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Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s entertain Saturday at U.M.B.A. Hall

Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s provided a fabulous show in Underwood Saturday night at U.M.B.A. Hall for a very receptive audience of 340 people of all ages!

People began lining up at 5:00 p.m. and doors opened at 6:00 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. There was plenty of great seating. Richie Lee played many favorites for three hours with great hits from the 50s and 60s including music popularized by Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Ritchie Valens, Ricky Nelson, Chuck Berry and others. People danced "The Stroll" and many other favorites.

Dale Robertson, U.M.B.A. member, said, "The concert was a resounding success. It was what we dreamed and hoped it would be."

Robertson, introducing the band, explained to the audience that U.M.B.A. stood for Underwood Memorial Building Association, which started in the late 1950s to honor veterans. The original U.M.B.A. Hall burned down in 2000 and was rebuilt in 2003. The veterans present were asked to stand and received resounding applause.

Robertson noted that the event was sponsored at no charge by U.M.B.A. Hall with the help of a grant from Pottawattamie County Community Foundation. Robertson asked the audience to let U.M.B.A. members know if they enjoyed themselves and if the organization should consider continuing future concerts. U.M.B.A. also promoted a donation bucket that raised just over \$400 for Max Low, a



A crowd of 340 started lining up an hour before the doors opened for the free concert at U.M.B.A. Hall Saturday night featuring Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s.

12-year-old Underwood student who has leukemia and will soon undergo a bone marrow transplant.

Jaydnn McDonald, a kindergartner at Underwood, with her mother Kristie of Bentley enjoyed the music and the dancing. Jaynn's mother said she is into watching musicals and recalled some of the songs that were played from the movie *Grease* including "The Stroll".

She loves to attend the Broadway productions of musicals such as *Mary Poppins*, *Mamma Mia*, *Grease*, and *Beauty & the Beast*. Kristie said they had a wonderful time and will also be seeing Richie Lee in Missouri Valley July 22 during the Harrison County Fair.

Richie Lee drummer-to-be three-year-old Garrett Luett, son of Marc and Michelle Luett of Underwood was invited on stage during the Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50's concert.

The band's drummer Dale Rupp saw Garrett doing some serious air drumming during the concert and gave Garrett a set of drum sticks. The drummer told Garrett's parents that he loves to see young kids interested and he tries to make an impact on those kids.

Dale Robertson said, "The only time I saw Garrett put the sticks down was when he was using them doing the air guitar. He was having a lot of fun along with everyone else."