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Spooky Adventures On The Farm Draws Big Crowd

Holtville and the Imperial Valley held their fair share of Halloween activities in the week leading up to the 31st, but those driving out to the ag field station west of town were in for a special

treat.

Spooky Adventures On The Farm was a new event this year and proved to be pretty popular with the families who attended. Sponsored by Imperial County 4-H, it was held at FarmSmart at the UC Desert Research and Extension Center on Saturday and was open to any children in the area who wanted to attend.

The activities included pumpkin carving and painting, pumpkin planting, making glow in the dark slime, a hay ride and a corn maze.

There was a good crowd for the event, but the only activity that had a waiting line was the ever popular hay ride.

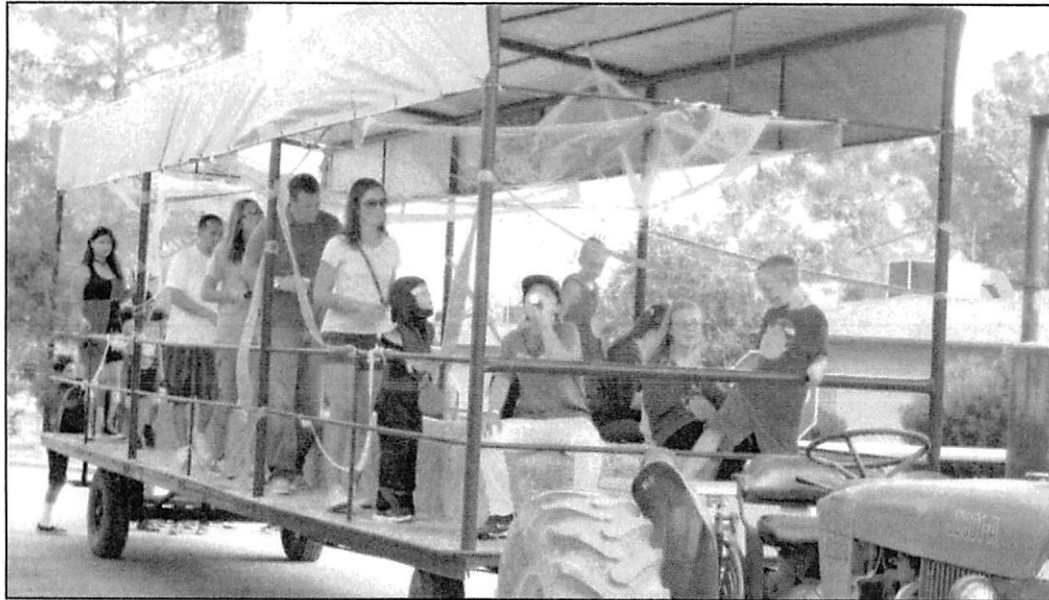
Kids who attended had fun and may not have noticed that many of the activities were actually educational. Some of the booths had children create things from different ingredients and

showed that some science can be fun.

Pumpkin Pie in a Bag, Frankenstein's Snot, Witch's Brew, and Spooky Paper Circuits were among the booths set up and manned by 4-H members. An intricate spider web maze made of string called Charlotte's Web was popular and challenging for those kids who were small enough to slowly make their way through it.

Children also had the opportunity to take part in one of the basic activities in farming, planting their own pumpkin seeds in small containers to take home with them. Even if the plants don't do well this winter, it looks like it may encourage some kids to try again next year.

"I want to plant pumpkins for next Halloween!" one young man told his mother as they walked away from the booth.



THE HAY RIDE at Spooky Adventures on the Farm was a popular activity at FarmSmart at the UC Desert Research and Extension Center near Holtville last Saturday.