The Sisseton Courier published an article in the August 30th 2016 edition that was titled: “Caroline Renville lives a life of Courage, Culture, and Compassion”

Some of the highlights from the article are: Caroline Renville is a true story of survival; a woman who persevered through some extremely tough times but remained positive, persistent, never gave up, and always maintained her strong Dakota culture. Caroline was born on the Sisseton Reservation on August 4th, 1924 near Veblen and lost her mother to tuberculosis when she was only two years old. She was raised by numerous relatives until she reached school age and then was sent to the Wahpeton Indian School, where she would spend the next nine years of her life. Never once did she have an opportunity to come home until she completed the ninth grade. Her father did come and visit, but it was only once a year and never in the winter time.

Caroline told about her life at the Wahpeton Indian School. She explained that it was very lonesome at the boarding school, but she made the best of it. She remembers playing house in her spare time with the other girls that lived there. Her favorite subjects were Economics and Baking.

Memories of Running Away Brings Smiles and Giggles: Renville giggles as she tells how she, at 15, and four other Sisseton girls, ran away from the school one time and made it almost back to Sissetton. She said they were north of town, in a farmer’s field in the hay bales when they were discovered. She didn’t recall the punishment was very bad.

Joining the War Effort to Assemble Artillery Shells: As a young woman, Renville was a member of a small group of native women who were recruited in the winter of 1943 to work at the ammunition plant in Hastings, NE during WWII.

Marriage and a Family for Caroline: She returned home after the war and married Felix Renville, Sr., a decorated WWI veteran. They had five children Faye, Colleen, Felix Jr., Nowell, and Pamela.

An Honor to Serve as Robert Kennedy’s Campaign Organizer in NESD:
In 1968, Caroline joined Robert F Kennedy’s campaign for President. She became his campaign organizer for Northeast South Dakota. She had a small office in Sisseton, she was provided with a car and she visited door to door to talk to people about the campaign and promote the Democratic Party. She was instrumental in getting many natives registered to vote. She has kept in her possession, all these years, a personal thank-you-letter from Ethel Kennedy thanking Caroline for all of the work in her husband’s short campaign.

Renville Serves Her People in many Capacities:
It was in the late 1980’s that Caroline served a two-year term on the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribal Council. She was committed to improvement in the living conditions of Indian people living on the reservation. She has always shown her commitment to servant leadership and put the needs of others before her own. She was there for her people, and many, many community members over the years came to her for support and a voice.

This information was obtained from the Sisseton Courier that was published by Katy Heinecke, Courier staff writer.
Resident of the Quarter 2016

The second quarter Resident of the Quarter was Henry Powlish. Henry chose to have 2 walls painted a bright yellow. He was delighted to have his room painted his favorite color.

Next Month’s Resident of the Quarter is Elaine Smith. We cannot wait to see what Elaine’s dream will be.

Family Council

Family council will meet two times a year: the 2nd Saturday in both November and March. In addition to this change, we will be establishing an e-mail based informational highway that will be presented at the November meeting. November’s meeting will also have information from Big Stone Therapy.

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BVHC WELCOMES

Gracie Wanna, NAR
Marcy Gutierrez, NAR
Leslie Ortega, NA Trainee
Chelsie Letrud, LPN
Nicole Nedved, Accountant
Summer Ortley, NAR
Kiana Bearsheart, NAR

Mark you Calendars!!

Browns Valley Health Center’s Annual Fall Craft, Vendor, & Bake Sale With 25 + Vendors

Saturday October 15th From 9am-1pm

Kids FREE Craft Corner!!
A place for the kids to have fun while the parents shop!

After shopping enjoy chili with toppings and garlic toast.

Craft and Vendor Booths:

CRAFT ITEMS: Crochet items, Dream Catchers, Wood Crafts, Yard Ornaments, and Doll Cloths that fit American Girl Dolls, Furs, & Hand Made Earrings. Homemade sweaters and mittens, homemade soaps and lotions, and designed blocks.


AND MUCH MORE!!

BVHC Web Site
www.bvhc.sfhs.org
About Speech-Language Pathology at Big Stone Therapies

Speech-language pathologists work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults.

- Speech disorders occur when a person has difficulty producing speech sounds correctly or fluently, or has problems with his or her voice.
- Language disorders occur when a person has trouble understanding others, or sharing thoughts, ideas, and feeling. Language disorders may be spoken or written and may involve the form of language in functional and socially appropriate ways.
- Social communication disorders occur when a person has trouble with the social use of verbal and nonverbal communication. These disorders may include problems (a) communicating for social purposes (e.g., greeting, commenting, asking questions), (b) talking in different ways to suit the listener and setting, and (c) following rules for conversation and story-telling. All individuals with autism spectrum disorder have social communication problems. Social communication disorders are also found individuals with other conditions, such as traumatic brain injury.
- Cognitive-communication disorders include problems organizing thoughts, paying attention, remembering, planning, and/or problem-solving. These disorders usually happen as a result of a stroke, traumatic brain injury, or dementia, although they can be congenital.
- Swallowing disorders (dysphagia) are feeding and swallowing difficulties, which may follow an illness, surgery, stroke, or injury.

Speech-language pathology offers a variety of treatment approaches to communication and swallowing disorders. LSVT Loud is an innovative, clinically-proven treatment of speech and voice disorders associated with Parkinson’s Disease and other neurological conditions that focuses on increasing vocal loudness for effective communication. Our speech-language pathologists are LSVT-certified, and we are pleased to offer this program to our residents at BVHC and in our community at our outpatient clinic. We have seen success with this program. Please contact our rehabilitation department at BVHC for information on this program.

All of our speech-language pathology services are available through our rehabilitation program at BVHC, as well in our outpatient clinic located at BVHC. Please contact the rehab department at BVHC for information about speech-language pathology services.

Kristen Pearson Ash (CCC.SLP)

Dietary Information:

- 7:30 – 9:30 Breakfast $3.00
- 12:30 Noon Meal $5.00
- 5:00 Supper Meal $4.00

We are very grateful to have families join our residents for meals. If you are planning to spend a meal with your loved one, please notify BVHC ahead of time. Enjoying a meal together can be a wonderful gift and memories to cherish!
Our Mission

We are committed to express Christ’s message of love and hope by providing for health, residential, community and allied service in a holistic, competent and caring manner that recognizes the value and dignity of every human life.

BVHC Core Values:
Integrity, Commitment, Respect, Excellence, Service, Stewardship