



Farm scenes: Right, Gigi Schuster shows her brother Andrew her display on farming in Michigan.

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Forest School students get a taste of Michigan

Fourth-grade students at Forest Elementary said yes to Michigan in a big way. Children joined forces with teachers and parents to present "A Taste of Michigan" Thursday at the school. The idea of the program was for students to learn more about the state. What started as a two-month research project culminated with a day-long celebration. Included were soap makers, candle dippers, basket makers and leather workers who demonstrated their crafts. Ann Arbor-based musician David

Menefee played the fiddle and guitar while singing songs about the Great Lakes state. People also lunched on pasties, an Upper Peninsula delicacy, made by students and parents. Fourth-graders displayed their knowledge of Michigan in an array of research projects. They did travel brochures, learning centers and picture collages. "It was a good overview of changing government and history of the State of Michigan," said Janice Martin, who was involved with teachers Cathy Smith and

Linda Ekstrom in presenting the program. One project was a model of the Mackinac Bridge made from foam board, complete with cables and cars. Another model of the Ambassador Bridge was made up of string and wood. One student made birch wood replicas of wigwams to illustrate how Native Americans lived. The program was the first phase of a revised fourth-grade curriculum on local and state history.



On the line: Left, Michael Robinson of forest Elementary shows how his Michigan auto factory assembly line works.

Lionel Hampton to play in town

Mercy High School will present "A Lifetime of Jazz" featuring Lionel Hampton and his quartet and the Jimmy Wilkins orchestra in a benefit concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14. The concert will be held in the Rosemary Clooney Auditorium at

Mercy High School and is co-sponsored by radio station WEMU-FM (89.1). Judge Myron Wahls — a Michigan Court of Appeals judge, longtime advocate of the arts and a jazz musician himself — is honorary chair of this celebration. Tickets for the event are \$50

per person for premier seating and an "afterglow jam," where Judge Wahls, his trio and the Mercyaires will entertain. Tickets for the concert only are \$20 per person (general seating). MasterCard and Visa are accepted, or call the ticket office at 476-3270 or 476-8922.



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