



## 40th annual Ephrata Firecracker Run

Ephrata War Memorial Association and the Ephrata Recreation Center invite the public Tuesday, July 4 for the 40th Annual Ephrata Firecracker Run, either a five-mile race or a one mile fun run. The fun run is free this year.

The race begins at 8 a.m. sharp with the opportunity to register from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. that day. The race will start and finish in Grater Park.

The race includes chip timing

system, several water stops, fruit, water, along with a goodies bag. If you have pre-registered, you may pick up your race packet on Monday, July 3 from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Ephrata Rec Center.

Post-registration fee is \$25 (no T-shirt). Register online at [Pretzelcitysports.com](http://Pretzelcitysports.com) or go to [www.ephratarec.com](http://www.ephratarec.com) to download registration form.

Any questions, contact Jean Wentz at 738-1167 (ext. 105).

## Second annual Ephrata Brewfest on tap June 24

Join the party at the Whistle Stop Plaza, downtown Ephrata for the second annual Brewfest on Saturday, June 24 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Sample many different Brewery beers while enjoying live entertainment along with food will be available for sale. Advanced tickets are \$40 and \$45 at the gate.

Tickets are available at the Ephrata Rec Center, Ephrata Public Library or online at [ephatabrewfest.eventbrite.com](http://ephatabrewfest.eventbrite.com).

Limited tickets available... get those tickets today! Proceeds benefit the Ephrata Public Library, Ephrata Rec Center and Downtown Ephrata, Inc.

### Upcoming Events

June 24: Ephrata Brewfest at Whistle Stop, 1-5 p.m.  
 July 4: Ephrata Firecracker Five Run.  
 July 4: Ephrata Fireworks 9:30 p.m., Lincoln Heights Outdoor Recreation Area.

### Adult Fitness Summer Programs begin July 12

### Six-week Summer Trim Down on tap July 11

Join the Rec on Tuesday, July 11 at 6 p.m. to hear all about our six-week Summer Trim Down Party. Learn how you can stay on track with your eating habits and workouts throughout the summer.

Nationally certified trainers will work out with you and your team twice a week. There will be weekly weigh-ins with your group, ongoing nutritional information and lots of motivation!

The sessions are Sunday, July 23 through Sept. 2. This program is open to all with access to the gym throughout the duration of the program.

Any questions, contact Bernadette Sheaffer at 717-738-1167 x109

EPHRATA REC CENTER MEN'S SUMMER BASKETBALL		
Team	W	L
The Deck	3	0
ASAP	3	0
Phoenix Fire	2	1
A-Z Advertising	1	1
H.R. Ewell	1	1
Helping Hands	1	2
Trynosky Tile	1	2
Riviera	0	2
Water Buckets	0	3

### VBS will focus on David

"David: A Man After God's Own Heart" will be the theme of Vacation Bible School this year at Cornerstone Bible Church, 529 Laushtown Road, Bowmansville. Classes will be taught mornings from 9 to 11:45 a.m., June 12 through 16.

Sessions will be geared for children ages four through seventh grade. Preregistration is encouraged by calling 445-0582.

### Movie night planned

Grace Church, 9 Hahnstown Road, Ephrata, will hold a family fun movie night Wednesday, June 14, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The screening, games, and food are all free. To learn more, call 738-1109.

### Ephrata Public Library Calendar

There's always something happening for all age groups and interests at the Ephrata Public Library, located at 550 S. Reading Road.

June 7, 10 a.m. — *Educational and Fun Apps for Children*. What apps do your children access? Do the games provide any educational value? Do you want them to discover fun ways to continue learning during their summer break? If you're looking for educational apps for elementary aged children attend this class to test out a variety of apps on our iPads to discover fun ways for children to learn. \$5 fee includes handouts.

June 7, 10 a.m. — *Preschool "App" & Movie Time*. We'll model good tech habits, use recycled tech in pretend play, explore apps that encourage creativity and exploration and make our screen time county with PBS Kids! Ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

June 7, 12:30 p.m. — *Afternoon Tea with BBC*. Join us and enjoy watching different BBC selections while sipping tea and devouring delicious treats.

Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m. — *Toddler Time*. Toddlers and their

caregivers are invited to this 30-minute story time which includes songs, learning-enriched finger plays and short stories with a focus on early literacy skills. Ages 2 and 3.

June 8, 11 a.m. — *Story Time*. Preschoolers are invited to this 40-minute story time integrating songs and learning concept-enriched finger plays. Some songs include American Sign Language, and also the opportunity to get up and dance. Ages 4 and 5.

June 8, 4 p.m. — *GoodReads*. GoodReads is a virtual bookshelf that gives you the ability to manage all of the books you've read, books you are currently reading and books you plan to read. \$5 fee includes handouts.

June 8, 6 p.m. — *Kindle Users Anonymous*. Are you a Kindle addict? That's OK. We want you to be. Come join us at Kindle Users Anonymous to meet other Kindle users, share your love of Kindle and get the tech support you need. You should have a Kindle Fire to attend.

June 8, 6 p.m. — *Pajama Party Story Time*. Kids gently bend the rules for this sleepy-time party at the Library. Stories,



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## Pa Farm Bureau's Mobile Ag Education Science Lab visits OMPH School

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab visited Our Mother of Perpetual Help School from April 18 through April 20. The Mobile Ag Lab created an opportunity for students to learn about agriculture in a fun and hands-on way. Once stationed at OMPH School, students entered the lab to perform science experiments focused on farming, food, and the environment. The Mobile Lab visit to OMPH was coordinated with the preparation of OMPH science teachers, who accompanied their classes to the lab for the science experiments. Examples of the experiments taught in the lab included: germinating seeds under different conditions, creating crayons from soybeans, and testing the water capacity of different soils. OMPH students especially enjoyed "churning" their own butter and making their own lip gloss!



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## OMPH students study famous Pennsylvanians

The fourth grade class of Our Mother of Perpetual Help School, under the direction of social studies teacher Rose Sweigart, presented reports on famous Pennsylvanians. The students chose people from all walks of life, including writers, dancers, artists, sports figures, and a certain famous pretzel maker. Students researched their chosen Pennsylvanian, focusing on birth dates and places along with professional achievements. The day of the assembly, each student dressed in costume and presented an oral report to the audience. Those in attendance learned many interesting facts about famous people from our Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



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## Passion play presented by OMPH students

A touching and reverent performance describes the Passion Play recently portrayed by the second grade class at Our Mother of Perpetual Help School in Ephrata. The class performed the Passion Play under the direction of second grade teacher Beth Eberly. Each year, the community looks forward to this special performance. It gives the students an opportunity to really think about what Jesus endured in order to bring the Easter message of ever-lasting life. A long-standing tradition at OMPH School, the play depicts the last week of Jesus' life, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that helps to prepare the school community for Holy Week.

The Borough of Ephrata's very own

## Party in the Park

### Ephrata Concert Band

Lincoln Fogelsanger, Conductor  
presents

## "Concerts in the Park"

Carl W. Tobias, Conductor Emeritus

The Ephrata Concert Band is gearing up for its annual 2017 "Concerts in the Park" series of six free Sunday evening band concerts in Thomas P. Grater Community Park. The concerts begin at 7:15 p.m. starting Sunday, June 18 through July 23. Come to enjoy a relaxing night and listen to the great music played by experienced musicians throughout the community. If you are interested in supporting the Ephrata Concert Band, please contact Mardel Lausch at 336-7030. All donations are greatly appreciated!

### Pet of the Week



### Thumper #212928

Hello friends! My name is Thumper and I'm a 6-year-old spayed female. My favorite things in the whole wide world are being around people and playing. This is why I'm hoping my new "forever" home will shower me with lots of attention and toys. When I'm not playing I like to spend my days relaxing and kicking up my paws, rolling in catnip and receiving scratches behind my ears. If a sweet girl like me is what you've been searching for then look for further! Stop by the Humane League!

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not snores, fill the air. Sucked thumbs come out to create crafts. Bring a stuffed animal friend to join the fun. Ages 4-8.

June 10, 9 a.m. — *Running on the Rails*. Visit [runningtherails.com](http://runningtherails.com) for more information about this 5K along the Ephrata Linear Trail. All proceeds benefit the library.

June 12, 10 a.m. — *Monday Morning Movie with Coffee & Donuts*. This month's movie is "Moonlight." Rated R. 111 minutes.

June 12, 4 p.m. — *World Language Story Time*. Participate in stories in Spanish, German and Russian with your child and learn new words through songs and images. Ages 5-8.

June 12, 4 p.m. — *Teen Anime Club*. Join us for our Anime Club and watch new anime, find out what's new on our shelves and have a say in what we add to our collection. Ages 13-18.

June 13, 4-7 p.m. — *Summer Reading Launch Party*. Sign up for summer reading and have fun. Meet and greet members of the West Earl Fire Company, learn about fire safety and get up close with a fire truck. See the VanGo. Museum of Wheels ex-

hibition. Play carnival games, do crafts, get your face painted and more. Our Junior Friends will also be selling refreshments.

June 13, 5 p.m. — *Treasures of the World with Kids & Cultures*. Grab your passport, pack your bags and buckle up. Treasures of the World is a fast-paced interactive storytelling program for elementary students featuring folktales from all over the world.

June 14, 10 a.m. — *Preschool "App" & Movie Time*. We'll model good tech habits, use recycled tech in pretend play, explore apps that encourage creativity and exploration and make our screen time county with PBS Kids. Ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

June 14, 11 a.m. — *Photo Storage on Phones*. Are you running out of space on your phone? Do you have hundreds, maybe even thousands, of pictures taking up space? Join us in this class to learn about different options to free up your phone space while keeping your pictures safe and sound. \$10 fee includes handouts.

June 14, 1 p.m. — *PlayLab: Sensory Exploration Workshop*. Children, tweens, and teens with

sensory processing disorder and those on the autism spectrum will experience new "sensory" sensations while building stronger problem solving, logic, and fine motor skills in this one hour of play. Questions can be directed to Sarah Roeske, Children's Librarian, [sroeske@ephratapubliclibrary.org](mailto:sroeske@ephratapubliclibrary.org) or call 738-9291. For parents, caregivers, children and individuals.

June 14, 3 p.m. — *Teen Foodie Lab: Sweet, Sour, Salty, Bitter (and Umami)*. Explore different types of taste! Bring a dish inspired by one of the senses of taste and work together in teams to compete for the best tasting dish. This month: sweet, sour.

June 14, 4 p.m. — *Bloxels: Build Your Own Video Game*. From small physical blocks to the digital screen build your own video game and story. Design characters, take pictures of your creations, upload and play your own game. Bring your own tablet or use our own iPads! Ages 8+.

To learn more about upcoming events, or to register, call 738-9291 or visit [ephratapubliclibrary.org](http://ephratapubliclibrary.org). The library is closed on Fridays and Sundays.