

Here Are Local News Stories Making Headlines from November 12 to December 11, 2025



Olds Hospital and Care Centre is slated for an upgrade. File photo/MVP Staff

Council News:

[Infrastructure renewal 'very high priority' for Town of Olds in 2026 Budget](#)

Mayor Dan Daley points out that this budget is about renewing infrastructure, investing back into our community, public safety, planning for the long-term, and making that sure Olds is successful going forward into the future.

Community News:

[Olds hospital dialysis service expansion confirmed](#)

Primary and Preventative Health Services Minister Adriana LaGrange details timelines for \$21 million project at the hospital in Olds

[Olds Christmas Angels hard at work to bring festive cheer to all](#)



NEWS RELEASE

The Angels will be very active over the next couple of weeks, raising money and collecting toy donations help those less fortunate during what can be a stressful time of the year.

[Lots of fun at inaugural Christmas tree decorating contest in Olds](#)

Coldwell Banker Vision Realty team won the competition, held Nov. 30 outside Canadian Tire

[PHOTO GALLERY: Another fun-filled Olds Fashioned Kick-Off to Christmas held](#)

Nov. 28 - 30 activities included Santa Claus Parade of Lights, fireworks, BGC Olds & Area Touch of Christmas market and inaugural Christmas tree decorating contest

Chinooks Edge:

[Chinook's Edge among school divisions receiving dual credit program funding](#)

\$1.6 million is being provided provincially to create 33 new dual credit programs and \$2.8 million to enhance 29 existing programs

[Alberta Teachers Association: Reality Check](#)

Reality television is becoming a regular side hustle for Renu Mathew, a teacher of art, ceramics, cosmetology and edible arts at Ecole Olds High School.

Throughout November, Mathew has been appearing on *Sweet Empire: Winter Wars*, a new show on the Food Network.

Local Sports:

[Talented blueliner from Didsbury among new roster additions for Olds Grizzlys](#)

Sawatzky was chosen 16th overall in the first round of the Western Hockey League's Prospects Draft in 2023 by the Moose Jaw Warriors. He had plenty of supporters on hand for his first game in Olds on Saturday, December 6th.

[Olds high school girls volleyball teams finish in third place](#)

The season is over for the École Olds High School senior and junior varsity volleyball teams.

However, both went out in a pretty high note, as each won silver during the weekend.

Olds College:

[RDP and Olds College ranked among top 50 research institutions in Canada](#)



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This week, Red Deer Polytechnic was ranked 31st overall, and Olds College was ranked 20th among the top 50 research colleges and polytechnics nationwide, as published by Research Infosource Inc.

[Olds Christmas program for out-of-province students announced](#)

Running from Dec. 12, 2025 to Jan. 4, 2026, the program, organized by the Olds College International Student Experience team, invites local residents, faculty and staff to host students for a festive or winter activity.

[New hub aims to boost agrifood technology collaboration and workforce growth](#)

A major investment is helping advance agriculture innovation in Canada through the creation of AgSphere, a new national hub that connects agriculture, technology and food.

Protective Services:

[Domestic violence 'over-reported' in Olds](#)

"These aren't critical domestic violence, but we score everything that's any disharmony to a relationship," Day said.

[Olds RCMP seize illicit drugs, firearms, and Canadian currency during traffic stop](#)

During the vehicle seizure, officers located a bag with suspected cocaine, as well as scales and Canadian currency. Incidental to arrest, a concealed loaded firearm was located on the driver.