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## Halloween Parties Abound in Area

children off area streets as much as possible on Halloween night. Admission was free.

Halloween parties small and large marked the observance of the traditional trick or treat and masquerade holiday in the Marana - Avra Valley area Tuesday night.

A party for children sponsored by the Pima County Parks and Recreation Department and the Marana Public Library was held Tuesday afternoon at the Library and Recreation Center on Lon Adams Road in Marana.

More than 300 children were entertained at the party sponsored by the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department at the Department's fire station on North Trico Road that evening, while various other groups around the valley held parties for their own members.

Some of the Halloween festivities got underway even before the week started. On Saturday, about 20 children of the Happy Acres neighborhood enjoyed a party given as a fund-raising event for Melissa Barry at the home of Mrs. Barbara Polakiw. Friends of Miss Barry are attempting to help her in raising money to pay for her year with the cast of Up With People. She will begin her year with the cast of the traveling inspirational singing and dancing troupe next summer. She is the daughter of William and Olive Barry of the Happy Acres neighborhood.

A Halloween party for about 300 children of the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire District was held at the Trico Road Fire Station Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The sponsored by the Fireflies, the ladies' auxiliary of the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Each of the children was given trick or treat bag by the Auxiliary members, who themselves were dressed in their firefly costumes.

Four fancy homemade cakes were awarded as prizes for the best costumes in four age groups. Cupcakes, cookies, and punch for the affair were donated by the mothers of the District. The children also played games, such as pin the tail on the pumpkin, and explored a spook house that thrilled some and scared some.

The annual event was sponsored by the Fireflies with the aid of many parents in the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire District in order to keep the