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Willow Dale Wellness Village: 'We make our day, your day, every day'

by BRENT HARM
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Willow Dale Wellness Village in Battle Creek provides quality care for the elderly. It is a skilled nursing facility with an attached Assisted Living facility, which provides long-term and short-term care to residents. Willow Dale Wellness Village is one of 29 rehabilitation and long-term care centers in Iowa owned and operated by ABCM Corporation. In addition, ABCM Corporation owns or manages 22 Independent and Assisted Livings throughout Iowa, including Willow Dale Independent & Assisted Living, conveniently attached to Willow Dale Wellness Village. Todd Riessen, Facility Administrator, shared some details about the care center.

"We have roughly 60 total employees," said Riessen. "There are too many staff to name individually, but in this industry, and within this facility, it takes everyone working as a team to succeed. If there is one

"I feel very blessed to be able to say I am a part of the Willow Dale team."

- Todd Riessen



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Willow Dale staff: From left to right, Janelle Gray, Kylee Stonerook, Nicole Reitz, Lori Anderson, Tyler Skidmore, Kim Carlin, Leslie Gosch, Kristine Maier, Denise Nicholson, Holly Kinnaman, Deanna Spaulding, Amanda Diimig, Wendy Hedberg, Todd Riessen, Eva Kropf, Cindy Albers, and Suelinn Grant.

department that does not do their job, it can create issues and more work for others. This team is made up of great individuals who are here for our residents."

Willow Dale has staff members who have worked in the facility in many different departments, and for many years.

"One individual has over

42 years at Willow Dale," said Riessen, "and another will have 40 years next year."

These staff are dedicated to what they do, and take pride in providing the best care possible to those who

entrust them with their care.

"We have a motto here," said Riessen, "that I think our staff do very well at living and working by, 'We make our day, your day, every day.' Meaning, our goal

is to meet your needs, to make you our most important thing in our day. That is the Willow Dale way."

Riessen described the services that Willow Dale provides.

"All of our skilled nurs-

ing and long-term care centers provide the following care and services:

- 24-hour skilled nursing.
- Long-term care.
- Rehab-to-home.
- Transitional care.

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Walking the Suicide Walk for Alexis Renze.

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Suicide Awareness Walk brings great supporters

by MARY MORGAN
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The Suicide Awareness walk brings great supporters on Sept. 16 at Cobb Park in Ida Grove. Ranea Rehse spoke to the group and

thanked everyone for their support. She instructed the crowd they would walk for an hour and then there would be speakers from families inside the Skate Palace afterwards. Families took their

pictures together as teams in honor of someone they lost to suicide. A DJ was there that played some great music for the crowd to listen to as they walked. It was a solemn but peaceful walk.



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Suicide Walk at Cobb Park.

Phillips enjoys assisting people as Ida County Recorder

by BRENT HARM
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Julie Phillips has served the public as Ida County Recorder for the past 14 years. Phillips likes to help people find records they're searching for. She discussed some of the duties of a County Recorder.

"The Recorder's office maintains all official real estate documents, and provides retrieval and reproductions of these records. Any deed, mortgage, plat of survey, mortgage release, easement, tax lien or other document that pertains to Ida County property is recorded and a copy kept in our

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Phillips enjoys public service: Julie Phillips has served the public as Ida County Recorder for the past 14 years.

BCIG 4th graders enjoy 'School days' in the Moorehead Country School

by MARY MORGAN
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It was Country School Days with BCIG 4th graders at the Moorehead Country School in Ida Grove.

The teachers were Bev Yeager and Lynette Wunschel (Lynette Wunschel is shown in green dress as they would have worn in the country school days in

the back of the classroom). Roger Bumann spoke to the classroom of his memories. There will be more 4th graders to visit the schoolhouse in the coming days.



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4th graders from BCIG enjoy school days as it was when the country school was active at the Moorehead Country School.

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