

Students, Staff Celebrate Halloween

Gauchos, goblins, gatos, and even Gumby celebrated Halloween at the Anne Carlsen Center.

This year the annual Halloween Party was smaller in scale than it had been in past years due to the restrictions imposed by the threat of the H1N1 virus. But while only students and the on-duty staff could participate in the party, spirits were high.

“Being that the community could not be involved, the staff and kids carried the spirit of the event,” said ACC Activities Director Denise Jensen. “Staff dressed up and danced with students and everyone really kept the spirit up.”

Restrictions due to the presence of the Influenza virus throughout the community and state have been in place since late September.

“I have spoken with quite a few people in the public and they were



A Gumby-clad Jackie Loepf greets Jimmy, a student at the Anne Carlsen Center, to the Center's Halloween party.

bumped they couldn't be part of what has become a tradition here at the Center,” said Jensen. “Hopefully the flu season proves to be short and at this time next year we are talking about all of the fun things we have planned for the public for the 2010 party.”

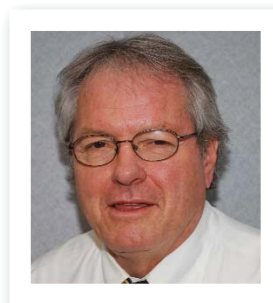
The night's theme “Twisted Fairy Tales” was created by a 10-person committee that begins planning the event in late August. Scenery and props for the event are constructed during a two-week period prior to the event, while all decorations are taken down that evening.

Monson Serving as Interim CEO

Since August, Eric Monson has served the Anne Carlsen Center as interim Chief Executive Officer.

Monson was appointed interim CEO on August 3, 2009. He has a long and meaningful history with the Anne Carlsen Center and the Jamestown community. He served on the Center's Board of Trustees for six years, most recently as Vice Chair. Monson previously oversaw the operations of the Center as a senior executive with Banner Health System, and its predecessor, Lutheran Health Systems, for 12 years—before ACC became an independently-owned organization in 2003. He served as the Founder and

Managing Partner of Novus, LLC, a Fargo-based consulting company providing strategic, marketing and operating services to health care and health-related organizations, for the past eight years.



“The Anne Carlsen Center Board of Trustees was very fortunate to identify someone with Eric's background and experience to assume leadership of the Center at this time,” says ACC Board

Chair Thomas Rohleder. “Eric's extensive knowledge of the Center and his passion for the work of this organization make him an excellent fit for this position.”

Monson graduated from Jamestown High School and attended Jamestown College prior to military service.

“The mission and purpose of the Center have always been close to my heart,” says Monson. “I can think of no better way to use my time and talents than with this opportunity—to work alongside the wonderful and dedicated employees carrying on the legacy of the Center's namesake and inspiration, Dr. Anne Carlsen.”