

Creepy Hollow

By Lisa Hudshizer

This year's Halloween Party, Creepy Hollow, was held at the Best Western Ramkota in Casper on October 31st. There was a wonderful spread of food, including lots of fruits and vegetables, and Rocky Mountain Sound and Light did another great job with the music and dancing. Participants, once again, came up with some great costumes, and this year we were joined by about 30 participants from I-REACH.

Prizes were given out for the three best costumes. The 3rd place winner was Amanda W., 2nd place went to Caleb from I-REACH and Eddie M. received 1st place. We also gave out a prize for the best group prize which went to the gentlemen at Elk House for their rendition of "Fruit of the Loom". Several door prizes were also given out consisting of light up ghosts and scary sound CD's.

Among our many guests were a beautiful fairy, a ballerina, a gorilla, Darth Vader, a couple pirates, and of course, it wouldn't be Halloween without the witches. The afternoon was packed with great food, and lots of fun and dancing. It was great to see everyone having



such a great time and it was wonderful to have the folks from I-REACH enjoy the day with us.

Welcome THERAP!

By Renate Pullen

What is Therap? No, it's not strange new lingo that NOWCAP Services has created. Therap Services provides Internet-based documentation and communication to its users so that they are able to access information regarding their participants from anywhere with an Internet connection. This enables NOWCAP Services to manage, update and exchange information online instead of dealing with offline/paper-based information. Therap has allowed for instantaneous communication between our direct care professionals, management staff and parents/guardians, which provides for improved services for our participants and families. Because confidentiality is so crucial, Therap is HIPAA compliant and meets state and federal requirements for confidentiality. All users have their own unique password to access the system.

It has been nearly a year in the making to bring an electronic documentation system to fruition at NOWCAP Services. Much research and discussion has taken place prior to its launching. On September 17-18, 2007 Justin Brockie, Director of Customer Support at Therap, traveled to Casper and provided hands-on training to our staff and demonstrations for other providers. It was a very informative two days and NOWCAP Services is so appreciative to Therap for their excellent customer service and support.

October 1, 2007 marked NOWCAP Services' launching of Therap. All staff has attended training on its use, and the initial phase has been a success! We have only heard positive

feedback from staff, and we hope our parents/guardians will share in our excitement at this new opportunity for them to access their child's or family member's information with the click of a button. Parents or guardians may contact Renate Pullen, Operations Coordinator, at (307) 237-9146 extension 403 with any questions or to request login information to access Therap. To learn more about the system, log on to www.therapservices.net.

Rock Springs Takes AKTION

By Roy Lloyd

The participants of Rock Springs NOWCAP have decided to take AKTION and help start a new AKTION club in Rock Springs. AKTION Club, a branch of the national Kiwanis Club, is a service group for individuals with disabilities. The club will function like any other local service club with elected officers and regular meetings and events. Elections for officers took place on November 28th and there was a dance following. Now that officers have been elected, the group's next priority is deciding what service projects and events they would like to participate in. The group's meeting to nominate officer candidates in mid-November brought not only NOWCAP Services participants but also participants from SWRC, Life Skills of Wyoming and Able Hands. The group is sponsored by Max Mickelson and has been supported by the Rock Springs Kiwanis Club. NOWCAP Services is excited to have an opportunity for our participants to partner with other individuals in serving the community and furthering their development of volunteer and leadership skills.