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### Local gamer

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Matthew Mahoney, 26, of Etters, planned to go home and sleep during the FITES event. But at 8 a.m., he was still going, bleary-eyed. He lost his friend, Alex Van Patten, to a nap in the car a few hours earlier.

LANParties and most online games reverse the stereotype that gamers are anti-social, Mahoney said.

"You have to play with somebody else" to get the full experience, he said.

LANParties are the same as other activities, like softball tournaments he's played in.

"Same thing, different medium," he said. But since he's married and has a job, he doesn't have as much practice time as other gamers, he said.

"I just go thinking I'm going to get killed anyway," he said. "You can have fun all the same."

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