



Jule Carr

## Carr notes 104th year

Jule Carr, a resident at Mercy Center in Dallas, celebrated her 104th birthday. She was entertained by John Stankey at a party attended by her many friend at the Mercy Center.

Born Jule Martin in Pringle, Jule and her husband, the late Hugh Carr, lived in the East End section of Wilkes-Barre from 1925 until 2006 when Mrs. Carr became a resident of Mercy Center.

Hugh Carr was a Wilkes-Barre city fire captain and Jule worked as a dietary staff member of the Veterans Administration Hospital.

The couple had four children, Robert and Hugh Jr., both deceased; Jule Leonard and Maurita Bushmer. There are also 26 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Jule's hobbies included staying active at the senior citizens and quilting with the Holy Savior Quilter Club. She also loved to cook, bake and shop.

## ACOLYTES WILL BE HONORED



The congregation of Dallas United Methodist Church will honor the acolytes of the church during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 22. A special fellowship hour will follow the service to also honor the acolytes. Each week, two different young people of the church light the altar candles and help during the service. Each acolyte will be presented with a certificate by Rev. Earl Roberts III and also with a picture of him or her in a robe. Cheryl Miskiel, acolyte director, will present each acolyte with a gift. Those to be honored are, from left, first row, Taylor Bolesta, Hunter Nice and Alexis Lanza. Second row, Madison Stambaugh, Shawn Spencer and Melyssa Goode. Third row, Krista Zimmerman and Allison Spencer. Fourth row, Cheryl Miskiel, acolyte director. Absent at the time of the photo were Katie Zimmerman, Haley Zimmerman, Alyssa Horvath and Nina Banta Haas.

### PEOPLE BRIEFS

#### Grabowski graduates from basic training

Army National Guard Pvt. Jason E. Grabowski has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

A 2007 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School, he is the son of Susan Grabowski of Harris Hill Road, of Shavertown, and the grandson of Marie Lameroux of Shupp Road, Dallas.

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As a Ford Dealer and a proud part of the great American Automobile Industry, we certainly feel the pain of our economic community, as does our manufacturer, Ford Motor Company. Nevertheless, after announcing some pretty tough financial results through the end of last year, Ford still said it sees no need to ask government loans. CEO Alan Mulally said, "Right now I think with everything planned in the fiscal and monetary policy, I am very comfortable that we are going to turn things around in the second half of the year." That doesn't mean Ford Motor Company isn't using lines of credit, they are. But they did it the old fashioned way, they went out to banks and financial markets and found financing, while putting up collateral just like you could have to do. Now that doesn't mean there aren't some good reasons to help GM and Chrysler, but we are proud of Ford Motor Company for fighting this through on their own.

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