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Ephrata Lions Club, Sports Card Show Committee

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The Ephrata Lions Club is sponsoring its 41st annual Sports Card Show and Auction on Saturday, March 28, 2020, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Ephrata Recreation Center. The Rec Center is located at 130 South Academy Drive, Ephrata, PA, near the intersection of US 322 and PA 272. Overflow parking is available at the Ephrata Middle School.

The sports card show features over seventy (70) dealer tables, where attendees may buy, sell, and trade baseball cards and other sports-related items. (All available dealer tables are currently sold for 2020.) Admission to the show is \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children under twelve (12).

Former Penn State and current Baltimore Raven quarterback Trace McSorley will sign autographs between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Trace McSorley's appearance is sponsored by Keystone State Baseball & Softball Academy, Summers Trucking, and the Ephrata National Bank.

Autograph tickets are \$25 each for one (1) autograph on a "flat" (e.g., a card, photo, or magazine) or a mini-helmet; or \$35 each on all other items (e.g., footballs, full-sized helmets, equipment, apparel, or pennants). All autographs may include only one (1) inscription. Only three hundred (300) autograph tickets will be sold, and are only available in person on the day of the show. Ticket sales will stop at 12:30, and all ticket buyers must be in line by 12:45. No mail orders will be accepted, and there are no advanced ticket sales. Ticket buyers may bring their own items to be autographed, or items may be purchased from dealers or from the Ephrata Lions Club. A representative from Certified Authentication Service (CAS) will be onsite to provide authentication of autographs, including in-the-presence certifications for Trace McSorley at a reduced cost of \$5 per autograph.

A live sports memorabilia auction will begin at approximately 2:30. Over 225 items will be auctioned, including valuable individual sports cards, complete card sets, sports publications, photographs, figurines, baseballs, and other memorabilia. Some of the memorabilia to be auctioned have been autographed by current and former stars from all sports. Bidders must be present to bid. No telephone or proxy bids will be accepted. Payment terms are cash, credit card (\$20 minimum charge, 3% fee), PayPal (3% fee), and local checks (with proper government-issued photo ID). In addition to the live auction, a smaller silent auction runs from the start of the card show until 1:30, when the winning bidder must be present to claim their item.

Proceeds benefit Ephrata youth sports programs and the Ephrata Recreation Center, in addition to Ephrata youth counseling and support organizations. The event helps enable Ephrata area boys and girls to participate in the local sports programs. The event also helps the Lions Club sponsor the 16U Ephrata Lions baseball team.

The card show also supports the Power Packs Project (Ephrata Area School District and Ephrata Rec Center) and the Samaritan Counseling Center's TeenHope program (for the Ephrata Area School District). Exceptional Ephrata High School students are recognized via the Club's Senior Service Award, Students of the Month program, and a sponsorship for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar).

Additional details, including the auction list (available January 2020), can be found on the Ephrata Lions web site at <http://ephratalions.org>. For additional information, please contact Jack Forney (717-314-0962) or Brad Lauderman (717-471-3968), or e-mail cardshow@ephratalions.org.

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