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## Christmas music draws talent and listeners to Old Town



**Krista Campbell (left) and Dotti Lechner open the celebration of Christmas with music on Sunday (Dec. 3) at the Dixie Music Center in Old Town. Campbell also sang a song she first wrote in 1971, and that she just recently finished about the true meaning of Christmas.**

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**OLD TOWN --** Like a magnet, the idea of a Christmas music celebration drew talented musicians and fans of music as some of the sounds of the season again reverberated through the Old Town area on Sunday afternoon and evening (Dec. 3).

Christmas was in the air and on the ground as the Dixie Music Center, located at 26626 S.E. U.S. Highway 19 in Old Town, again as by Bob and Dotti Lechner hosted the annual Christmas concert on the wooded acreage next to the store.



**People start to fill the area as the fun begins. This event falls on the heels of festivals, parades, races, historic get-togethers and more from the day and night before in Dixie, Levy and Gilchrist counties.**

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**Bob Leichner pulls on the beard of Santa Claus as Dotti sits on Santa's lap. Many other children and adults enjoyed visiting with Santa on Sunday as well.**



**Members of Ole Skool, a trio of excellent musicians, help set up the sound system as Don Thomas on guitar and singing, Dwight Smith on guitar, Dotti Leichner on bass and Bob Leichner on drums, prepare to perform**

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In this video Don Thomas sings the song Blue Christmas, which was created by Elvis Presley and was first released in 1957. Joining Thomas, who is a former Gilchrist County superintendent of schools, is Dwight Smith on guitar, Dotti Leichner on bass, and Bob Leichner on drums.



In these still shots (above and below), four of the many musicians are seen preparing to perform. This is Don Thomas on guitar, Dwight Smith on guitar, Dotti Leichner on bass and Bob Leichner on drums.

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People came from far and near with lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy this free event which was open to the public. Many of the attendees brought contributions of non-perishable food items to be donated to a local service agency.

Santa Claus and an elf were present to visit with children.

Dotti Leichner mentioned the passing this year of Lillian Beamis and that this concert was dedicated in memory of her.

There were many talented musicians again this year, including Karen Powers. Dotti South & the Slackers were in full force.

Krista Campbell performed a very nice medley of Christmas classics in a group sing-along assisted by Dotti at the onset of the big musical event.

A good time was had by all who attended. All of the musicians helped everyone have a little more of the spirit of Christmas in their hearts.

Dixie Music Center, established in 1991, is owned and operated by Bob and Dotti Leichner. This is the absolute best place in the Tri-County Area to buy any musical equipment or to connect with music teachers.