



Harbor Hospice appoints director of development

(Submitted by Harbor Hospice)

Harbor Hospice has announced that Ammy Johnson has been named director of development. Johnson will direct the hospice's financial development programs including special events, the annual fund appeal, planned giving and capital projects.

"Ammy is a perfect fit for this position," says Mary Anne Gorman, executive director. "She has served for the past 14 years as clinical marketing coordinator, and has played an integral role in our growth and development as we expanded our service area and added residential hospice care and palliative care. I'm thrilled that she can step into this new role and bring that expertise and energy to help us build an even stronger financial development program."

Prior to joining the staff of Harbor Hospice, Johnson held positions in business development and marketing with post-acute health care organizations. Johnson succeeds Susan McGarry who is retiring after 10 years of service at Harbor Hospice.

Under McGarry's tenure, the agency held a successful capital campaign and raised over 2M to build the Poppen House Residence in Fruitport Township, now in its seventh year of operation.

The Brass Band of Battle Creek presenting free concert

(Submitted by the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts)

The Brass Band of Battle Creek will present a free concert at the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Muskegon on Friday, April 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is being sponsored by the Lawrence and Violet Collins Fund.

The goal of the 31-member band is "To bring joy, understanding, and inspiration to others through the power of music."

Tickets are complimentary, and are available now at the Frauenthal box office on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are limited to four per person.

The bright side

By Greg Lamp, editor of *Corn and Soybean Digest* (Courtesy, *Corn and Soybean Digest*, December 2011)

"During the holidays we all get a little sentimental and usually put extra effort into seeing the good in people and in everyday occurrences. Yeah, I'm a sucker for trying to be an optimist. A speaker I heard recently put it best: 'It's a surprisingly uphill battle to draw attention to the bright side of life.'

"That speaker is Matt Ridley and he's authored a book called *The Rational Optimist*, which attempts to tell us that things are getting better and better for humankind all the time.

"His observations struck a chord with me and I thought I'd share them with you.

"Worldwide, here are 10 fascinating facts that Ridley says should give all of us hope for the New Year. Here goes:

"1. People are getting nicer and less violent all the time, based on a sharp decline in homicide rates.

"2. Life expectancy has doubled in the last 200 years, adding five more hours a day to our lives.

"3. Poverty is on a steady and steep decline.

"4. Air pollution has gone down by half in the last 30 years.

"5. Since 1955, per-capita income has tripled.

"6. Child mortality has gone down by two-thirds since 1955.

"7. Oil pollution spills from rigs and tankers has [sic] declined steeply.

"8. Other causes of death, such as accidents, heart disease and Aids have all gone down.

"9. Population growth rate is down by half since 1955.

"10. IQ scores are going up, and people have more reasoning ability.

"So when you're taking a moment to be grateful for your good fortunes this past year, you can be thankful that there's a lot of goodwill happening around the planet, too.

"My advice this holiday season: Whenever possible, ignore the pessimists."

I wish people knew how much we can help.



Mary Anne Executive Director

The sooner you call, the more our experienced team can help those with life-limiting illnesses feel as good as they can, for as long as they can.

"Hospice is about listening to what patients and families are telling us is important to them, and doing all we can to help them reach those goals.

"We bring coordinated services to where patients live, whether in their own home, in a facility or in our Poppen Hospice Residence.

"I am so proud of our hospice team. They're kind and caring and bring that gift of care and comfort to their patients and families – physically, emotionally and spiritually."



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