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Dixie County families enjoy Friday Night Done Right



In the background Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition Event Coordinator Rebecca Fusco works with the sound system. In the foreground (from left) are Jolee Buchanan, Christopher Barnette, Kinley Saxton, Destiny Whitby, Danielle Fusco, Sadie Davis, and Opie Souza being held by Kathy Douglas.

Story and Photos

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CROSS CITY -- Families again enjoyed the Friday Night Done Right event on March 2.

Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition Event Coordinator Rebecca Fusco led the program at the park behind the Dixie County Courthouse in Cross City. It went from 6 to 9 p.m. that Friday night.

There is a similar program on the third Friday of each month at the First District Community Center in Old Town (9223 N.E. 349 Highway). This is on Highway 349 about 10 miles north of the light in Old Town.

The next one in Old Town is March 16 from 6 to 9 p.m.

This program provides young people with an opportunity to have a good time without drugs, alcohol or tobacco.

As for the event in Cross City last Friday night, there was music, dancing and karaoke. Early in the evening, children were playing with hula-hoops and jumping rope.

Basketball games, soccer and other sports have been part of these evening events as

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well.

Under the covered pavilion, there can be card games and board games. Fusco said sometimes there is a theme for the night.

Often the Dixie County Boy Scouts are present to sell hotdogs to everyone that wants them.

At the event on March 16, there is a planned petting-zoo event hosted by Boy Scouts. Hedgehogs, rabbits, lizards and turtles are among the animals that are currently scheduled to be seen and touched that night.



Jacob Barnette, 38, and Ariana Jerrells, 30, both of Dixie County start making snow-cones on Friday night in Cross City. Their children Cason Barnette, 5, and Christopher Barnette, 4, are among the children enjoying the Friday Night Done Right program on March 2. Jerrells said this family enjoys the event because it is 'our family night.' The two adults are active in Overcomers, which is a ministry by Brother Davey Cannon that helps provide the opportunity for people to overcome addiction to drugs, including alcohol.

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At the event in Cross City, there were free snow-cones and Little Debbie cakes.

Usually, Fusco said, there is ratio of about 60 percent of the youths who bring their parents for the event as well.

“We encourage parents to come too,” Fusco said, “because they can have fun too.”

The Friday Night Done Right program in Cross City has had an event every first Friday for the past 12 months, Fusco said.

The Friday Night Done Right program in Old Town has had two months of fun so far, she said, with the event on March 16 heralding the third month.

The event itself is free, but there are usually concessions for sale by local youth organizations. For more information, or to host a Friday Night Done Right event, please call Debby Sweem at 352-210-2601 or visit www.community-together.org/friday.