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Car show, concert will have 1950s feel

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Classic cars and classic music will fill the courthouse square and Main Street Friday night.

A classic car show and a concert will be going as the wheels and tunes take visitors back to the 1950s and 60s.

The vehicles will be on display from 4 to 8 p.m. with the concert by Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Lee is a 19-year-old Buddy Holly tribute artist from Des Moines who has built a sizable following.

"He's pretty phenomenal," said Tina Shapley, chair of the event hosted by the Marshalltown Central Business District. "He has a fantastic voice."

Lee said he grew up with his parents listening to the 50s and 60s music and "always liked it."

He said visitors can expect a high-energy show with plenty of music by Holly, Ritchie Valens and Elvis.

"I just like to entertain the audience and play good music," he said.

As far as the car show, Shapley is hoping this inaugural event builds into an annual show.

"We are hoping to make this a tradition," she said.

Between 75 and 200 cars are expected to compete in the show with one car on display that used to be driven by Holly. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the plane crash after a performance in Clear Lake that killed Holly and Valens.

Food vendors and a beverage garden will also be a part of the event. The event is also wrapped around Market Daze with plenty of craft and other vendors downtown from 3 to 8 Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Richie Lee, a 19-year-old Buddy Holly tribute artist, will perform at the classic car show Friday night in the Marshall County Courthouse square.

Fact Box

If you go...

WHAT: Classic car show and concert

WHEN: Friday, Car show: 4 to 8 p.m. Richie Lee concert: 5:30 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: Marshall County Courthouse lawn, Main Street.