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Ephrata Recreation Center 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney on tap in March

The Ephrata Recreation Center will hold its 27th annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10.

Divisions include: men's open; men's B; men's 35 and over; boys' 11th & 12th grade; boys' 9th & 10th grade; boys' 7th & 8th grade; boys' 5th & 6th grade; girls' 11th & 12th grade; girls' 9th & 10th grade; girls'

7th & 8th grade; and girls' 5th & 6th grade.

Awards will be given for first and second place in each division of the double elimination tournament. Entry fees are \$79 for adult teams and \$69 for youth teams.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 6. For application go to www.ephratarec.com.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 8	Fall Programs Begin
Feb. 13	Ephrata Rec's Spring Program
	Guide Distributed
Mar. 2	Indoor Yard Sale 6 a.m. - noon
Mar. 9 & 10	3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Join Ballroom Dancing class

Join us for a six-week Ballroom Dancing Class beginning Monday, Feb. 4 from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. In this beginner class they will teach you the fundamentals of lead and follow dance in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Ballroom, Latin and Swing Dance will sharpen your mind and strengthen your body as you learn a new skill, meet new

people and connect with your partner. Couples and singles of all ages and all skill levels are welcome, even if you think you have two left feet!

Pricing for a non-member is \$74, for a member is \$60, and platinum member is \$49. Register today on line at www.ephratarec.com or call 717-738-1167.

Rec's Indoor Yard Sale set for March 2

The Ephrata Rec is bringing back the old swap meet from many years ago but now indoors.

On Saturday, March 2 from 6 a.m. to noon homeowners, local businesses and yard sale lovers will be selling many items at great prices. Participate in the swap meet by donating only \$20 per space or \$35 for TWO spaces. The spaces are 10 ft. x 6 ft. and include an 8 ft. table. Electric is offered for an additional \$5.

This is a great way to spring clean, make money and help the Rec at the same time.

The Ephrata Rec Center will provide all the marketing and advertising. Your donation will be tax deductible and the meet will be held whether rain or shine. Free entry for buyers and food available for purchase.

For more information and/or to participate, contact Jean Wentz 738-1167 (ext. 105) or at jean@ephratarec.com.

Join Ephrata Rec's Preschool Play Activity

Registrations open for the 2019-20 Rec's Bright Beginnings Preschool Play Activity program for 3,4 and 5 year olds. School year calendar runs from September through end of May. Classes that are offered are Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 a.m. - noon or Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9 a.m. - noon or Tues., Thurs., noon - 3 p.m. with Wed., 9 a.m. - noon.

The program provides a comfortable atmosphere in which a child can grow and

explore in a developmentally age-appropriate way. Children are provided the opportunity to develop physically, socially and emotionally through hands on experiences. We encourage both independence and social interaction with other children. We are the only preschool in the area with a weekly swim and gym class.

For more information contact Susie Synden at 717-738-1167 (ext. 117).

District 3 Boys Basketball Power Ratings

CLASS AAAAA (As of Tuesday noon)	
Team	Rating
1. Lampeter-Strasburg (18-1)	.771054
2. Northern York (16-1)	.770312
3. Lower Dauphin (16-2)	.760605
4. William Penn (15-3)	.754390
5. Muhlenberg (14-5)	.730432
6. New Oxford (15-4)	.717996
7. West York (15-3)	.713748
8. Elizabethtown (12-7)	.664239
9. Northeastern (12-7)	.652600
10. Shippensburg (11-6)	.651677
11. Milton Hershey (10-5)	.630963
12. Big Spring (12-6)	.618345
13. Garden Spot (11-8)	.611866
14. Dover (11-8)	.611576
15. Gettysburg (9-9)	.583433
16. Conrad Weiser (11-8)	.578255

17. Cocalico (10-8)	.572176
18. Manheim Central (8-10)	.535826
19. Mechanicsburg (7-11)	.531830
20. Daniel Boone (7-11)	.526132

(Top 16 teams qualify for playoffs)

District 3 Girls Basketball Power Ratings

CLASS AAAAA (As of Tuesday noon)	
Team	Rating
1. Cumberland Valley (14-1)	.804419
2. Dallastown (16-2)	.769398
3. Cedar Cliff (13-4)	.727776
4. Central Dauphin (13-5)	.717353
5. Reading (13-3)	.706013
6. Wilson (11-5)	.704334
7. Cedar Crest (14-4)	.693635
8. Governor Mifflin (11-8)	.664454
9. Manheim Township (12-5)	.656830
10. Harrisburg (9-7)	.654666
11. Red Lion (10-9)	.637497
12. Central York (8-11)	.575092

13. Penn Manor (8-10)	.567616
14. CD East (6-12)	.561169
15. Exeter Township (6-10)	.515211
16. Warwick (6-11)	.495685
17. Ephrata (7-12)	.483736
18. Hempfield (5-13)	.479927

(Top 12 teams qualify for playoffs)

District 3 Boys Basketball Power Ratings

CLASS AAAAA (As of Tuesday noon)	
Team	Rating
1. Twin Valley (13-3)	.747431
2. Lampeter-Strasburg (15-4)	.735171
3. Solanco (15-4)	.726266
4. Spring Grove (14-4)	.722624
5. Gettysburg (16-3)	.716686
6. Lower Dauphin (12-5)	.690386
7. Mechanicsburg (13-4)	.683071
8. South Western (13-5)	.678721
9. Susquehannock (12-6)	.678401
10. Berks Catholic (9-6)	.632106
11. Elizabethtown (13-6)	.631645
12. Cocalico (11-7)	.616194
13. Greencastle Antrim (12-5)	.615908
14. Palmyra (6-9)	.598791
15. West York (9-10)	.560250
16. Hershey (8-10)	.559702

17. Donegal (9-10)	.553302
18. Shippensburg (7-9)	.520049
19. New Oxford (7-13)	.513816
20. Conrad Weiser (7-11)	.489330

(Top 16 teams qualify for playoffs)

Register for Girls Fast Pitch Softball

Registrations open for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U girls fast pitch softball. First practice is Saturday, March 16 at 1 p.m. located behind the Ephrata Middle School.

Registration fee for returning

players is \$59. Registration fee for those who need a jersey is \$79. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Sign up online at www.ephratarec.com or call 717-738-1167.

McCracken, Warwick shoot down Ephrata

It was the Joey McCracken Show this past Friday in Litz as Ephrata headed to Warwick looking to knock off first-place Warwick.

McCracken, a sophomore point guard for the Warriors, caught fire early and carried the host Warriors to an eventual 68-41 victory. McCracken scored 24 points alone in the first half, en route to a career-high 30-point effort to lift Warwick (10-1 Section Two, 12-6 overall), which needs just one more win to clinch the Section Two title.

McCracken got his night started by knocking down a pair of three-pointers and scoring 12 points in the first quarter, when Warwick took a 20-13 lead.

Leading by seven after one, the Warriors broke it open by outscoring Ephrata 21-10 in the

second quarter and it was never close from there as the Warriors easily put away the game.

Xavian Rodriguez finished the game with 13 points to lead the Mounts (0-10 L-L, 1-16 overall). Parke Haws added nine while Jared Groff scored seven points in the Ephrata loss.

Ephrata was scheduled to be back in action Tuesday with a crossover game at McCaskey (8-9). However, that game was postponed until Wednesday due to inclement weather.

In addition to Wednesday's game, Ephrata hosts Conestoga Valley (1-9, 3-15) Friday in the final home game of the season. The Mounts will have a non-league game at Twin Valley (5-14) Saturday at 1:30 p.m. before closing out the year Tuesday at Elizabethtown (7-3, 12-7).

Lady Eagles roll to fourth-straight win

The Cocalico girls basketball team has gotten hot at the right time.

And while it's probably a little too late to earn a bid in the upcoming L-L League playoffs, their current four-game winning streak has solidified their playoff position in the current District Three power ratings.

This past Saturday at home in a non-league contest vs. Fleetwood, the Lady Eagles got it done at both ends of the floor in a 51-20 victory over the Tigers.

Offensively, Hanah Greenly continued her hot scoring touch of late, leading the Lady Eagles with 11 points. Corrie Lescoe canned a pair of treys on her way to a 10-point game.

Defensively, Cocalico (11-7 overall) limited Fleetwood to single digit scoring in all four quarters as the Lady Eagles jumped out to a 24-8 half-time lead and continued to pull away for the big win.

With the victory, Cocalico moved into the 12th position in the District Three Class 5A Power Ratings. The top 16 teams advance to the playoffs.

Friday night at Garden in Section Three play, the Lady Eagles improved to 5-5 in the section with a 43-34 victory

over the Spartans.

A big 12-2 run in the second quarter paved the way to the win as Greenly led all scorers with 19 points. Shelby White chipped in with 10 for the winners.

Paige Kemper led the Spartans (1-9, 6-13) with 13 points in the loss.

Despite the win, Cocalico still trails Solanco (9-2) and Lampeter-Strasburg (8-2) by three full games in the loss column heading into the final stretch of league play. For the Lady Eagles to qualify for the L-L League playoffs, they would need to win out and gets some help to get in.

Tuesday's home game vs. Solanco was postponed due to inclement weather. That game has been re-set for Wednesday night (7:30 p.m.) in the Nest. The Lady Eagles also host L-S Friday before closing out section play Tuesday with a trip to Manheim Central.

Cocalico also has a pair of non-league contests this week. It will face Dover on the road Saturday at 2:30 p.m. before closing out the regular season next Wednesday at home vs. Exeter.

The District Three Class 5A playoffs are set to begin Tuesday, Feb. 19.



Photo by Kirk Neidermyer

Cocalico's Shelby White makes a pass during a recent game.

Manuel, Celek to sign at Ephrata Lions Club show

The Ephrata Lions Club is sponsoring its 40th annual Sports Card Show and Auction on Saturday, March 30, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Ephrata Recreation Center. The Rec Center is located at 130 South Academy Drive, Ephrata, 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, the Ephrata Lions will have two autograph signers. First, former Philadelphia Phillies manager Charlie Manuel will sign autographs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, former Philadelphia Eagles tight end Brent Celek will sign autographs from 11:30 a.m.

to 1:30 p.m.

To support the show's 40th anniversary, the Ephrata Lions have several tiers of autograph sponsors. MVP sponsors are Lester R. Summers Trucking, Keystone State Baseball & Softball Academy, and Ephrata National Bank. Home Run sponsor is anonymous. The show's Triple sponsor is the Ephrata Lions Club. Double sponsors are Retreat at Lancaster County, an Ephrata Lions Club member, and an Ephrata Lions Club member. And 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 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 for adults, \$1 for children under 12. Autograph tickets for Charlie Manuel are \$25 each for one autograph on any item. Brent Celek autograph tickets are \$30 each for one autograph on a "flat" (e.g., a card, photo, or magazine), a ball, or a helmet; or \$40 each on all other items (e.g., equipment, apparel, or pennants). All autographs may include only one inscription. Only 250 autograph

tickets will be sold for each signer, and are only available in person on the day of the show.

A live sports memorabilia auction will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. Over 250 items will be auctioned, including valuable individual sports cards, complete card sets, sports publications, photographs, figurines, baseballs, and other memorabilia.

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).

For more info, contact Brad Lauderman (717-471-3968).

Rec Leagues

Ephrata Recreation Center Men's Winter Basketball		
Team	W	L
ASAP	8	0
Denver Supply	6	1
3gorillas	4	4
Phoenix Fire	4	4
Hoover Exc	4	4
Relentless	3	5
Kodiaks	3	5
Ball Day	2	5
Trynosky Home Imp.	1	7

Ephrata Recreation Center High School Basketball		
Team	W	L
76ers	5	0
Warriors	4	1
Trailblazers	3	2
Lakers	3	3
Thunder	2	3
Nuggets	1	4
Jazz	0	5

Ephrata Recreation Center Boys 7th & 8th Basketball		
Team	W	L
Lakers	7	0
T-Wolves	5	2
Heat	3	4

76ers	3	4
Celtics	2	5
Nets	1	6

Ephrata Recreation Center Boys 9th & 10th Basketball			
Team	W	L	
Kentucky	6	0	
Duke	5	1	
Villanova	3	3	
Gonzaga	3	3	
Kansas	1	6	
UNC	1	6	

Ephrata Recreation Center Men's Volleyball Standings			
American Division		W	L
Kulp's IPA		26	4
Warriors Black		19	8
Ibuprofen		16	8
Set & Forget		15	12
Thunder Cats		13	11
Blazers		9	18
EHS#1		5	22
Cocalico		2	22
National Division		W	L
Breakers		20	7
Warriors Red		19	11
Hands & Hammers		17	13
EHS#2		1	26