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Raising awareness of domestic violence  
LHU HOPE Center plans events for October

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Lock Haven University HOPE Center is sponsoring a series of events to help raise awareness of this important social issue.

On Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m., the HOPE Center, along with the Women's Coalition, will be screening a documentary entitled "Telling Amy's Story." The documentary pieces together the case of Amy Homan McGee, a woman who was shot by her husband in State College, Pennsylvania, in 2001. It deals with the issue of domestic violence, as well as finding ways to prevent future tragedies like Amy's. For more information about the documentary, please visit <http://telling.psu.edu>. Refreshments will be provided. In addition, rides back to campus will be provided after the film. All are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m., the HOPE Center will be holding its fourth annual Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil. It will be held in Rogers Gymnasium. The purpose of the vigil is to foster awareness of domestic violence and to promote healing for victims and survivors. A variety of speakers will be discussing the impact of domestic violence on their own lives, and attendees are welcome to tell their stories and thoughts as well. All are welcome to attend.

On October 26 at 7:00 p.m., the HOPE Center will welcome Sue Feathers, a local expert on fitness and martial arts, who will be leading attendees in a Self-Defense workshop. This workshop will be free for the first 25 attendees who pre-register, \$5 for anyone who pre-registers after the first 25, and \$10 at the door. To sign up, please visit the HOPE Center or call (570) 484-2111. The deadline for preregistration is October 18, 2011.

The HOPE Center was opened in February 2009 and is housed in G204 East Campus. The hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. The center provides a safe place on campus for students to discuss issues regarding sex, gender, personal safety, sexual violence, and social justice. The HOPE Center also holds events throughout the year to raise awareness for issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and self-harm.

Visit <http://www.lhup.edu/hope/> to learn more about the HOPE Center's purpose and upcoming events. Email [egruber@lhup.edu](mailto:egruber@lhup.edu) with any questions.

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