

## Boys thrilled as laser tag comes to them

### Parkton woman's Games2U franchise a hit

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When Nick Federici asked his parents for a laser tag birthday party, he figured he and friends would be driven to a facility that offered the high-tech game.

Instead, laser tag came to his backyard. So did a huge hamster ball for humans and a video game theater with every kind of game a kid could possibly want.

"This place is paradise," said Nick's friend, Mathew Tracey, as he stepped inside the portable video theater where kids played Xbox games on 42-inch screens.

Outside, two boys played a game of Wii basketball while two others played a Mario game on screens attached to the side of the

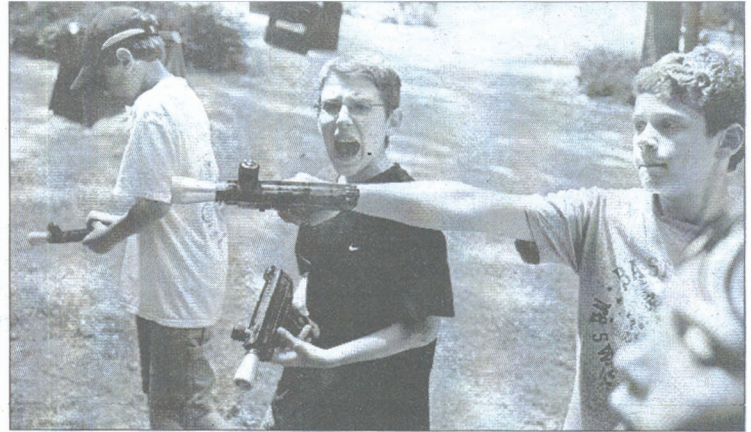
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Bringing fun to people's homes is a new venture for Michele Evans, of Parkton, who recently bought a Games2U franchise. Her new business is named Ageless Adventures and she and her brightly colored van arrive at parties with a variety of outdoor games and video theater.

In addition to outdoor laser tag and 12-foot diameter hamster balls, Ageless Adventures offers "Booger Wars," a game where kids wear Velcro vests and throw beanbag "boogers" at each other that are stored in big plastic noses.

Evans bought the van in March and has been on the road with it ever since.

"Right now, my van is my billboard," she said. "I've gone to school events, fundraising



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**Above:** Nick Federici Jr., middle, plays laser tag during his 11th birthday party in the backyard of his Monkton home on June 17 with, left to right, Casey Borrer, 11, of Monkton, Ashley Behrens, 11, of Sparks, and Matthew Hird, 10, of Hunt Valley.

**Below:** Ashley Behrens, 11, of Sparks, rolls around in a giant "hamster ball" at Nick Federici's birthday party.

events and parties. I'm even signed up to be in the Hereford parade."

Evans, 36, is a mother of four, who lives

in Parkton with her husband, Mark, a government contractor. She is a certified public accountant who worked for Kelly & Associates Insurance Group, in Hunt Valley, for 11 years and was vice president of financial operations.

"I'm not your conservative accountant. I am creative and I wanted to find something creative to do," she said. "I was ready for a new challenge and when I heard about Games2U, it was a no-brainer. It was a positive fit for my entrepreneurial drive."

At Nick's 11th birthday party, 14 boys first played laser tag in the backyard, hiding behind barriers that Evans brought. When they tired of tag, half waited in line to climb into the hamster ball and roll around the yard, while the other half played video games.

They had their choice of games, including Guitar Hero, Just Dance, Karaoke, Xbox, PlayStation and Wii.

Nick first saw Games2U when Evan brought the van and games to Sparks Elementary School's spring fair.

"I was really amazed when I heard it was coming to my party," he said. "Everything is really cool."

Evans owns the first Games2U franchise in Baltimore County. The next closest one is in Annapolis, said Chad Brooks, a Games2U public relations executive.

Prices start at \$299 for 90 minutes for a hamster ball or booger wars. The video gaming theater cost \$349 for 90 minutes.

For more information, go to [www.g2u.com](http://www.g2u.com) or call Evans at 877-424-3238.

