

Remember The Fabulous 50's?

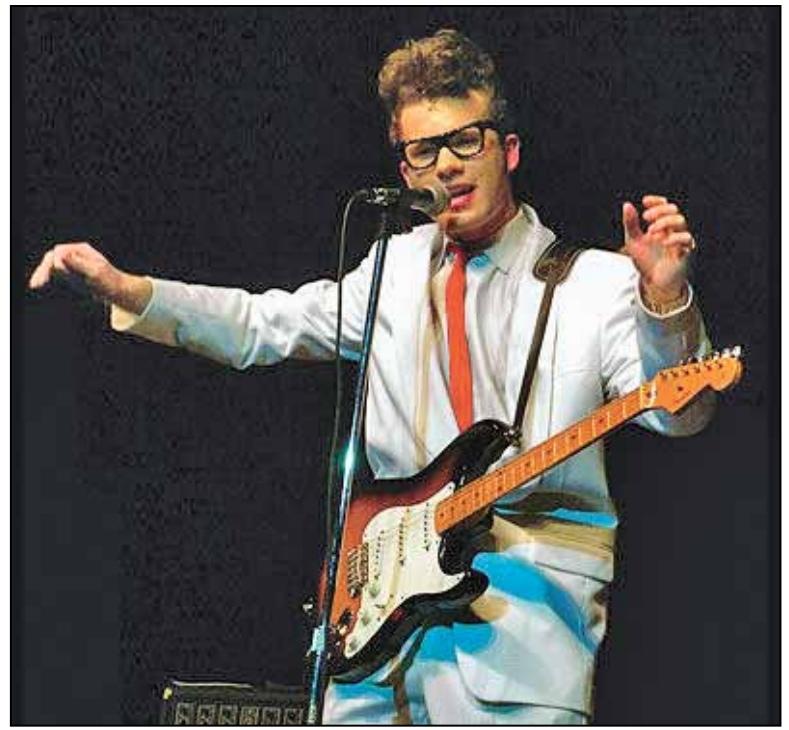
On Thursday we're going to turn back the calendar to the 1950s....Come Be A Kid Again and relive the sights and experiences of a different era again – or better yet – for the first time! Guys, grease back your hair and grab your gal in her poodle skirt and come for the day.

A CAR SHOW will be held inside the north gate during the day. Registration will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M. and will include two tickets to Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50's concert Thursday evening. Weather permitting; participants may move their cars to the track in front on the grandstand during the evening show.

Also on the track will be a SOCK HOP during the **RICHIE LEE AND THE FABULOUS 50's** show. RICHIE LEE was singing almost before he could talk and feeling the beat before he could walk. At the age of 7, he won a Buddy Holly look-alike /lip sync contest in Des Moines. His interest in Buddy Holly began at the age of 6 after finding a cassette tape of his dad's. Buddy Holly was a big influence, partly because Richie wore glasses since he was 3 and Buddy was a Rock & Roll star with glasses. He began taking guitar lessons at age 11 and playing the drums at age 12. It was after just four months of lessons that Richie started playing guitar in public, and at the age of 12 started playing professionally.

Richie started his own band in 2003 at the age of 13 called "Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50's" and cut his first CD. Richie has played with many Iowa Rock & Roll Hall of Fame bands. In 2007, Richie got the opportunity to perform in place of Ritchie Valens, when Valens was inducted into the Iowa Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The family of Valens was present and they all joined in on "La Bamba". Richie was only 17, the same age as Ritchie Valens was when the plane crashed on February 3, 1959. Richie was presented with a gold record by the Valens family in 2009 at the 50th anniversary in Clear Lake, Iowa.

The music of the 1950s is a huge part of Richie's life. Besides Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens, he also pays tribute to Elvis Presley, Eddie Cochran, Ricky Nelson, Roy Orbison, Chuck Berry, Dion Dimucci, and many others. His father is a lyricist, and collaborates with Richie to write original songs that are not on CD yet, but will be in the near future. Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50's are constantly touring the mid-west and beyond. He has traveled as far as Massachusetts, Colorado, Texas and Tennessee, just to name a few.



Richie Lee and The Fabulous 50's performs Thursday at the Butler County Fair.

RICHIE LEE AND THE FABULOUS 50's promises to be a fun, energy charged show of rock-and-roll the whole family can enjoy. Buy your Butler County Fair Ticket Packs before June 21st and pay only \$25 for all 7 programs valued at \$115 and it's just like we've rolled back prices to the 1950s too!

Welcome to Butler County's 155th fair. Our theme **"Come Be A Kid Again!"** reflects our wish for you to come and enjoy the simple things you remember as a kid, along with making some great NEW memories! We are excited about all we have to offer, and are proud to announce that 'Butler County will be the place to be' to catch some of Nashville's hottest rising stars - including country music's

Katie Armiger, Gloriana, and Ritchie Lee and the Fabulous 50's!

We have worked hard to maintain our Super Saver Ticket packet prices at \$25 for pre-fair sales for yet another year. We are also offering the FAMILY PACK tickets again which include carnival ride tickets, food coupons, and entertainment tickets. Butler County 4H Clubs will be doing pre-fair grandstand and carnival ticket sales and we encourage you to contact them - as they will earn money and prizes for the tickets they sell. We will also offer ticket sales at businesses throughout Butler County like years past.

We also hope you will enjoy the improvements planned for our fair grounds this year. We are currently working on the addition of several handicap parking spaces and an overhead door in the west end of the 4H building. We are also making improvements to the Livestock Show Arena. Making capital improvements takes a considerable amount of money and the Fair Foundation has been busy with grant writing to help fund these improvements. We hope you become acquainted with the Butler County Fair Foundation and the improvements we are putting back into our county, and consider making a tax-deductible financial contribution. If you are interested, please contact Tom Mitchell or Kathy Meyer for additional information.

And finally, I would like to say THANK YOU to our fair sponsors, fair board members and volunteers that help make the fair possible. I would encourage you to do the same, and to consider becoming a volunteer. You can contact any fair board member if you're interested and we would be glad to find a place for you at the Fair!

Rediscover ALL the fair has to offer. **Mark your calendar** - I hope to see you at the Fair!



Mike Ruby

President, Butler County Fair

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Come Be A Kid Again!



Richie Lee

Sock Hop
Thursday, June 23
Featuring:
Richie Lee and
the Fabulous 50's
Band - 7:00 p.m.



Gloriana



Katie Armiger

Friday June 24 - Gloriana
with Katie Armiger opening - 7:30 p.m.