

Milestones



West Celebrates 100th Birthday

by Mary S. Wolf

Ruth West celebrated her 100th birthday on July 21st, 2005. A luncheon at **Lake Mohonk** was given in her honor by her family. She received many gifts including a vase of spring flowers from the *Shawangunk Garden Club*. Ruth is an honorary member. The *Garden Club* also showered her with birthday cards.

Ruth has led a long and varied life during which she experienced many changes in our country. She was born in a farmhouse on **Berme Road**, Kerhonkson. She and her brother Edwin attended the elementary school in Kerhonkson, but were boarded in Ellenville to attend the high school there. Attending Chatham College, in Pittsburgh, PA, afforded her the opportunity to make interesting friends and acquaintances, one being Rachel Carson, author of "Silent Spring."

After marriage and raising a son and daughter, Ruth earned a Masters Degree and became an elementary teacher. She taught in Grahamsville until her retirement.

Ruth is a very talented lady. She was an accomplished pianist and was invited to play a solo with the New York Philharmonic. Painting and writing became an important part of her life. It made her retirement a happy one.

Some of her poetry was published in the New York Times and she won many honors for her paintings.

What a life! Congratulations, Ruth.



At the July 11th Ellenville Village Board meeting, retiring judge Ron Elias was recognized for his 38 years of service to the village. Plaques were presented from the Village by Mayor Jeff Kaplan, above left, and from the Ellenville Police Benevolent Association by Sgt. Jeffrey VanAsslet, below left.



OWNERS OF THE SKY

by Elyssa Garcia, *EMS, Grade 7*

They shine bright and own the sky,
 Stars float up there in the dark,
 They shine bright and own the sky,
 In the space of infinity they leave their mark,
 They shine bright and own the sky,
 Stars light up our world,
 They shine bright and own the sky,
 They're light and bright and sparkle like pearls!



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