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## Don't miss Richie Lee's tribute to Buddy Holly at Rock the River Road Show in Guttenberg

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Three bands will headline this spring's Rock the River Road Show on **Saturday, April 12**, at Lakeside Ballroom in Guttenberg.

The evening will feature music by the PastMasters, Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s, and Midnite Express.

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner specials and music available. Showtime is from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

The event is being coordinated by the Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association (IRRMA) in cooperation with Lakeside Ballroom, River Park Cruisers and Guttenberg Development & Tourism.

### Buddy Holly tribute

Richie Lee, a native of the Des Moines area, began his musical career when he won a Buddy Holly look-alike contest at the age of seven. The music of the 1950s has remained a part of his life. He started his own band at the age of 13 and has toured the Midwest and beyond. In 2010 he received the IRMMA 2010 Spirit Award.

Lee doesn't call himself an impersonator although he wears black-rimmed glasses when he steps into character and plays his 1955 Fender Stratocaster, just like Buddy Holly. Lee and his backup band, The Fabulous 50s, will bring back the great musical sounds of Holly and other legends of that decade.

Lee has shared the stage with many '50s greats like Bobby Vee, shared billing with Holly's band the Crickets, and joined the Drifters, as well as performing at an Elvis tribute in Memphis.

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**Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s** will join the PastMasters and Midnite Express for a full evening of music. Watch for further details on entertainment and sponsors in an upcoming issue.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are available from any River Park Cruiser member, at Lakeside Ballroom, or by calling 563-252-1546.

Table reservations are available at a cost and can be made by calling Al Huntzinger at 319-338-0000 or by emailing him at [ahunt338@aol.com](mailto:ahunt338@aol.com).