

Rock away the winter blues with a variety of Winter Games music all weekend long

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Each year thousands come to the University of Okoboji to compete in the prestigious Winter Games, but the celebration wouldn't be a true party without the music. The 2008 Winter Games musical entertainment lineup is sure to strike a chord with all ages.

ROCK THE ROOF

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 - Dickinson County Expo Building

James Freeman, an original star with the Five Satins, will be in the Iowa Great Lakes region to celebrate Boji Graffiti at the Iowa RockNRoll Music Association Museum and Winter Games Rock the Roof concert/dance.

Now a resident of Norwalk, Freeman will make a special guest appearance on 'Boji Graffiti Night' at the Winter Games Rock the Roof show on Friday, Jan. 25. The free concert and dance takes place in the Dickinson County Expo Building in Spirit Lake at 8 p.m. Headlining are BB & The Bullfrogs and Richie Lee. Freeman will sing with the Bullfrogs, thrilling the audience with a couple of nostalgic favorites.

Winter Games Rock the Roof is sponsored by Northwest Federal Savings Bank in cooperation with the music museum. In honor of the classic movie "American Graffiti," prizes will be awarded for the best '50s and '60s costumes.

Saturday, Jan. 26, Freeman will be on hand in the museum, located next to the Arnolds Park Amusement Park, to sign autographs and visit with everyone. The museum special exhibit is "Boji Graffiti - Albums from 1962." Freeman was a star in the early days of RockNRoll with the internationally famous Five Satins.

The music museum will be open Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9-4 and Sunday, Jan. 27 from noon until 4 p.m. Freeman will be present Saturday from 10-2. Regular museum hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DAMON DOTSON

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 at Okoboji Boat Works

Okoboji musician Damon Dotson will bring his musical talents to Okoboji Boat Works during Winter Games weekend. The concert is planned for 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25.

Damon's musical career has been shining for the past few years in the Lakes area and throughout the Midwest.

"Live @ Fireworks Cafe" is Damon's third album, following "Atmosphere" a studio album recorded with a full band, and "Better Left Unsaid," Damon's locally recorded introduction CD.

THE FISHHEADS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 26 at Captain's Getaway

Captain's Getaway features The Fishheads both Friday and Saturday nights during Games Weekend.

The Omaha musicians specialize in reggae, ska, modern rock and oldies which they say they've "Fishhead-ized" into their own unique style.

MURPHY'S LAW

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 26 at The Ritz

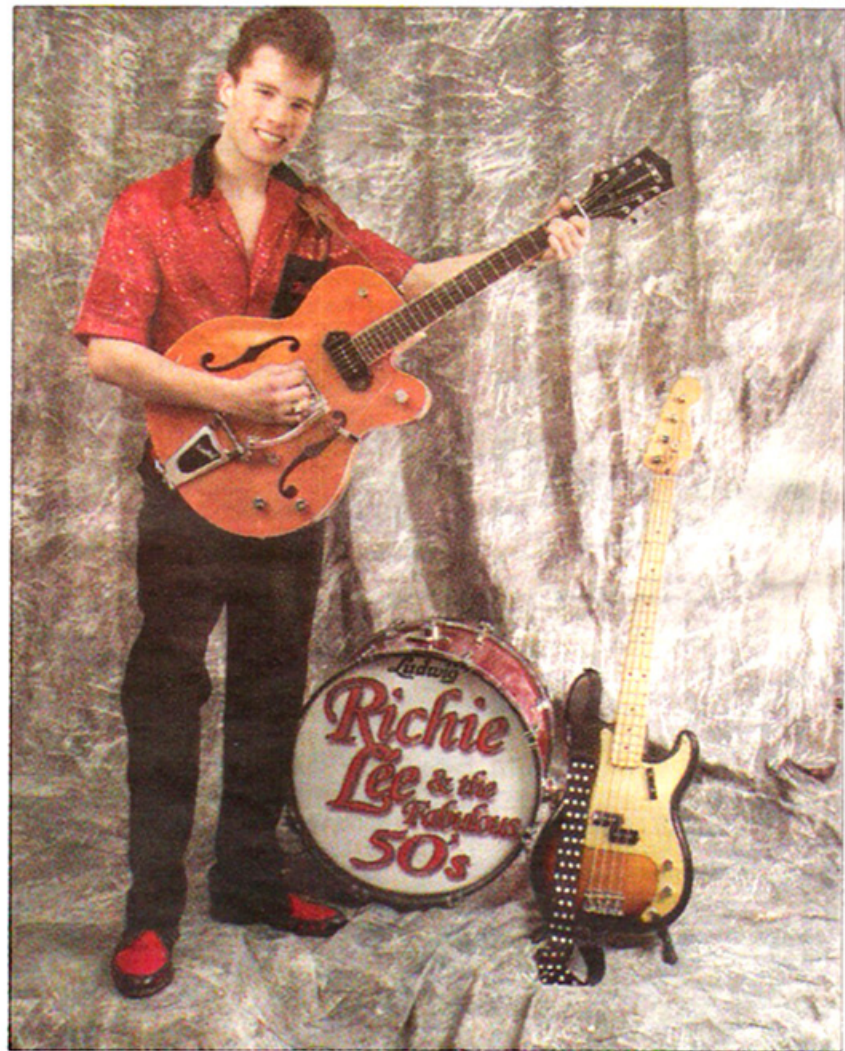
At The Ritz on Friday and Saturday nights is Murphy's Law playing rock, country, jazz and popular covers for all ages and musical interests.

CHROME UNION

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 26 at Murphy's

A self-titled party band from Okoboji, this Lakes area band has played together since 1995, beginning as childhood friends. Since that time, Chrome Union has undergone few changes in group members. They play a mix of pop punk, rock and powerpop with songs such as "Margaritaville" and "All I Need." Chrome Union will be featured both Friday and Saturday nights at Murphy's in Arnolds Park.

KARAOKE WITH TJ



RICHIE LEE

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 26 at Cocktails

Enjoy a night of karaoke with TJ at Cocktails in Arnolds Park. Grab a drink, your best friend and the microphone for both Friday and Saturday nights.

FORK IN THE ROAD

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 26 at The Ritz

The Ritz features the rock and blues

band Fork in the Road at 9:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights following Murphy's law. The band's influences include Pink Floyd, Phish, Los Lonely Boys, Counting Crows, Bob Dylan and The Beatles.

TIM HORSMAN

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 26 at Ruebin's
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at Okoboji Boat Works