

## Richard Fialek 90th

by Larry J Pellet

They came from far and wide for a night of cherished memories in honor of Cloverville stalwart Richard Fialek, who with his wife Beverly celebrated his milestone 90th birthday at Fruitport's Pincrest Lanes December 10th. Among the throng of 125 people in attendance were his granddaughter Laurie English Lindsay from Port Huron, as well as traveling relatives from Irons and Ludington, Mi. The 3-hour bash included a food buffet, a strong influx of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, as well as in-laws, nieces and

nephews, and friends and neighbors that have spanned the generations, showing their respect and love for the power couple. Over-heard conversations brought a deep revelry of stories of long-ago happenings around and along Hts Ravenna Rd, and even as King and Queen Richard and Beverly departed, the festivities continued in their wake. A very lasting and fitting tribute to the two, and their offspring, which have secured their legacy and left a proud stamp on their community and all that have had the pleasure of knowing them all these ages.

below: The festive Fialek clan



## From tragedy to triumph, a new exhibition at the Muskegon Museum of Art showcases the art and life of iconic American artist John Steuart Curry

MUSKEGON, MI — The Muskegon Museum of Art (MMA) is proud to present the exhibition: *John Steuart Curry: Weathering the Storm*. From May 23 - September 2, 2024 the exhibition will feature masterworks of one of America's most influential painters which will be exhibited together for the first time in over 25 years.

Iconic paintings, such as *The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas)* and *Baptism in Kansas*, will be featured in the exhibition alongside other notable works loaned from The Whitney Museum of American Art, The Cincinnati Art Museum, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, The Saint Louis Art Museum, The Sheldon Museum of Art, The Syracuse University Art Museum, and Kiechel Fine Art.

"The Muskegon Museum of Art is home to one of Curry's most famous paintings, *The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas)*, as well as one of the best art collections of a small art museum in the country. Over the past 112 years, the MMA has enjoyed a reputation of being a small museum presenting exhibitions that regularly receive national attention. In this tradition, we are proud to present this groundbreaking John Steuart Curry exhibition," says Kirk Hallman, MMA Executive Director.

The exhibition highlights the artwork that visually defined the Midwest and tells the captivating and tragic story behind the work and life of John Steuart Curry. His paintings, which depict picturesque rural landscapes, communal gatherings, and most famously, the devastating natural disasters that impacted the Midwest, influenced the national perception of life in the region through popular culture and media in the late 1920s and beyond.

For this exhibition, the Muskegon Museum of Art has partnered with art historian Patricia Junker, whose new research and insight into Curry challenges the conventional understanding of Curry and reveals the deeply personal, and emotionally tragic inspiration behind his breakthrough paintings and how a Kansas farm boy came to create paintings that became iconic visions of America's Midwest in popular culture.

*John Steuart Curry: Weathering the Storm* runs from May 23 – September 2, 2024, only at the Muskegon Museum of Art.

## Fruitport District Library Homebound Service

by Matt Lubbers-Moore, FDL Director

The Fruitport District Library and the Friends of the Fruitport District Library are now offering Homebound Service in which library materials can be delivered to Fruitport Township residents who are homebound.

### ELIGIBILITY

Homebound service will be provided to residents of Fruitport Township who are not able to come to the library. "Homebound" is defined as being generally confined to the residence either temporarily, due to an illness, accident, or permanently, due to age, disability, or other mobility problems.

### REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN:

- Library card
- Fruitport township resident
- Homebound due to injury, illness, disability, low-vision, senior with non-driving status

### SCHEDULE

- Once a month, typically the third Thursday of the month
- Every item needs to be returned unless a renewal has been requested by phone
- A reminder call will be made by the route driver the day before
- Note: pre-contact with the patron is not needed for delivery.
- If a patron cannot participate for the month they are responsible for calling the library to cancel delivery/pick up
- A flyer/slip will be in the dropped-off bags listing the next delivery date

### REQUESTING MATERIALS

- Patrons will request specific books by phone prior to the delivery day by contacting the library through email or by phone
- A few days before is preferred
- Types of items available to request:
  - books, audiobooks, movies

Please contact the library at (231) 366-6107 or [director@fruitportlibrary.org](mailto:director@fruitportlibrary.org) for more information.

## From Chaplain Walter Wilson

The other day I was browsing in a resale shop here in West Michigan.

Little boy was crying and I overheard his dad say to him "no Johnny you cannot have that toy, put it down."

I wondered if money was the issue-or what(?)

I waited for them to leave that corner of the store, and quickly made my move and paid for the toy.

I found the father and son, handed the toy to the little boy, with a much smiling papa.

As I drove away, I heard God way down deep say "Son Walter, I love the way you worship me."



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