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TOP PHOTO: Misericordia University chemistry professor Dr. Anna Fedor, left, assists Kacy Miller, 6, of Pringle, and Nicholas Mirigliani, 10, of Swoversville, in decorating a pumpkin with fluorescent materials.

ENTER PHOTO: Matt Dolan, i, of Dallas, shakes a bottle containing a clear liquid until it turns blue.

RIGHT PHOTO: Misericordia University students Kathryn Heffner, left, of Somerset, N.J., Heather Marsico, of Duryea, and Jenna Strubhar, of Tremont, demonstrate 'things that glow and bubble.'





BOOM!

Misericordia's Dead **Alchemist Society** thrills participants

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Families from all over Back created bubbling, smoking Mountain gathered in the spirit of the season to watch the mad scientists of the Dead Alchemist Society at Misericordia University create disappearing cups, exploding pumpkins and sweet gummy bear

That Go Boom! In the Night!" was held Wednesday in the outdoor Wells Fargo Amphi- Alchemist Society participated theater at Misericordia Univer-

Ice on Toby Creek, candy bas- kins shatter like glass and still kets and other prizes were others created black snakes awarded by raffle.

Children had the chance to have colored slime made as souvenirs to take home.

bake sale helped make the eve- my bears. ning that much sweeter.

The witches in purple, soph- helped all evening. omores Jenna Strubhar, Heather Marisico and Kathryn Heffn- Swoyersville, was chosen to be er, created bubbling, smoking part of Dr. Fedor's pumpkin magic potions using giant test make-over team. Other voluntubes, dry ice and a few secret teer mad scientist assistants ingredients. This was a new experiment the club added.

dor, assistant professor of chemistry at Misericordia, students tried to make the event more visual this year.

ing up the pumpkins some- Their son Cameron, 7, and times scare the smaller chil- their daughter Mackenzie, 6, dren," she said. Because of look forward to the exploding that, it was decided to add pumpkins, Mackenzie's favormore experiments involving ite part.

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The 21st annual "Things smoke and lights to engage the younger audience.

All 45 members of the Dead in some way. Some made pumpkins vomit, some made Gift certificates from Fire & carnations and small pumpfrom a beaker.

The students performed glowing potions, urban myth food experiments, made pick-And a Halloween-themed les glow and incinerated gum-

Volunteers from the crowd

Nicholas Mirigiliani, of included Ali Hood, Dallas High School; of Dallas, and Alanna According to Dr. Anna Fe- Holmglen, who was visiting from Valhalla, New York.

The Hagenbaugh family has attended this event three years in a row. Parents Heather and "The loud booms from blow- Dave say it is a family tradition.

Vigil supports Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers

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FOR MORE INFO ...

For more information on the Back Mountain Alzheimer's Support Group, call The Meadows at 675-8600.

It was a night for the community to come together to support ry about a gentleman in his 80s, Millazo. one another with song, prayer are not alone in dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 155 led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance at a candlelight vigil and prayer session at The Mead-Robert Zanicky and Gideon Gaeand song.

Estella Killian, director of the

Zanicky shared a personal sto-ren Steltz, Leann Hoyt and Lurae

saying he has known the man for again, like nothing was ever ows Nursing and Rehabilitation wrong. He shared that his friend Center in Dallas. Reverends Dr. is not expected to live much longtano led the audience in prayer crowd nodded, showing their understanding and sympathy.

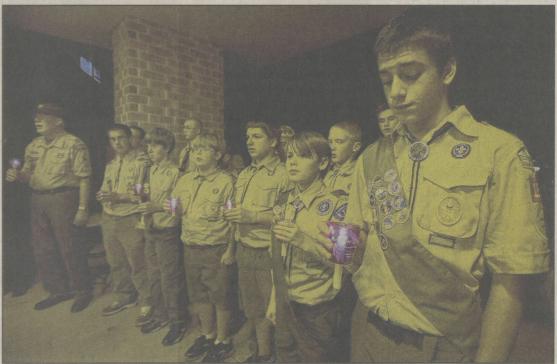
In attendance were genera-Northeaat Pennsylvania Alz- tions of families, groups of heimer's Association, spoke friends and spouses who have about the association, what it lost their partners. Many of the does and shared a psalm with the participants sang along to the spiritual songs performed by Ka-

"Unless you've gone through it and the comfort of knowing they over 25 years. He told the group with someone you love, you can't what it was like to have a conver- really understand, but your sation with a man you have hearts still go out to us," said known for years who doesn't State Rep. Karen Boback, adding know who you are and then the she prays that one day everyone following week remembers you will be free from the fear of Alz-

Following a prayer led by Rev. Gaetano, the group moved outer and many members of the side to light candles and sing

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 155, Trucksville, hold candles during the Alzheimer's awareness candlelight vigil under the halogen lighting at the main entrance to



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