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Dixie Music Center hosts Annual Christmas Concert



Debbie Wheatley, a retired Citrus County music teacher who enjoys performing jazz, prepare to perform a Christmas medley on acoustic guitar. Wheatley said she loves the Dixie Music Center and recommends it for all people who are thinking about buying instruments or taking private classes.

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OLD TOWN -- Bob and Dotti Leichner hosted the Dixie Music Center's Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday (Dec. 4).

The concert was on the grounds of Dixie Music Center -- located at 26626 S.E. U.S. Highway 19 in Old Town. The weather was perfect and many people came to enjoy the event.

The program started with Robbie Blake, renowned music teacher, introducing a few of her students. Dixie Music Center is the place to go to connect with music classes as well as to buy instruments and equipment.



Luke Hooper, a student who is learning to play the piano, performs a Christmas song as music teacher Robbie Blake accompanies him.

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This year's scheduled performers also included the Gospel Singers and Brotherhood Band, Krista Campbell, Don and Dwight with the Scraps, Center Lane (a popular Gainesville band that made its DMC stage debut), Kerry Gordon, John Mash, Debbie Wheatley, the Rock Bluff Trio, and Dotti South and the Slackers.

The Dixie County Historical Society was present to sell baked goods and drinks at very reasonable prices.

The Dixie County Sheriff's Office's Citizens On Patrol were selling bottled water at very reasonable prices too.

Representatives of the Toys for Tots program were on hand with a special guest of honor – Santa Claus.



Dotti Lechner makes every person feel welcome to the annual event as she does each year. All of the concerts at Dixie Music Center are a blast, in no small part thanks to Bob and Dotti Lechner.

Once again, everyone who came to the event enjoyed a pleasant, peaceful, musical escape from the rigors of the world. Performers had fun providing listeners with pleasant songs. And the audience had fun, too, singing along on occasion.

Dixie Music Center, established in 1991, is owned and operated by Bob and Dotti Lechner. For more information about music equipment and other musical supplies, or music classes, please call 352-542-3001.