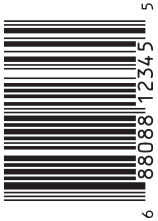


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HEIDI ULRICHSEN

Downtown Sudbury chair Jeff MacIntyre and executive director Maureen Luoma show off the hardware that'll be handed out to ribbers at Downtown Sudbury Ribfest this weekend.

Festival turns 10

Ribfest is almost here!

Kids' activities, live music, a car show, and, oh yeah, ribs

HEIDI ULRICHSEN
Lifestyle reporter

Downtown Sudbury Ribfest celebrates a milestone over the Labour Day weekend — its 10th edition. "I don't think any of us would have expected it to become the kind of festival it has in terms of a solid community event and solid tourist

Good times

It's like the last meal before students go back to school ... it's generally a pretty amazing party. Jeff MacIntyre, chair of Downtown Sudbury

attraction for our city," said Downtown Sudbury executive director Maureen Luoma. In 2016, 55,000 people attended the festival. "If it's not the largest, it's certainly one of the largest community festivals in Northern

Ontario," Luoma said. The event, which runs Sept. 1-3 at the corner of Larch and Elgin streets, follows the same format that's proven so popular since it launched in 2008. That includes a children's area, a full lineup of live music (including Saturday headliners Just Heart, a Heart tribute band) and a car and motorcycle show. And, of course, there's the six rib teams that will be set up along Elgin Street — Boss Hog's BBQ, Crabby's BBQ Shack, Jack the Ribber,

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Photo controversy

'We're not racist'

But just who are the Soldiers of Odin?

DARREN MACDONALD
City hall reporter

David MacKinnon has been a busy man since Greater Sudbury Police Chief Paul Pedersen apologized last week for taking a photo with MacKinnon's group. The group, the Soldiers of Odin, started out as a far-right extremist group in Finland two years ago, but since splitting with the main group in May, chapters in Canada have been trying to show they're different.

Here to stay

We're not going anywhere. We're going to keep doing what we can. David MacKinnon, president, Soldiers of Odin, Ontario

"We're just trying to prove that we're not racist," he said. "I find what's hurting us is the fact the police chief made that statement apologizing and that he shouldn't have taken the picture." To make matters worse, MacKinnon said the soup kitchen has been getting calls telling them to cut ties with SOO or lose donations. "That's probably been the worst part of it all because the soup kitchen is getting calls," he said. "Which I think is kind of sad because why would you stop feeding people because of who's feeding the people?" By his own estimation, the Sudbury SOO chapter has picked up about 10,000 dirty needles on its patrols, and volunteered for causes like the soup kitchen and organ donation.

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