

Hundreds attend Post 57 Family Day

Legion, public enjoyed many different activities.

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American Legion Post 57 became a family venue Saturday when the different legion organizations opened the facility to the general public for its inaugural family day event.

Activities ranged from exhibits by the local Florida Highway Patrol, Columbia High School JROTC and Columbia County Sheriff's Office to a car show, two live bands, a dunk booth and children's games. The American Legion Post 57 Family Day drew several hundred people to the building.

"It's turning out well,"

said Donna Sessa, American Legion Auxiliary second vice president, two hours into the event, noting that around 300 people had already visited.

"We were hoping for this many people. We like the attendance because we wanted the community to come in and have a good time. We wanted to them to come in, have a good time, relax, eat and so far everything is turning out well."

Sessa said the event was the Legion's way of inviting the public to join its members for a family event at the post.

Julie Naveira sold and made homemade crafts during the event, getting numerous visits from potential customers. She said she was surprised by the

amount of people that visited her booth.

"It was a lot of people today. I'm glad I'm inside and not outside, because it's a lot cooler inside," she said with a smile. "I felt it was important to participate because my husband, he's a member here of the legion. It was good."

Johnny Hubler, of Wellborn, sat inside in the air conditioned area and enjoyed a snack as a live band played their tunes in the background.

"It's pretty fun. I liked the car show, it was a pretty good show," he said of attending the event, along with two children. "My mother-in-law is a member and she informed us and she wanted us to come hang out. It's nice. It's not bad at all; it's good."



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TOP: Seven Blumer falls in the water of the dunk tank on Saturday as a child presses the release mechanism.

LEFT: Maddox Swisher (from left), 8, sits while Ashley Rose of Gypsy Rose Designs paints his face during the American Legion Post 57 Family Day on Saturday.



Liam Lamm (from left), 8, looks over 3D printer creatures made by Nancy Grossman, a vendor, during the American Legion Post 57 Family Day on Saturday. Several hundred people attended the inaugural event which was designed to provide the public with information about the American Legion and its programs.



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