Ephrata Lions Club, Sports Card Show Committee   January 9, 2024

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The Ephrata Lions Club is sponsoring its 44th annual Sports Card Show and Auction on Saturday, March 23, 2024, 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) vendor tables, where attendees may buy, sell, and trade sports cards, memorabilia, and other sports-related items. (All available vendor tables are currently sold, but a waiting list is available for future years.) Admission to the show is $5.00 for adults, $1.00 for children under twelve (12).

Former Penn State and Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Jack Ham will sign autographs between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Jack Ham'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 on a mini-helmet; or $35 each on all other items (e.g., balls, helmets, equipment, apparel, posters, pennants, etc.). Autographs may include only the "HOF 88" inscription. Only three hundred (300) autograph tickets will be sold, and are only available to purchase 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 the Ephrata Lions Club or from other vendors at the show.

A live sports memorabilia auction will begin at approximately 2:30. About 225 items will be auctioned, including valuable individual sports cards, complete card sets, sports publications, photographs, bobbin' heads, figurines, baseballs, souvenirs, 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 (or a proxy) must be present at 1:30 to claim their item. The silent auction features items like autographed photos and game tickets.

For the first time, we will also have a separate online-only auction of sports memorabilia, run by Pannebecker and Wolf Auctioneers, Inc. at https://pannebeckerwolf.hibid.com. The online auction will run from Monday March 18 until Friday March 29. All details will be posted on the Pannebecker and Wolf auction site.

Proceeds from the event 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 enables the Lions Club to sponsor the 17U Ephrata Lions baseball team.

The card show also supports the Mountaineers' Table (community food program) 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, can be found on the Ephrata Lions website 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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