the January 31st Friday Crib Night were:

1st Place - Phyllis Yawney - 923 2nd Place - Charlene Godwin - 921 3rd Place - George Yawney - 920 High Hand was spit between Phyllis Yawney and Ross Pharis both wth 21.

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Backgrounder

What is the Leduc Beaumont Devon Primary Care Network?

The Leduc Beaumont Devon Primary Care Network (LBD PCN) provides services for patients in the cities of Leduc and Beaumont, town of Devon and all communities in Leduc County. A group of 56 family physicians in 13 clinics along with additional healthcare professionals (nurses, dietitians, an exercise specialist, behavioural health consultants and mental health clinicians) work together to improve primary care for our patients. The LBD PCN offers support to our patients through the following services:

- Health promotion and disease prevention
- Diabetes management
- Weight management
- Nutrition concerns
- Exercise and activity support
- Mental health support

- Tobacco reduction and cessation
- Health education classes and workshops
- Senior care
- Specialty clinics
- Referral coordination
- After-hours clinics in Leduc and Beaumont

Primary Care Networks (PCNs) use a collaborative team approach to provide care for patients and to coordinate primary health care services provided by family physicians, Alberta Health Services and other health care professionals.

PCNs are a way to provide team support for family doctors by bringing teams of health professionals together; doctors, nurses, dietitians, social workers, mental health professionals, pharmacists, occupational and respiratory therapists and others. PCNs also manage 24-hour patient access to appropriate primary care services.

What are Primary Care Networks?

PCNs are a made-in-Alberta approach to improving access to and better coordination of care for patients across the province. In a PCN, a group of family doctors working with a multidisciplinary team and Alberta Health Services coordinate health services for patients. A PCN is not necessarily a bricks and mortar building – it is a network of doctors and other health providers such as nurses, dietitians, mental health professionals, therapists, pharmacists and others working together to provide primary health care to patients.

A PCN can be comprised of one clinic with many physicians and support staff, or several doctors in several clinics in a geographic area. Each network has the flexibility to develop programs and to provide services in a way that works locally to meet the specific needs of patients. This is done within the provincial Primary Care Initiative framework. The flexibility to develop local solutions to local health issues makes each PCN unique and encourages the PCN team to focus on the needs of the local patient population.

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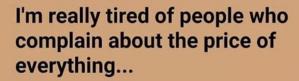






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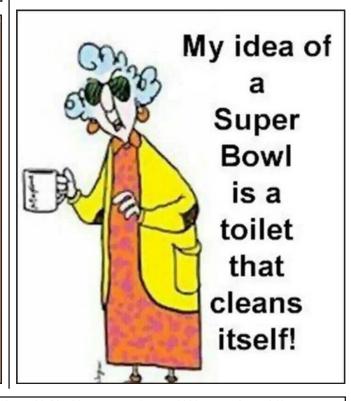


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