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The Ephrata Lions Club is sponsoring its 40th annual Sports Card Show and Auction on Saturday, March 30, 2019, 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.

In honor of the show's 40th anniversary, we will have two autograph signers. First, former Philadelphia Phillies manager Charlie Manuel will sign autographs from 11:00 to 1:00. Also, former Philadelphia Eagles tight end Brent Celek will sign autographs from 11:30 to 1:30.

Charlie Manuel managed the Philadelphia Phillies 2004-2013, finishing with a record of 780 wins and 636 losses, the most wins by a Phillies manager, and a franchise-record 102 regular season wins. Manuel managed the Phillies to the World Series championship in 2008, and the National League championship in 2009. He also managed the Phillies to five consecutive NL East titles, 2007-2011.

Brent Celek was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the fifth round of the 2007 NFL Draft and played his entire 11-season career with the Eagles. Celek won Super Bowl LII with the team over the New England Patriots during the 2017 season, and subsequently retired that off-season.

To support the show's 40th anniversary, we have several tiers of autograph sponsors. Our "MVP" sponsors are Lester R. Summers Trucking, Keystone State Baseball & Softball Academy, and Ephrata National Bank. Our "Home Run" sponsor is anonymous. Our "Triple" sponsor is the Ephrata Lions Club. Our "Double" sponsors are Retreat at Lancaster County, an Ephrata Lions Club member, and an Ephrata Lions Club member. And our "Single" sponsors are 222 Dutch Lanes, Blue Ridge Communications, Chikes Orthodontics, the Ephrata Review, Four Seasons Produce, Historic Smithton Inn, Salon Art-Tiff, and Sudbrink Oral Surgery.

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 2019.)

Admission to the show is \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children under twelve (12). Autograph tickets for Charlie Manuel are \$25.00 each for one (1) autograph on any item. Brent Celek autograph tickets are \$30 each for one (1) autograph on a "flat" (e.g., a card, photo, or magazine), a ball, or a helmet; or \$40.00 each on all other items (e.g., equipment, apparel, or pennants). All autographs may include only one (1) inscription. Only two hundred and fifty (250) autograph tickets will be sold for each signer, and are only available in person on the day of the show. Additional autographs beyond the initial 250 will be sold if time permits, but ticket sales will stop at 12:30. 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. Mike Root from Certified Authentication Service (CAS) will be onsite to provide authentication of autographs, including in-the-presence certifications for Brent Celek and Charlie Manuel at a reduced cost of \$5 per autograph.

A live sports memorabilia auction will begin at approximately 2:30. Over 250 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), 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 2:00, when the winning bidder must be present to claim their item.

Proceeds from the event benefit Ephrata youth sports programs and the Ephrata Recreation Center, in addition to Ephrata youth counseling and support organizations (Power Packs Project and TeenHope). The event also helps the Lions Club sponsor the 16U Ephrata Lions baseball team. Additional details, including the auction list (available late January 2019), 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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