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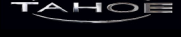
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Coronation bull riding event honours life and legacy of Lori Eno

by CHERYL BOWMAN



Nick Tetz originally of Calgary, Alberta took the Championship of the 2026 Lori Eno Memorial Bullrama in Coronation on Friday August 7th, 2026 with 89.8 points. Coronation's Cauy Schmidt recieved 85.5 in round 1 and Tanner Eno was disqualified for hand touch. Photo illustration by Rural Alberta Report. Original photo by Daryl Perry / The Coronation Connection, digitally altered with AI to create a painted effect.

A sport that Lori Eno spent years supporting returned to Coronation Aug. 7 with her name attached to it as family, friends and rodeo fans gathered for the inaugural Lori Eno Memorial Bull Riding.

The PBR Canada Touring Pro Division event was held on what would have been Eno's 56th birthday, adding special meaning to an evening dedicated to remembering a longtime Coronation resident whose involvement in rodeo extended well beyond watching from the stands.

Eno was born in Coronation on Aug. 7, 1970 and died Aug. 14, 2025 at the age of 55. She grew up in the community, attended Coronation School and later returned to work there as secretary for nearly 20 years.

She was also closely connected to professional bull riding, using her organizational skills as a secretary and timer at events. Rodeo was an important part of her life and she was a familiar supporter of her family at rodeos and other sporting events. She also volunteered with numerous community events, clubs and boards over the years.

The Aug. 7 memorial combined that community involvement with a sport that had become closely connected to the Eno family.

Lori and her husband Darin raised two children, Taylor and Tanner, on their ranch near Coronation. Tanner went on to become a professional bull rider and was among the competitors taking part in the event honouring his mother.

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Main Street comes alive for third annual StettlerFest

by CHERYL BOWMAN

Historic Main Street was turned into a summer festival Saturday as residents and visitors gathered for the third annual StettlerFest.

The Aug. 8 celebration ran from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and featured live entertainment, food, shopping, family activities and displays throughout downtown Stettler.

Organized through the Stettler Regional Board of Trade and Community Development, StettlerFest is designed to bring people into the downtown core while showcasing local businesses, entertainers, vendors and community organizations.

Two stages provided live entertainment during the afternoon, with performers including Simone Brugman, Julie & Jim and Terry Dortman among those promoted as part of this year's lineup.

One of the festival's returning attractions was the Stettler Soapbox Derby, which gave children ages six to 12 the opportunity to race homemade gravity-powered cars. The event was organized with involvement from BGC Stettler Heartland Youth Centre and the Family Resource Network.

Vehicles of another kind filled the north end of Main Street during the Show & Shine, which featured classic vehicles, custom builds and vintage cars. Admission to the display was free and it ran throughout the main festival hours.



Downtown Stettler came alive Aug. 8 for the third annual StettlerFest, featuring live music, a soapbox derby, Show & Shine, artisan market, food vendors, Touch-a-Truck activities and downtown shopping. Rural Alberta Report / C. Bowman

Families could also visit the Touch-a-Truck display, where children were able to get a close look at equipment including fire trucks, tractors and towing vehicles.

An artisan market brought local creators and vendors downtown while businesses throughout Stettler held sidewalk sales and festival promotions. Food trucks and Main Street restaurants added to the day's activities.

The festival also encouraged visitors to explore downtown businesses through the Where's Sunny contest. A StettlerFest bear named Sunny was hidden inside participating businesses, with visitors invited to locate the bear and enter for a chance to win \$250 in Heart of Alberta Dollars.

Stettler Crisis Aid operated a community barbecue fundraiser in front of the FCSS office, with proceeds supporting the local community.

StettlerFest has grown into one of the community's summer downtown events, combining entertainment with an effort to encourage residents and visitors to shop, eat and spend time in the town's commercial centre. Destination Stettler promoted the festival as a celebration of music, food and community spirit in the Heart of Alberta.

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A Window on Highland Culture

by DAVID NADEAU



Elliana DeBruyn, Emma Lyons, and Isabella DeBruyn, members of the Calgary-based 78th Fraser Highlanders Youth Pipe Band August 4 at the Golden Hills Lodge in Three Hills. Rural Alberta Report/David Nadeau

Until last Tuesday, bagpipes were high on my jokes list.

Yes, until last Tuesday.

That's when three fourteen-year-old girls visited the Three Hills weekly farmers market in the curling rink. Bagpipes tuned and ready. Music in the air, heads turning, and nods of recognition. Never mind the smattering of applause, the girls were profile building for their shared passion: Highland music and the bagpipes—never more to be on my jokes list.

Sisters Isabella and Elliana DeBruyn, from Kneehill County, and Emma Lyons, Calgary, characterized their visit to the farmers market as “fun,” but reality paints a warmer picture. “We are fundraising for our pipe band's two-week spring trip to Scotland,” explained Emma. That's why they had a table full of home-crocheted dolls.

Their nearly fifty-year-old Calgary-based group, the 78th Fraser Highlanders, conducts an array of youth (10 to 17) training opportunities, many dating to the 1757 era, ranging from participating in historical interpretation through period uniforms, Highland piping, drumming, Highland dancing, marching drill, and community service. The program teaches Canadian Scottish history, leadership, teamwork, and the safe handling of traditional black-powder muskets in a disciplined military heritage framework.

The farmers market was in the morning, but in the heat of that early-August Tuesday, the girls were at it again, this time at the Golden Hills Lodge, filling the lawn with music from their \$2,000 instruments to a lawn-full of seniors relaxing with ice cream.

While that day in Three Hills was busy, a serious side lives back in the Fort Calgary Garrison—period uniforms and muskets, marching drills, military-style discipline, following orders, and that hard-to-pin-down sense of belonging that only those in service learn and appreciate.

And that is no joking matter.

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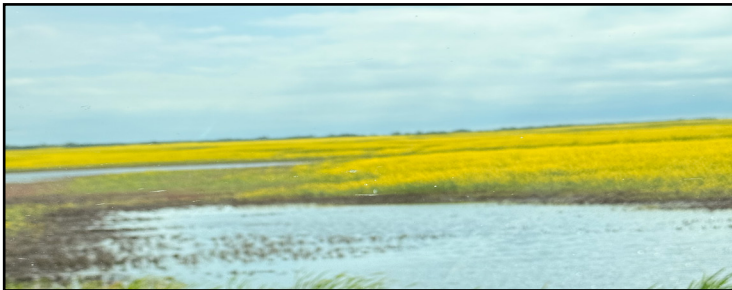
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Sturgeon County declares agricultural disaster after excessive moisture

by KCJ MEDIA GROUP



Sturgeon County has declared an agricultural disaster for 2026 after excessive moisture damaged crops and disrupted farm operations.

Council made the declaration during a special meeting Aug. 6. It also approved a request for additional financial support from the Alberta and federal governments for producers affected by wet conditions during the growing season.

The county will seek to work with other rural municipalities that have declared agricultural disasters or are dealing with similar moisture problems. The joint approach could give municipalities a stronger voice when presenting farm-loss information to both levels of government.

Sturgeon County is north of Edmonton and includes a large agricultural area. Its declaration adds to a growing list of Alberta municipalities reporting serious crop damage in 2026.

An Alberta Agricultural Service Boards tracker listed Beaver County, Thorhild County, Westlock County and Wetaskiwin County among municipalities that had made declarations by late July. Those areas reported problems linked to heavy precipitation, flooding and weather damage to canola.

A municipal agricultural-disaster declaration brings public and government attention to local conditions. It does not automatically provide producers with access to new provincial or federal funding.

Rural Municipalities of Alberta guidance says declarations can document changing conditions, support consistent data collection and help municipalities work with producer groups and senior governments. Any financial program would require a separate government decision.

The latest Alberta crop report shows how sharply conditions vary across the province. As of Aug. 4, 58 per cent of major crops were rated good or excellent, down from 60 per cent one week earlier.

The northeast had 47 per cent of major crops rated good or excellent, while the northwest was at 38 per cent. Excess surface moisture affected 21 per cent of agricultural land in the northeast and 38 per cent in the northwest.

Other regions continued to face dry conditions. The contrast means

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Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

Reserve Land Designation (Bylaw No. 1464/26)

Lacombe County is holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** to hear your feedback on the proposed bylaw changes that would update lands designated as Reserve under previous iterations of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* to the appropriate designation under the current MGA and designate lands which are currently being managed as Municipal Reserve, Environmental Reserve, and Public Utility Lot to the appropriate designation.

Bylaw 1464/26 will direct the management of County lands by clarifying the land's intended use, and bring additional legislative support to Policy RC(8) and Bylaw 1398/23.

PUBLIC HEARING PURPOSE:

A Public Hearing presents the proposed bylaw, and gives members of the public an opportunity to speak to Council provide input before adoption. Your input is valued and encouraged. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw changes will have an opportunity to do so at the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will take place:

August 27, 2026 | 9:00 AM
Lacombe County Council Chambers

You can find information for the properties on our website (scan the QR code below) at www.lacombecounty.com or by calling 403-782-8959.

Lots proposed to be designated as Environmental Reserve:

7720854;;R1	7822831;1;R10
7720043;;R1	567TR;1;R1
1836NY;;R	4238TR;A;R1
2620199;1;1	914MC;1;R
2620200;1;2	1183MC;1;R
2620203;1;1	5600MC;A;32R
2620116;1;1	4239RS;A;R
7820427;;R1	0924769;1;1
7821729;;R1	2020776;1;2
5034AX;A;B	2222602;1;2
2620068;1;1	2322180;1;2
2620069;1;2	2620206;1;2
2335NY;;R2	2620221;1;3
3575MC;B;R	2335NY;;R1
7822831;1;R9	2521815;1;1

Lots proposed to be designated as Municipal Reserve:

1620098;1;2	1970EO;;P
856MC;2;R2	7822831;2;R5
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7702AY;1	3737KS;P2
5823BK;R	1628CL;R
RN18;3;11	1483MC;2;1R
6729NY;;E	1483MC;2;8R
5665MC;4;R	1483MC;2;18R
856MC;;R3A	7722679;1;55R
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856MC;6;R6	7521105;;R13
856MC;;R4	1723277;2;2
856MC;;R3	0620731;1;4
7520233;1;R1	

Lots proposed to be designated as Public Utility Lot:

2220542;1;1
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HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Participate in the public hearing to voice your opinion. There are 3 ways you can provide input!

1) Attend and speak in person:

Lacombe County Office, Council Chambers.

Located 2.5 miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road (Range Road 27-4) and Highway 12.

2) Attend and speak virtually:

Instructions for accessing the meeting by phone or online can be found on our website (www.lacombecounty.com)

3) Provide written comments:

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, but want to provide input, send your comments to **Jordan Nakonechny, Environmental Coordinator**, prior to **August 20, 2026**. Your comments can be sent by:

EMAIL: jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com
FAX: 403-782-3820, or
MAIL: RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information

For more information, please contact **Jordan Nakonechny, Environmental Coordinator**, at 403-782-8959 or email jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com.



Agriculture

Alberta crop ratings slip as dry and wet extremes divide regions

by KCJ MEDIA GROUP

Alberta crop conditions edged lower in early August as dry fields in the south and central regions contrasted with excess moisture farther north.

The province rated 58 per cent of major crops in good or excellent condition as of Aug. 4, down from 60 per cent one week earlier. The latest rating remained above the five-year average of 43 per cent and the 10-year average of 54 per cent.

Central Alberta had 69 per cent of major crops rated good or excellent, second only to the south at 77 per cent. The rating was 47 per cent in the northeast, 38 per cent in the northwest and 48 per cent in the Peace region.

The regional figures show that the provincial average does not describe conditions on every farm. Some southern and central producers continued to deal with limited surface moisture, while parts of northern Alberta had fields affected by too much water.

Across Alberta, 46 per cent of agricultural land had good or excellent surface soil moisture. In the south, 39 per cent was rated poor and 35 per cent fair. Central Alberta had 19 per cent rated poor and 39 per cent fair.



Excess surface moisture was reported on 21 per cent of land in the northeast and 38 per cent in the northwest. The Peace region had five per cent rated as having excess surface moisture.

Spring wheat and barley held the strongest ratings among the major crops. Spring wheat was 64 per cent good or excellent, followed by barley and dry peas at 63 per cent each. Canola was rated 50 per cent good or excellent and oats 49 per cent.

Crop development was behind normal in several areas, adding time pressure as producers move closer to harvest. The effect will depend on crop stage, local rainfall and temperatures through the rest of August.

Pasture ratings also weakened in parts of the province. Good or excellent pasture fell by 11 percentage points in the south and 13 points in central Alberta from the previous week, leaving those regions at 45 per cent and 55 per cent respectively.

The next provincial report will show whether recent rainfall improved dry areas without adding more stress to saturated fields. For east-central producers, local totals and field conditions will remain more useful than the provincewide average when judging yield potential and harvest timing.

Alberta launches surface-rights review after record application year

by KCJ MEDIA GROUP

Alberta has formed an advisory panel to review how surface-rights applications and disputes are handled after the system received a record number of files in the last fiscal year.

The panel will gather input from landowners, municipalities, industry representatives and subject experts. Its work will cover service delivery, dispute resolution and the protection of property rights.

About 9,000 surface-rights applications were filed in 2025-26, according to the province. More than \$44 million in compensation was directed to landowners, up from \$29.8 million in the previous year.

Surface rights govern access to private land for activities such as oil and gas development,

pipelines, power lines and other infrastructure. Applications can involve right of entry, compensation reviews, damage disputes and recovery of unpaid compensation.

Those files can carry long-term consequences for farm operations, land values and relations between landowners and operators. Rural municipalities also have an interest because energy and infrastructure development can affect local roads, drainage, emergency planning and tax bases.

The province appointed Kris Bower to chair the panel. Bower is president and founder of 2G Land Ltd. and has more than 10 years of experience in land and surface-rights matters.

Other members are expected to represent agriculture, landowners, rural municipalities, industry and advocacy organizations. The province

said their recommendations will inform work to re-establish a separate Surface Rights Board.

Alberta merged the Surface Rights Board into the Land and Property Rights Tribunal in 2021. The new review gives the province an opportunity to examine whether that structure provides timely decisions and accessible service for people outside major centres.

The application total and compensation increase give the review a measurable starting point. They do not, by themselves, show how long cases take, how many decisions are appealed or whether landowners and operators view the process as fair.

Those details will be important when the panel reports. Rural landowners will also be watching

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Alberta court grants refugee more time to appeal convictions linked to deportation

by CHERYL BOWMAN

An Alberta judge has granted a Somali refugee more time to appeal criminal convictions that led federal officials to declare him a danger to Canada and pursue his deportation.

Court of Appeal Justice Kevin Feth approved Mahir Yahya Sharif's application for an extension of time to appeal convictions arising from guilty pleas entered in 2022.

Sharif was convicted of trafficking fentanyl and methamphetamine and committing sexual assault. He has served a three-year prison sentence for the offences.

In his decision, Feth said "unique and special circumstances" justified allowing the appeal to proceed after the normal filing deadline.

The ruling does not overturn Sharif's convictions. It gives him an opportunity to ask the Court of Appeal to set aside the guilty pleas and review the underlying criminal cases.

Sharif claims his former lawyer did not properly explain the immigration consequences of pleading guilty.

According to the court record, Sharif said he was told he would probably not be deported because he was a protected refugee and could face serious risks if returned to Somalia.

He argues he would not have pleaded guilty had he understood the convictions could lead to his removal from Canada.

Canadian courts require a guilty plea to be voluntary, informed and clear. A person does not necessarily have to understand every indirect result

of a plea, but immigration consequences can be important when they are legally serious and predictable.

Sharif came to Canada as a refugee and became a permanent resident in 2019. He has schizophrenia and a history of substance use that has reportedly aggravated his mental-health condition.

Following his convictions, immigration officials found him inadmissible on the grounds of serious criminality.

A federal immigration official later determined Sharif was a danger to the Canadian public. That finding allows the government to remove a protected person in limited circumstances despite the risks the person claims to face in their country of origin.

Sharif has also challenged the deportation process in other courts.

A 2025 Ontario Superior Court decision identified him as a Somali national who had been found inadmissible under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. The decision said a federal danger opinion authorized his removal despite his refugee status.

The federal government's assessment reportedly considered Sharif's criminal history, the seriousness of the drug-trafficking offences and the risk that he could commit further crimes.

His lawyers have argued the assessment did not adequately account for his mental illness, his limited connections to Somalia and the treatment available to people with schizophrenia in that country.

Sharif has said he does not speak Somali and was misled about the possibility of deportation when he agreed to plead guilty.

Feth concluded that refusing to hear the appeal solely because it was filed late could be unduly punitive given the potential consequences.

The judge also found the proposed appeal had sufficient merit to justify an extension. The Crown opposed the application.

The Alberta Court of Appeal released the decision, cited as R. v. Sharif, 2026 ABCA 250, on July 27. Court records identify the matter as Appeal No. 2601-0156A.

The decision means Sharif may now pursue an appeal of his convictions. He will still have to convince the court that the guilty pleas were invalid or that another legal error occurred.

An extension of time is a procedural ruling and does not determine whether Sharif will ultimately win his appeal or be permitted to remain in Canada.

His removal could be affected while the criminal appeal and related immigration proceedings continue. Somalia's ability or willingness to issue travel documents may also affect when a removal can be carried out.

Under federal immigration law, permanent residents and foreign nationals convicted of serious crimes may be found inadmissible to Canada. Protected refugee status can prevent removal to a country where a person faces persecution, torture or other serious harm, but that protection can be overridden when the federal government determines the person poses a danger to the public.

Alberta issues 443 penalties as commercial trucking enforcement expands

by CHERYL BOWMAN

Alberta has issued more than 440 administrative penalties and removed 20 commercial carriers from the province's roads since October as the government increases enforcement of trucking companies, driver training schools and commercial drivers.

Transportation and Economic Corridors Minister Devin Dreeshen said Aug. 6 the province is using inspections, audits and targeted investigations to identify unsafe carriers and problems within the commercial trucking industry.

"Since October, we've issued 443 administrative penalties and eliminated 20 unsafe carriers from Alberta's roads, 13 of which were 'chameleon carriers' — companies that try to avoid regulatory oversight by changing names, creating new entities or relocating operations across jurisdictions," Dreeshen said.

Six carriers have also been removed from the International Registration Plan during the past year for misrepresenting their jurisdiction, according to the province.

The latest figures represent an increase from Alberta's enforcement campaign announced last fall, when the province reported removing 13 commercial carriers from the road, including seven identified as chameleon carriers.

Dreeshen said Alberta has prevented another 40 suspected chameleon carriers from obtaining

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safety fitness certificates through reviews of company documentation.

The term describes trucking businesses that attempt to leave a poor safety or enforcement history behind by closing, changing ownership or company names or establishing another operation in a different jurisdiction.

The province says gaps in information sharing between jurisdictions can make those companies difficult to identify.

The Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators is working on a national database intended to improve information sharing and make it more difficult for problem carriers to move between provinces without their history following them.

One of Alberta's recent enforcement actions involved Conquer Transportation Inc.

Dreeshen said the province took action against the company in June following a fatal collision in Manitoba. An Alberta investigation subsequently identified what the government described as wilful and sustained non-compliance as well as chameleon carrier practices.

The company received \$16,500 in administrative penalties and had its Safety Fitness Rating downgraded to Unsatisfactory, effectively preventing it from continuing to operate.

Reporting following the Manitoba collision indicated Conquer Transportation Inc. had links to a company previously operating in Manitoba before resurfacing under a different corporate structure in Alberta.

The provincial crackdown comes as serious and fatal collisions involving commercial trucks continue to draw public attention in Alberta.

On April 21, 2026, Westlock RCMP responded to a head-on collision between a semi-truck and an SUV on Highway 44 north of Highway 651.

The 36-year-old Westlock County man driving the SUV was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene. The 53-year-old semi driver was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. RCMP said the investigation remained ongoing.

Several other serious collisions involving semi-trucks occurred during 2025.

On Sept. 23, Brooks RCMP responded to a multi-vehicle collision at Highway 1 and Highway 36. Police said a northbound semi on Highway 36 entered the intersection and collided with a westbound Chevrolet Equinox before striking three additional vehicles.

The 62-year-old Calgary man driving the Equinox was taken to hospital where he later died. The semi driver suffered minor injuries.

Six days earlier, on Sept. 17, Airdrie Rural RCMP responded to a fatal two-vehicle collision at Highway 566 and Highway 9 near Kathryn involving a Dodge Ram pickup and a southbound semi-truck. The pickup caught fire following the collision. The semi driver was not injured.

In another incident near Mundare on July 23, 2025, a pickup and semi collided at Highway 16 and Highway 855. The 17-year-old Mundare girl driving the pickup was pronounced dead at the scene while the semi driver suffered minor injuries.

The Mundare collision later contributed to renewed calls for safety improvements at the Highway 16 and Highway 855 intersection. The province has since examined measures including lighting, signage, access management and longer-term design changes.

Provost RCMP have also responded to incidents involving commercial trucks, including a semi rollover on Range Road 14 between Township Roads 382 and 384 that required the road to be closed while emergency crews cleared the scene.

The circumstances of each collision differ and RCMP have not suggested the crashes collectively resulted from inadequate commercial driver training or unsafe carriers. However, the number and severity of incidents involving large commercial vehicles continue to place trucking safety under public attention.

Alberta is also focusing enforcement on what is commonly called the "Drivers Inc." model.

Under the arrangement, companies classify drivers as independent contractors rather than employees, which can allow employers to avoid payroll taxes and employment benefits.

The province says improperly classified drivers can also receive less training and oversight.

During a three-day commercial driver status check in May, 20 per cent of the 81 drivers stopped were suspected of being misclassified, Dreeshen said.

COMMERCIAL TRUCKING continued on page 08**Forgotten But Not Lost**

Once a dependable workhorse of the farm, this old truck now rests quietly in a meadow as nature slowly reclaims what remains of its weathered frame.

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a provincewide crop rating can hide serious losses in individual municipalities and on individual farms.

The Sturgeon County recap did not provide an estimate of damaged acres, expected production losses or the number of affected producers. Those figures will be important when the county presents its request for assistance.

The declaration also does not identify which programs the county wants governments to expand or create. Producers will need to watch for separate announcements concerning crop insurance, disaster assistance or other support.

Council's decision is confirmed, but the financial response is not. The next step will be for the county and other affected municipalities to document losses and seek formal answers from Alberta and Ottawa.

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how the review addresses unpaid compensation, access to hearings and the cost of participating in a dispute.

The province has not yet released a public timetable for the panel's recommendations in the announcement. Further details on consultation and reporting will determine how much opportunity landowners and municipalities have to shape the proposed system.

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Tanner Eno drew Wizkid in the opening round but was bucked off at 2.53 seconds. His appearance provided one of the evening's strongest local connections as he competed in front of a hometown crowd at an event created in memory of his mother. The memorial was part of PBR Canada's Touring Pro Division and brought a field of professional riders to Coronation.

Nick Tetz captured the event championship after being the only rider, along with Edgar Durazo, to record qualified rides in both rounds.

Tetz opened the competition with an 85.8-point ride aboard Joker On A Jack. He followed that with the top ride of the championship round, scoring 90 points aboard Posty for a two-round total of 175.8 points. He earned 137 PBR points and \$8,234 for the victory.

Durazo finished close behind with a combined 173.5 points. He scored 83.8 points on Nacho in the opening round before posting 89.7 points aboard Stray Bucks in the championship round.

Tyler Craig finished third with 85.5 points, followed by Aaron Roy with 85 points and Jett Lambert with 84.9.

The Eno name was also represented among the bucking bulls.

SweetPro Choices, listed by PBR under contractor ENO, produced the highest bull score of the event at 44.30 points after bucking off Francisco Costa during the championship round.

The memorial came just days after Lori Eno was also remembered during the 55th Coronation Pro Rodeo, continuing a weekend of rodeo and community events in the town.

The Town of Coronation included the Lori Eno Memorial Concert and Bull Riding Event as part of a busy August schedule that also included the Coronation Annual Pro Rodeo and the community's 65th annual fair.

For the Eno family and many in Coronation, however, the Aug. 7 bull riding carried a meaning beyond the standings. Eno had spent years working behind the scenes at professional bull riding events, keeping time, handling organizational duties and supporting the sport and the people involved in it.

One year after her death, professional bull riding returned to her hometown on her birthday — this time with Lori Eno's name at the centre of the event.

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Several were temporary foreign workers.

The issue is not new. During a similar enforcement operation in July 2025, the province said 20 per cent of 195 drivers checked were suspected of being misclassified.

Driver training schools have also been targeted.

Dreeshen said five fraudulent Class 1 training schools have now been shut down. Since April 1, 2025, provincial inspectors have visited 53 of Alberta's 56 licensed Class 1 driver training schools, representing about 95 per cent of the industry.

Alberta is also working with other provinces toward Red Seal certification for commercial drivers and has begun work toward recognizing commercial driving as a designated trade.

The province has said stronger occupational standards could increase the amount and consistency of training required before drivers enter the commercial trucking industry. Earlier proposals contemplated significantly more in-truck training than the national mandatory entry-level training minimum.

Dreeshen said enforcement will continue against carriers, training schools and drivers that fail to meet provincial standards.

"We will continue to work with industry partners to build on this progress and ensure that only safe, qualified drivers, carriers and training schools operate in the province's trucking sector," he said.