

COMING UP: Thousands of pounds of ribs, chicken on grills

Ribfest cooking with country music, kids rides

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Whether you like them Texas style, southwestern sloppy, dry rubbed, sweet or spicy, the inaugural Stouffville Country Ribfest will have you lickin' your fingers.

"It's just dee-licious, it really is," said Steve Harrison, the event's chairperson and organizer.

And he should know. For the past two years, Mr. Harrison has been at the helm of the Uxbridge Ribfest.

The Stouffville incarnation takes place Aug. 9 to 11 in Memorial Park and not only includes ribbers, but hot air balloon rides (weather permitting), amusement park rides, a car show and live country music.

"It's just great to have great music and good friends around," Mr. Harrison said.

It's also a competition and ribbers from all over Ontario will be slow cooking approximately 8,000 to 9,000 pounds of ribs, along with 6,000 to 7,000 pounds of chicken. If there's room on your plate and in your belly, they're also serving up sides of beans and coleslaw.

A full rack of ribs will cost \$22, a half

rack \$13 and a third of a rack will set you back \$9. A half chicken is \$10 and the sides are \$3 each, according to Mr. Harrison.

Among the barbecue pit bosses expected to attend the Stouffville Ribfest are Oshawa-based Horn Dawgs, who have earned 32 awards, including 20 first place wins, in 13 shows.

The Horn Dawgs claim to provide the best, authentic southern barbecue this side of the border.

FREE ADMISSION

Also looking to make your mouth water are the Texas Rangers, Chop Shop BBQ and Sticky Fingers.

Providing the music is Uxbridge's Leah Daniels, who combines country, pop and yodeling.

Also from Uxbridge is Brett Kingswell, whose music blends northern roots with swampy rockin' country.

Mr. Kingswell has shared the spotlight with Everclear, I Mother Earth and David Wilcox.

Eric Paul and Alli Walker come from opposite sides of the country. They met in Toronto three years ago and formed Little White Lies.

Mr. Paul, a drummer, has toured with and been a band member of Big Sugar, Hawksley Workman and Alannah Myles.

Among her talents, Ms Walker is a bagpipe player who, along with her pipe band, were Grade 3 North American champions and fourth at the World Pipe Band Championships.

Ms Walker was also the runner up to Liz Trinnear in the 2009 MuchMusic VJ search.

Art on wheels, otherwise known as a car show, will not only have sweet rides, hot rods and classic cars, but it will raise money for Teen Challenge, a residential alcohol and drug addiction treatment program.

Admission to Ribfest and all the activities are free. However, a \$2 donation will be appreciated at the gate. That money, along with a portion of the ribbers' sales that will weekend will go towards a number of entities, including the new skateboard park and the Canadian Tire Jump Start program.

"It's not all about the money, it's what we can do together," Mr. Harrison said.

The event will run rain or shine.

For more information, go to <http://stouffvillecountryribfest.com>



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Uxbridge country singer Leah Daniels is one of the headliners at the Stouffville Country Ribfest, Aug. 9 to 11 in Memorial Park. On the cover, Ben Murphy, of Sticky Fingers Ribbers at the Richmond Hill ribfest last weekend.

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