

Here Are Local News Stories Making Headlines from December 30, 2025 to January 14, 2026



From left, Olds mayor Dan Daley and Sylvia Harder, vice-president of the Olds Healthcare Fundraising Committee deliver gifts to dad Tristan Klassen (second from right) and mom Briana, parents of Dane, the 2026 Olds Hospital and Care Centre's New Year's Baby. Missing: Olds & Area Pregnancy Support Centre (OAPSC) volunteer coordinator Stella Johnston and OAPSC volunteer Melanie Miller. Doug Collie/MVP Staff

Council News

Olds council debates paving or gravelle**d pathways**

Coun. Mary Anne Overwater asked whether it's policy to pave all pathways or could at least some be gravelled

Year-in-Review: Olds Mayor Dan Daley reflects on busy 2025

Olds Mayor Dan Daley said town council is doing their best to ensure that they build a foundation today so that it can be a strong community moving forward.

2025 Olds municipal election debrief: 'Bring back tabulators

Election featured two people running for mayor and 15 for six council seats "so it was a lot," said Olds returning officer

Community News

[Olds faces water pipe concerns too, but not as big as Calgary's](#)

"We do face similar problems as Calgary, with aging infrastructure in our water and sanitary systems but the scale of our issues is much smaller than Calgary's."

"One example being is that we have no water pipes near as large as the Bearspaw feeder main, so breaks that happen here, do not cause that level of damage and disruption."

Williams noted that for the past three years, the number 1 focus for Olds staff has been to curb water inflow and infiltration.

[Olds selected for data centre project, jobs expected by 2026](#)

A private-sector data centre project is planned for the Town of Olds, with the developer projecting up to 150 permanent jobs and up to \$300 million in initial investment, according to a news release issued by the town.

Data District Inc. plans to develop a data centre campus in Town of Olds, with commercial operations expected to begin in the second half of 2026.

[Olds Humane Society website up and running, planning underway to fetch shelter facility](#)

The Olds Humane Society has a goal of raising \$150,000 and working with the town to eventually have a permanent shelter facility in Olds.

Fundraiser Coordinator Abbie Cummings notes that right now they have a lot of foster families that are helping to take care of their animals. She says "so we are looking for foster families or screening for foster families and you can contact us through the [Olds Humane Society on Facebook](#) or you can also find us, we just got our web page up and running, so that is [oldshumanesociety.com](#)."

[Mobile mammography trailer coming to Olds in January and February](#)

Primary Care Alberta's mobile mammography service is coming to Olds.

The screen test program will be in the town of Olds at the Olds Hospital (3901 57 Avenue) from Jan. 28-31 and Feb. 2-4.

[Olds hospital's New Year's baby arrives two days after Jan. 1](#)

Dane Klassen, the third child of Briana and Tristan Klassen of Three Hills, was born at about 6 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 at the Olds Hospital & Care Centre

[Celebrate 50 years of adventure: Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour hits Red Deer and Olds](#)

Adventure seekers and film lovers won't want to miss the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour, coming to Red Deer and Olds this January.

Kiwanis Club of Olds auction raises second highest amount in club's history

Club should net more than \$27,000 after expenses

Seniors

Olds retirees help combat food insecurity

Residents at Seasons Olds Encore retirement home, along with their families and friends, facility staff and others supported the Mountain View Food Bank again this holiday season.

Olds Sunshine Bus keeping up to demand amid increased ridership

Municipally-run service made 724 trips in the third quarter up from 670 during the same quarter the year previous.

Aging well in place: Community Connection Centre supporting seniors on Wednesdays

Options to help link seniors with social programs, as well as recreation and exercise programs will also be available during the 9am until noon time slot every Wednesday on a first come, first serve basis

Local Sports

Olds Grizzlies Upcoming Game Previews

The Olds Grizzlies will have a long stretch of road games coming up, starting with a weekend in Fort McMurray to battle the Oil Barons, before making the short trip to Red Deer to play the Lloydminster Bobcats in the AJHL Showcase.

Olds Sportsplex rentals doubled but there's potential for more use

The number of hours rented at the Sportsplex doubled during the third quarter of 2025 (July through September), Town of Olds community services director Guy Lapointe says.

Lapointe's report to council showed that hours rented at the facility rose from 604 in the third quarter of 2024 to 1,249 hours rented during that same period in 2025.

Futsal keeps the soccer season going for Olds College athlete

Brynn Smith, a 20-year-old Olds College soccer player from Olds and Bowden, is getting ready for the indoor season, known as futsal, now that the outdoor season is over.

Olds student voices drive inclusion at Alberta sports conference

After the Unified Sports Program Manager attended the inaugural Spartan Spectacular Unified Sports event last spring, planned, organized, and run entirely by ÉOHS students, the organization decided to add



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a student summit to its December conference. The summit drew approximately 140 participants from across Alberta.

Mountain View Power

Energy providers fill in the gaps for small-town Alberta community funding

In Olds, located north of Calgary in Mountain View County, the municipality is in charge of Mountain View Power, the local community energy marketer.

The town's director of community services, Guy Lapointe, said a wide variety of community initiatives have been supported by proceeds from the provider. That includes everything from funding festivals and holiday events to contributions toward community groups like Men's Shed and the Elks.

Funding for Uptown Olds storefront improvements boosted

While total fund increased, amount of money available for any one project remains capped at \$3,000

Region

MVSH looks for opportunities in province's new assisted living framework

Government of Alberta plans to spend \$400 million "to turn shovel-ready projects into new, high-quality care spaces in the communities that need them most"

Mountain View County event kicks off Alberta separation petition signing effort

Didsbury event followed inaugural gathering in Water Valley where APP organizer became first person to sign petition calling for the province's independence from Canada

Alberta's government launches a webpage dedicated to a proposed pipeline to the northwest coast.

The province is committed to acting as a proponent to deliver a submission of a pipeline project to Canada's northwest coast to the Major Projects Office. This was part of the historic agreement signed by Premier Danielle Smith and Prime Minister Mark Carney that clears a path for increased energy production and an oil pipeline to access Asia and other global markets.