

HardisonInk.com

8th Annual Daddy Daughter Camo Hop at Camp Anderson was a spectacular event

8th Annual CAMO HOP



January 26, 2019

HardisonInk.com

Story By Anne Hodges

Photos By Angel Lee

Published Jan. 29, 2019 at 8:08 p.m.

DIXIE COUNTY -- The Fantasy Castle at Camp Anderson welcomed in excess of 100 young girls along with their dads, or special father figure in their life, to the 8th Annual Camo Hop sponsored by the Dixie County Rotary Club, the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition and the Dixie County Historical Society on Saturday evening (Jan. 26).

It was an enchanting evening for all. Each girl selected her tiara and was escorted by her dad through the magic arch into a ballroom made festive with unicorns and lantern lit tables.

The Camo Hop theme allowed everyone the option of coming “comfy,” but it was clear that some proud mamas were behind the camo-inspired evening attire that some of the young ladies were wearing. Greeting the arriving couples were two special guests, Beauty and the Beast. Both were later seen dancing with the girls and they stood in line to dance with Belle or bravely twirl the floor with the Beast. It really was a fantasy castle. The photo booth offered a special photo with dad against a backdrop of the castle guarded by beautiful unicorns. (Moms, check out mydixierotary.shutterfly.com to get your pictures.)

A complimentary dinner of barbecued pork, hot dogs, green beans, baked beans, and Dixie fries satisfied everyone’s hunger. Beautiful princess cupcakes in a variety of flavors completed the menu. The dance floor was soon filled with dads and their daughters. DJ Shelly Cannon, assisted by Dorine and Paul Dykes, kept the couples on the dance floor with a combination of slow and fast dances and line dancing. Dixie County High School Seniors Idalis Vasquez, and Marisol Cruz-Garcia, Maggie Forehand along with Tri-County 4H Dog Club leader Becky Bussard with Kelsey McLam, Liz Rogava, and Katie Hodge offered guidance in line-dancing techniques.

Throughout the evening, door prizes boosted excitement. Special thanks to Dixie County 4H, Liles Ace Hardware, Reed’s Metals, McDonalds of Cross City, Hi Caliber, Springs to Sea Paddlesports, Family Ties Lawn & Landscape, and LA Salon for providing the door prizes. Each girl’s ticket had more value than the possibility of the door prize. One pink ticket would grant a special wish to one of the younger girls: to be crowned Princess of the 2019 Camo Hop. And one green ticket would give one of the older girls the distinction of being crowned the 2019 Queen.

2018 princess Preslee Norton selected the winning Princess ticket: 6-year-old Rylann Driggers was announced as the 2019 Princess, to reign with her uncle, Buddy Schofield, as Prince. 2018 Queen Mallory VonStein drew the ticket that belonging to 10-year-old Peyton Sikes and a proud dad, Charlie Sikes, joined her on the stage as the Queen and King of the 2019 Camo Hop. The new royalty graced the dance floor alone in a very special dance and then the rest of the camo court was invited back to the dance floor for the final dances of the evening.

This eighth annual Camo Hop is only possible because of the tremendous support from sponsors and contributors

Truly a community event, a time of special bonding for dads and their daughters, we at the Dixie County Rotary Club appreciate the outpouring of sponsorships and contributions: Ameris Bank, Anderson Columbia, Angel Lee Photography, Anne G. Hodges CPA, Badcock Furniture of Cross City, Barn Kits of America, Bussard Services, Bryan Co & Compass Realty, Camp Anderson, Capital City Bank, Central Florida Electric, Cheyenne Hall-Mini Angels and Rescue Sanctuary, Classic Radio 100.9, Coastal Angler Magazine of North Central Florida, Cottage Café, Cross City Church of God, Creekside Feed and Gym, Cross City First Baptist Church, Cross City Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Dixie County Clerk Dana Johnson, Dixie County Sheriff Dewey Hatcher Sr., Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition, Dixie C.O.P.s, Dixie Cub House, *Dixie County Advocate*, Dixie School Board and Superintendent of Schools Mike Thomas, DMI Insurance, Drummond Community Bank, Evergreen Polled Herefords, Friday Night Done Right, Gator Gas, *HardisonInk.com*, Hatcher Realty, Hi Caliber, I AM Country 106.9, Jason Hollifield, Keeler

HardisonInk.com

Roofing, Kimbo and Katrina VanAernam, King's Tire & Oil, Knothole Timber, Liles Hardware, Locklear & Associates, M. Michael Osteen PA, Dixie County Commissioner Mark Hatch, McDonald's of Cross City, Nature Coast Insurance, The Print Shop of Chiefland, Quit Doc, Reeds Metals, Richard Moreno, Dixie County Property Appraiser Robert A. Lee, Shamrock Sod, Shamrock Timber, Shamrock Tire, Shelly Cannon-DJ, Southeast Clinical Research, Dixie County Supervisor of Election Starlet Cannon, Steve Smith-Edward Jones Investments, Taste of Dixie Diner, Tri-County 4H Dog Club, Tri-County Towing, Triple V Trucking, UF IFAS Extension and Dixie County 4H, VanAernam Brothers, VanAernam Timber Management, and County Commissioner W.C. Mills.

Once again, the ladies of the Dixie County Historical Society provided much needed "person" power whether behind the scenes with supplies, or in person providing the tea and manning the beverage table or helping serve the dinner. We also give special tribute to the men behind the scenes cooking the pork and the Dixie fries: Buddy Schofield, School Superintendent Mike Thomas, and Rotarian Kimbo VanAernam.

The members of the Rotary Club of Dixie County are especially grateful to Camp Anderson for allowing us to "take over" the pavilion, and to create a fantasy dream night for the girls of Dixie County and their dads. As Camp Director William Bloodworth said in his brief address to the dads, an event like this is something Joe Anderson would be pleased to see as he looks down from Heaven on his beloved Dixie County.

We also must give tribute to former Rotary President Krishna Stemple who in 2011 challenged the Dixie County Rotary Club to have our first Daddy-Daughter Dance in 2012. What a tradition she started!

Many of our dads and daughters were attending for the first time, and many were enjoying another special night with their dads. We hope everyone had a great time at this, our 8th Annual Daddy Daughter Camo Hop. Mark your calendar for next year's Camo Hop - the last Saturday in January 2020.