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The Ephrata Lions Club is sponsoring its 38th annual Sports Card Show and Auction on Saturday, March 25, 2017, 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.

Approximately forty sports memorabilia dealers will be present to buy, sell, and trade baseball cards and other sports-related items. (All available dealer tables are currently sold.)

Between 11:00 and 1:00, Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer will sign autographs for attendees purchasing tickets. During his career, Palmer won three Cy Young Awards and four Gold Glove awards, was a six-time All Star, and had 268 career wins. Palmer was a member of three World Series Champions, and was the only pitcher to win a World Series game in three different decades. Jim Palmer's appearance is sponsored by Keystone State Baseball & Softball Academy, the Ephrata National Bank, and Summers Trucking.

Admission to the show is \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children under 12. Autograph tickets are \$35.00 each for one (1) autograph on a "flat" (e.g., a card, photo, or magazine) or a baseball, or \$45.00 all other items (e.g., equipment or apparel). Autographs may include only one (1) inscription. Only three hundred (300) autograph tickets will be sold, and are only available on the day of the show. Additional autographs beyond the initial 300 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. Attendees may bring their own items to be autographed, or items may be purchased from dealers or from the Ephrata Lions Club.

A 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 souvenirs. Some of the memorabilia to be auctioned have been autographed by current and former stars from all sports. Payment terms are cash and local checks (with proper ID). Credit cards are not accepted. In addition to this 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 from the show and auction benefit the Ephrata area youth sports programs and the Ephrata Recreation Center. Additional details, including the auction list (available late January 2016), can be found on the Ephrata Lions web site at <http://ephratalions.org>. For additional information, please contact Jack Forney (717-733-4001) or Brad Lauderman (717-733-6810), or e-mail cardshow@ephratalions.org.

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