## Celebrate Halloween in Tioga!



## <u>Tioga Community Halloween Party celebrating 32 years!</u>

As the trees turn and the temp drops, it's the beginning of that 'haunting' time of year again! Can you believe it? - This will be our 32nd annual Tioga Community Halloween Party! Thirty - Two years and we are still going strong!

The first Halloween party was organized by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. They thought there should be a fun and safe place for Tioga's kids to go. For several years it was held at the Central Elementary gym. At that time, we had either a haunted locker room or a haunted hallway! That was a little bit different than haunting both floors of the Tioga golf course club house like they do now! We soon moved to the Farm Festival building because we were able to be in there the whole week before Halloween and also a couple of days after for clean-up. Also, we were able to decorate to our hearts content, and we did! There wasn't a bare spot in the whole building! More families started coming from around the area and from as far as Williston and Minot. During the 'boom' the city was interested in the number of people that were attending. A volunteer stood at the door and did a head count. She finally gave up as over 800 adults and children came streaming in with more standing in line outside! Because of the huge number of party-goers, we ended up dividing the age groups into three different parties.

Over the last 32 years there have been so many amazing volunteers. Way too many to mention for fear of forgetting someone. Volunteers are the backbone of this organization, and we could not do this party or the haunted house without you! One year, everyone kept track of their hours. About 50 volunteers racked up 1321 hours. We have a dedicated group, and we appreciate every single one of them! Bring the family and all of your friends and enjoy a delicious meal of finger sandwiches, scabs, puss, maggot puffs and slew water! See you there!

Gail Haakenson - Tioga Halloween Party Committee member

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