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Paige's PLACE

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(Diner logo courtesy of Eric Danforth)

Paige's, the New Place to Be

By Sandy Balayan

If all goes as planned, when our readers pick up this edition of the *Otis Observer* in January, they will be thrilled to know that there is a new business in town as of the December 29th sale closing. After 548 days on the market, and many starts and stops, the Farmington River Diner on 119 S. Main Road, has finally found a new owner.

Lynn Pyenson is sure she has sold it to the right people, a lovely young couple who understand the importance of community and carrying on traditions that have been in place for many years. "Eric Danforth and Megan McClure are the perfect people to take my place. It is bittersweet for me but I am getting older, and I need to pass the diner on to younger people with fresh ideas and energy. I have put my heart and soul into it and I already feel the respect Eric and Megan have for the place and I am confident they will carry on and be successful," says Lynn.

Eric Danforth, a Dalton native, and Megan McClure originally from Pennsylvania, have put down roots in

the Berkshires along with their two young daughters, Ronan, age four and Eliot, almost two. The couple met working for the Appalachian Mountain Club in Maine and enjoyed traveling together before finally making their home at Gould Farm eight years ago. Combining lessons learned and passions discovered while serving at Gould Farm, they are now following their dream of building a business that integrates community, food and farming. When they saw the "for sale" sign on the Farmington River Diner, it didn't take long for them to realize that everything they wanted to do could happen right there.



Paige's Place new owners
Photo: Lauren DuBon

"Although we weren't originally searching for a restaurant, we experienced what felt like an arrival of sorts and began to see the diner as the confluence of many of our hopes and dreams. We plan to take the

lessons we've learned at Gould Farm, about being of service and the value of building community together, to this new endeavor. We hope to locally source as many of our ingredients and products as possible, even growing what we can ourselves right at the restaurant. We aspire to maintain real personal relationships with the places where our food comes from and with the people who produce it," the couple shared.

Co-listers, Thom Garvey and Maggie Merelle of William Pitt/Sotheby's Real Estate, have been handling the diner sale for Lynn. There was a lot of interest and Thom is happy to say that with this sale the diner will be in very good hands. He thinks Eric and Megan saw the value and potential in carrying on the diner, an Otis mainstay, and with their vision and energy it will go on to be a success. The couple's realtor feels the same way. Barbara Osborne of Ashmere Realty was happy to work with this "wonderful couple" and knows they are ready to dive in and be part of the community and grow with it.

Spending time at the diner and researching menus and ingredient sourcing has been filling the days for Eric and Megan. Although they will not do significant renovations, they do have a lot of ideas they will put in place to match their style. The biggest change will be the new sign in the front of the diner. Eric lost his mom, a Lanesboro native, when he was seven. The name of the new

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restaurant, Paige's Place, honors Eric's mom and her spirit. "Paige was my mother, who taught me what it means to love, care for and honor one another. She championed those less fortunate than herself, and never hesitated to offer help to those in need. It's in this spirit that I understand what it means to be in community, and how important it is to foster a sense of belonging with and for one another. She's gone now, but it's my sincere hope that Paige's Place can carry on her legacy, and offer a space where folks come to eat, honor what we share and build community together."



Paige Beaudin Clark

Photo: Courtesy of Eric Danforth

The locals who come in every day, or "table nine" as they are referred to, old friends and new, are the heart and soul of this business. Let's welcome this new business to our community and help make Eric and Megan's dream a success and at the same time honor Paige. Surely Paige is smiling down on them as they realize their dream.

And, don't forget to order little Ronan's addition to the menu, "Toad in a Hole," when you are there! ☺

Community Meeting at the Otis Town Hall

**Tuesday,
January 16, 2024
6:30 pm**

The Otis Library Board is continuing its efforts to construct a new library for the town. We are in the process of applying for a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The application for a small population library grant that will enable us to build a new library in Otis must be filed by May 31, 2024. In addition, this spring there will be a vote to set aside funds for the building and design phase of the new library should we be awarded this grant.

We encourage all residents to attend a community meeting at the Town Hall on January 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the grant process and what it entails.

Andrea Bono-Bunker, the Library Building Consultant, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, will appear via Zoom to discuss the grant and will be available to answer all your questions.

The meeting is in person at the Town Hall and via Zoom. The Zoom link can be accessed on the Otis Library website, or copy and paste the following link:

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Musical Bingo

By Karen Amanti

About four years ago, we started having this new fun game at the Knox called Musical Bingo. People buy four cards for \$20 and instead of numbers in the blocks, there are song titles. Our host, Randy, plays the music and you match the song (and artist) to your card. It's fun, it's lively and people really enjoy it. Most times, people get up and dance too!

That's when I thought we could ask people to come and play Musical Bingo for Tom Soule's AMVETS Post 77 Christmas Fund drive, but people would DONATE their \$20. He loved the idea, and together we organized the event, with the winners of each round receiving a \$50 gift card to the Knox.

December 3rd we had a packed house at the Knox. Holiday music was playing; people were really festive, dressed in their tacky Christmas attire. They lined up and purchased MANY cards, and we were so proud of the turnout. It was such a fun, fun day!

In just 2½ hours we raised \$5,000.00, and recently Tom informed me he's received an additional \$3,000 over the past few weeks. He will purchase Amazon gift cards to distribute to the families in need. Imagine how many happy faces there will be on Christmas morning!

I'd like to personally say thank you to everyone who attended, and all that donated who couldn't be there in person. Tom Soules, AMVETS Post 77, new Knox owner Brooke Tame and all the people who made this happen ... your work in our community does not go unnoticed. We are small, but we are mighty when we work together. ☺



Lots of people enjoyed the event

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People line up to buy their tickets

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- Jan 20th The Monday Project Band 8-11pm
- Jan 21st The Hilltown Blues Jam 2pm
- Jan 27th Hard Knox Band 8-11pm

- Feb 3rd Generation X Rock 8-11pm
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The Rural ETHICIST

How Do Animals Stay Warm in Winter?

By Katharine Adams

How do animals stay warm in winter? I often wonder this while stepping out onto my front deck, its planks popping like firecrackers in the hard freeze of January. I glance over to the woods, but all looks still.

Early summer mornings, by contrast, a view out the window greets us to a peaceful, silent family of a dozen wild turkeys. They swoop down to peck the grass for grubs and ticks, maintaining a loose formation behind their watchful mother. Over the weeks, the babies grow larger and waver from the line a bit. Most usually wind up beneath the cherry tree for a special treat. Their warm-weather roost is high amid the upper branches of the towering maples situated across from our barn. Although wild turkeys prefer mature hardwoods, our grounds-mates disappear in the fall; I suspect they make their winter roost in a thicket of hemlocks, high on the western slope behind our house.

The Otis bite of cold air triggers an adjustment cough; a pair of nostrils might grow sticky. The frosty wilds are beautiful, but forbidding tundra. While we humans pull on fleece and stoke the coals, our animal friends must rely on their own resources to stay cozy in the wild. I decided to research their clever and adaptive tricks.

Most animals fatten up in a feeding frenzy during fall, bellying up to nature's all-you-can-eat salad bar before the big work begins of relying on one's girth for cold month sustenance. Notably, not many

creatures enter hibernation for the full duration of New England winters, due to our fluctuations in weather and temperature. On balmy days, skunks and bears number among those who might wake enough to go forage for a snack.

Gophers, rabbits and bears like to burrow into bunkers for warmth; meanwhile, the remarkable wood frog, among frogs, is something else altogether. They can freeze up rock solid—a feat that entails no breathing, no heart beat. Just acclimate and go with the flow, is how they roll. Or rather, how they sit motionless, in harmony with their environment.



Shaw Pond

Photo: Katharine Adams

By leveling up their blood glucose and urea levels, they form “antifreeze” proteins. It’s a special trick among reptiles and amphibians: increase your glucose levels during frosty months, and you’ll keep fatal ice crystals from taking hold to destroy your spring time slithering and hopping habits.

It’s not really the cold, but ice that is a winter risk for some wildlife. With bodies comprised of mainly water, ice is “potentially lethal, because its formation disrupts the balance between fluids outside and inside of cells, leading to shrinkage and irreversible tissue damage,” describes Sean B. Carroll in his treatise, *When Built-In Antifreeze Beats a Winter Coat*.

Among the first to emerge in spring, the resilient wood frog doesn’t wait around for all landscape ice to melt. After posing

like stone statues amid leaf litter for many a cold month, they’re ready to shuck off the shackles, wind up their metabolic processes and go find an oasis of fun.

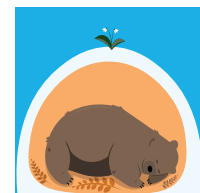
Original enthusiasts of the polar bear club, they hop into bracing vernal pools and chatterbox their way to a mate. Nobody’s fighting to claim territory within the pond—instead, frogs float around, having a high-five time. A pool in the woods might feature a chorus of long-lost buddies, quacking all at once. Like a cacophonous barroom after the day’s work is done, there is much to discuss, with “the Johnny Walker wisdom running high,” in the words of the great Leonard Cohen—all in the grand hope to greet the ladies for cocktail hour.

Frogs in particular greet winter with pure acceptance, embracing it and continuing to live, even in absurd fashion. Maybe they were subjects of inspiration in Albert Camus’ studies of nature: “In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer.” ☺

The Rural Ethicist is a column about the culture of the daily mundane. It tolerates an occasional spider,



values the bull in horse sense and seeks the gleaming, stainless steel wisdom beneath a film of cooking grease. Above all, it cherishes the gem of our shared existence: family. ruralethicstudio.com



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The Otis Observer team, minus Editor Linda Rocke, celebrated and reviewed another successful year at a staff retreat at New Boston Inn. Amongst the topics discussed were advertising revenue, expanding the Board of Directors and circulation.

Photo: New Boston Inn Staff



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ASTROLOGY ✨

Turn the Page

By Hilary Harley

A massive tail wind pushes us forward into the 2024, with Jupiter and Mercury turning direct motion on December 31st and New Year's Day. Use this powerful cosmic infusion well to launch a fresh start.

Often, we believe we are not making progress; yet the Universe never says NO to our wishes. Instead, it says not now or we have something better in store for you. Look back at just how far you have come. You are definitely *not* the person you were in 2020, or five years ago. *And that's a good thing.* Release the old and call in the new: our thoughts become our actions, and our actions weave our destiny.

Just a few days into 2024, sturdy, building block energy arrives. Motivating Mars turns into responsible Capricorn, goal-oriented, black and white, no nonsense energy. The action planet, Mars wants to get down to business. In earthy Capricorn, it produces results and gets the job done. What is your task at hand? LET'S GO! Build that dream.

There's no chance you'll miss this message because throughout January, more hard core Capricorn energy infuses our days. First, the New Moon occurs on Thursday, January 11th. This is one tough-as-nails New Moon.

Wedged tightly between the Sun and Powerful Pluto, this New Moon means business. Use this incredibly potent New Moon to set very clear intentions. Hand write three to five goals you want to manifest over the coming month or year. Then set safely alight.

Messenger Mercury glides into Capricorn on January 14th. Our word is our bond, and our honor, now. Capricorn may not be playful; but this sign delivers. Whatever you are building now, your time has come. If you have been showing up consistently and living honestly, expect rewards or at least acknowledgment.



By Martin Luther King weekend, the Sun and Pluto enter Aquarius on the very same day, Saturday, January 20th. Can you say *power duo*? Together, this pair welcomes us to the New Age, the actual *dawning of the Age of Aquarius*.

It is an equally exhilarating a time as it is chaotic. Aquarius rules upheaval and change. What about your life needs to change? What has come before, such as us versus them attitudes will not stand going forward. Decisions must now be born out of peace and mutual respect to benefit the vast majority.

Valuable Venus enters Capricorn on Tuesday, January 23rd. She emphasizes using the pieces of our lives to build something useful; while under a waxing Full Moon in Leo on Thursday, January 25th, Radical Uranus turns direct motion on January 27th. *Expect high drama and expect the unexpected.* When possible, lay low during the highly volatile stretch from January 23rd through 28th.

After January's bumpy ride, February offers smoother days. The sturdy, real-deal Capricorn energy continues, with Mercury, Mars and Venus still cycling through this practical, building block source. Use this ample hard-core resilience to make something from nothing, one idea, one foot, brick by brick at a time.

The New Moon in Aquarius on Friday, February 9th finds both Sun and Moon challenging Radical Uranus in Taurus, prompting the urge to change, grow, or burst. Be flexible where possible and forgiving as needed. Many may be forced to choose alternative paths when Motivating Mars joins Powerful Pluto in Aquarius at mid-month.

The Full Moon February 24th Virgo opposes Mercury, Saturn and the Sun. Control what you can and surrender the rest, a key lesson now for us all. ☯



Otis resident Hilary Harley is a counseling astrologer and hosts *Mystical Messages* podcast. She is an art aficionado, a community volunteer, and the mother of two daughters.



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OTIS LIBRARY NEWS

By Brad Havill

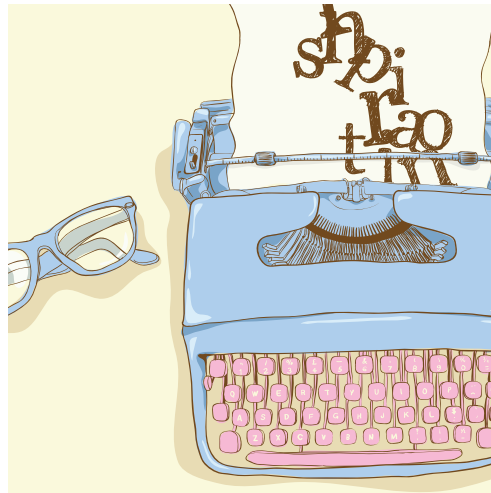
Happy New Year from the Otis Library! Last year was a busy and exciting one for us, and 2024 is already shaping up to be very good as well.

The Otis Cultural Council will fund several programs about which we are pleased. We will welcome back Ed the Wizard, Bruce Mandel and also Lara Tupper.

Ed the Wizard returns with another exciting program focused on a balloon twisting workshop. This is a slightly more advanced program than beginning balloon twisting,

and though the exact program and date have yet to be finalized, it would be beneficial to sign up as soon as dates are mentioned, as he can only accommodate 30 people. Additionally, if you attended any of the three shows that Ed held at the library last year, come in and check out his book *Ed the Wizard's Alchemy Laboratory* and learn how to do some fantastic magical mayhem.

Local singer/songwriter **Bruce Mandel** will return with a program called "In His Own Write." Mr. Mandel will conduct an up close, personal and unplugged experience in which he will tell the stories behind his songs, as well as sing them. He will appear at the library on **Saturday, June 15, from 1-3 p.m.**



Lara Tupper's "Pick up the Pen" is a guided free-writing session in which Lara provides prompts and asks participants to simply write whatever comes to their minds for short periods of time. Free writing is a fun and messy way to put words on paper, with participants asked not to cross out or erase, but rather to just write without worry or judgment. It is a fantastic way to jumpstart that writing project circling in your head.

Sometime in the late spring or early summer, **Eve Kummel** will bring her very good friend **Barry Moser** to the library to conduct a program. Mr. Moser has a long and illustrious career as a professor, print maker, book maker and illustrator. He is especially well known

for the Pennyroyal Press, for which he created wood carved illustrations of *Alice in Wonderland*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *Moby Dick* and his magnum opus, an illustrated Holy Bible.

Keen readers may remember that in the December edition I added a note that the library would host a forum for parents of small children. I feel that it was a fantastic success with a lot of dynamic ideas suggested, and more than just ideas for children emerged from this discussion, rather ideas for the whole family came to light through our conversation.

Some ideas had a more academic character to them—it was, after all, about how the library could help. The suggestion that most stood out was to locate community service-minded teenagers willing to tutor younger students in a variety of subjects. Interested students will hopefully come from organizations such as scouting and the National Honor Society. Be on the lookout for more information to follow soon.

I think the biggest ideas to come from this forum were non-academic. One intrepid youngster arrived with his top five board games written down and an idea that the library should host a family game night. We are asking you, dear reader, to come in and let us know what games would be of interest. Popular games already suggested include Scrabble (and Scrabble Junior), Mastermind and Boggle. There also seems to be a lot of interest in tabletop games, such as Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering, and Dungeons and Dragons that all fit into this category. We hope to have a big game day coincide with **International Tabletop Day on June 1, 2024**. We have a lot of practicing to do before then!

I would also like to remind everyone that our **Cookbook Club meets on January 12th**. Please come in to consult the cookbook and pick a recipe to prepare. The **Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month** as well. Both books are located at the circulation desk! ☺

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OTIS FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

By Terry Gould

I may be looking out the window at a cold, bright December morning, but you are reading this on probably a cold January day. I am not sure where 2023 went as days seemed to fly by, but we are now firmly ensconced in 2024 and may it bring us good health and peace.



The Otis Food Pantry continues to steam along thanks to the help and care of the members of our community and the

volunteers who have committed themselves to being where they are needed every single week.

Cold weather signals comfort food so our patrons look to non-perishables like soups and sauces and pasta. Snacks for children are needed every week and we share them with the school to supplement their healthy snacks for kids. Arlene and her band of merry elves, St. Mary's parishioners, Carol, Deb, Bernie, Lisa, Barbie and other anonymous elves fill the magic safe box to keep the shelves stocked.

The holidays brought in many gift cards and a huge thank you to Smile Like Jack, Bob, Diane, Ed and Denise for providing extra to go along with the regular pantry pick up.

Thanksgiving dinners provided by the Knox and the angels who treated their neighbors to a turkey dinner and all the fixings was a huge success. Neighbors shared simple recipes and ingredients for our Holiday Sack campaign allowing families to choose an extra sack with everything they needed to make a fun and easy recipe at home. A wonderful way to pass on a simple and fun tradition. Thank you to everyone who took part.

As I write this in early December, I may have missed some of you, but I will try and catch up in the next little missive.

We are very fortunate to be part of the family and community of Otis. People caring about their neighbors and friends is what makes this amazing little town so special. We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge and thank our town staff as they are such an important part of the pantry. It would not exist without the space that is so graciously provided and the help that they continue to provide to us.

Happy New Year! May 2024 be safe, healthy and peaceful! ☺



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First Annual Otis Tree Lighting Ceremony

By Lyn O'Brien

The community really came out and had a festive time at the first annual tree lighting on December 2nd. It was estimated that 150-200 people were in attendance.

Community members enjoyed hot chocolate and carolers, followed by the arrival of Santa. A little while later there was a countdown to light up the beautiful 12-foot-tall tree.

This event was a collaboration of multiple Town departments who took an idea and worked together to make it happen.

The Town of Otis looks forward to hosting this event again next year. ☺



Tree Lighting

Photo: Frank Tolopko



Santa comes to town

Photo: Candy Chaffee



Carolers

Photo: Lyn O'Brien



Interview with Santa



Bradley Pustinger
Photo: Michael Flower

Bradley Pustinger, 11, and John MaGovern, 12, both of East Otis, were in attendance at the First Annual Tree Lighting at the Otis Town Hall on December 2, 2023. They took this opportunity to interview Santa Claus, who was also in attendance. John filmed the interview while Bradley asked Santa a series of questions that they had an interest in hearing the answer to.

Q. What Santa school did you go to?

A. I went to Santa school up in the North Pole many years up there.

Q. Really?

A. Really! I had to go to Santa school. I had to learn how to be Santa.

Q. At the North Pole? I'm not sure I believe that but ...

A. Then why did you ask me?

Q. What inspired you to become a Santa?

A. The kids. It's all about the children.

Q. How long did it take to get the qualifications to become a Santa?

A. It took me many, many years – about 100 years and I'm finally Santa.

Q. Who will be your successor?

A. That would have to be someone after me. I'm not sure.

Q. How many gigs do you do a year?

A. This is it, Christmas! What else would I do? I don't come out at New Year's.

Q. How hard is it to get a Santa gig?

A. I just come down; I show up; the kids show up. Everything is good. I heard about this – somebody wrote a letter, I got it, I came down.

Q. What's the weirdest thing a child asked for Christmas?

A. To interview Santa. (Everyone laughed.) I've never been interviewed before, in 100 years ...

Q. Can I get a Red Rider BB gun?

A. I'll see but you might shoot your eye out. (Bradley and John start laughing hysterically.) ☹



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Otis Council on Aging

By Eila Bell

January/February 2024 Happenings at Otis Council on Aging

- Monday, January 1 - **Center is closed.**
- Wednesday, January 3 - **Haircuts** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 3 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Monday, January 8 - **Foot Nurse** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Monday, January 8 - **Exercise class** 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 10 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Monday, January 15 - **Exercise class** 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 17 - **Pizza Party** 12 noon, music with Larry Southard. Cost: donation. (Sign up @ (413) 269-0100, ext 5)
- Wednesday, January 17 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Friday, January 19 - **Brown Bag** 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Friday, January 19 - **CHP Van** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday, January 20 - **Paint and Sip**, with music, 1 p.m., Otis Town Hall, Cost \$10. (Sign up (413) 269-0100, ext. 5.)
- Wednesday, January 24 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Monday, January 29 - **Exercise class** 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 31 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Monday, February 5 - **Haircuts** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Monday, February 5 - **Exercise class** 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, February 5 - **Board Meeting** 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 7 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Monday, February 12 - **Foot nurse** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Monday, February 12 - **Exercise class** 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 14 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 14 - **Potluck luncheon** 12 noon
- Friday, February 16 - **Brown Bag** 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Friday, February 16 - **CHP Wellness Van** 10 a.m. - 12
- Monday, February 19 - **Exercise class** 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 21 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Monday, February 26 - **Exercise class** 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 28 - **Food Pantry** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Notice Otis Series

Notice Otis Series Continues

By Hilary Harley

The Otis Historical Commission and Otis Preservation Trust (OPT) are hosting the second Notice Otis Series cultural event of the 2023-'24 season presenting, "What's Happening at Gould Farm: the Roadside Café and More" on **Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.** [See Photo insets].

Gould Farm, established in 1913, is the first residential community in the nation devoted to helping adults surmount mental health challenges and progress toward recovery, wellness and greater independence through a combination of community living, meaningful work and clinical support. The guests of Gould Farm enjoy the safety and security of a warm and welcoming family-like community that is composed of staff, families, volunteers and fellow guests. All members are not only accepted, but they are also deeply respected and celebrated for their unique individuality.

Gould Farm's Roadside Store and Café has been a fixture of Monterey, Massachusetts since 1978. Over the years, Roadside has been featured in magazines such as *Bon Appetit*, *The New York Times*, *Esquire*, and *Edible Berkshires*. People come for the pancakes and stay for the warm atmosphere.

For over four decades, Roadside served up farm fresh food for the community and provided a healing work environment for people with mental health



Coming in 2024: a new Roadside Store & Café!

Roadside Café

Gould Farm stock/file photo.

challenges. At 100 years old, the former structure that used to house Roadside was no longer meeting the needs of Gould Farm's guests. After several months of careful planning, and thanks to the generosity of many donors, the brand new and improved Roadside Store and Café is on track to reopen in 2024.

Otis Preservation Trust (OPT) works with the Historical Commission to organize and preserve the history and heritage of Otis, MA for future generations by supporting efforts to preserve, restore, repurpose and educate about buildings, monuments, lands and memorabilia of Otis. OPT is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization operated for fundraising and educational purposes. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Otis Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The event is via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024. To register or for more information, please visit: www.otispreservationtrust.com or www.townofotisma.com. There is no charge to attend this event. Donations are welcome. ☺



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The Reel World of Films

By Eileen W. Cohen

We are now in the 2024 New Year and what can movie audiences expect to see on the silver screen in the next couple of months? Well, not a big slate of movies – in fact a slimmer line-up than usual is expected as a result of two movie industry labor unions that were on strike from July through November, 2023. The strike’s impact caused some film releases to be pushed back, delayed for years and even cancelled. Disney’s next live-action remake, *Snow White*, has been pushed back from its initial premiere date of March 22, 2024 to March 21, 2025. Pixar’s animated film, *Elio* has been delayed from March 1, 2024 to June 13, 2025. The highly anticipated untitled, eighth *Mission: Impossible* movie had an initial release date set for June 28, 2024 but with production stalled, it has been delayed to May 23, 2025.

The WGA (Writers Guild of America) and SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists) initiated the strike and these unions are instrumental in keeping

movie audiences entertained all year long. During the strike, Hollywood movie studios struggled to fill up the movie calendar. Strike action, work stoppage and picketing brought thousands of union members to demand fair wages to keep up with inflation, health and pension benefits and protection against “the encroachment of AI on their crafts.”

In spite of the strike’s work stoppages affecting production output from many movie studios, a few lucky films have been granted immediate release dates. Opening on January 12th is the film, *Mean Girls: The Musical*, written by (writer, producer, actress and SNL alum) Tina Fey (*30 Rock*) and is based on Rosalind Wiseman’s 2002 novel, *Queen Bees and Wannabees*. There was also a musical Broadway adaptation which ran from 2017 through 2020. The story will explore the impact that social dynamics have on young people. The movie will feature some songs from the Broadway show and Ms. Fey will reprise her role as Mrs. Norbury, the high school math teacher.

Jason Statham, (*The Transporter*, *The Expendables*, *Fast and Furious*) known for his gritty and tough characters on screen, stars as a former operative of a powerful organization known as The Beekeeper heading into theaters on January 12th. Duck – Pow – Slam! Get ready for lots of lively action and thrills galore.

Family entertainment hits the big screen with two animated adventures

from the Disney and Pixar studios – *Soul* (January 12th) and *Turning Red* (February 9th).



Brad Pitt is one of the producers for the documentary, *Bob Marley: One Love* a musical biography of the iconic Jamaican singer-songwriter of rock, ska and

reggae music. Marley died in 1981 at the age of 36 leaving behind a musical legacy of songs of freedom, love and unity. Actor Kingsley Ben-Adir, who has already portrayed two historical figures, Malcolm X and Barak Obama on screen, will now portray Bob Marley, having learned to play guitar and sing for this role. Marley and Kingsley’s voices will be blended using Marley’s archival recordings. The film’s release date is January 12th.

Marvel fans are in for a treat. Spider-Verse superhero, Madame Web is bringing a suspense-driven action thriller to movie theaters on Valentine’s Day. Dakota Johnson (*Fifty Shades of Grey*) will appear in the titular role – a mutant who specializes in predicting the future and can use telepathy to read the minds of others. A.K.A. Cassandra Webb, she is a New York City emergency responder turned clairvoyant as a result of a chance encounter with death while saving someone on the job.



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OTIS HISTORY

Perspective on Our New Year's Resolutions for 2024

By Peter Cameron

It's tradition to make resolutions as a New Year dawns, most of which are personal, and let's face it, selfish. To inspire a more selfless basis for next year's resolutions, I found this poem in a 2000 issue of the *Greenwood Gazette*. It was written by a student from Columbine High School, an anonymous survivor of the April 20, 1999, school shooting there. It exemplifies the American teen's perspective of our society and the blame they place on it for causing the Columbine tragedy. It might spark constructive ideas for your resolutions this upcoming year.

“The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers.

Wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less.

We buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses, but smaller families.

More conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees, but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment.

More experts, but more problems. More medicine, but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to our lives, not life to our years.

We've been all the way to

the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

We've split the atom, but not our prejudice.

We have higher incomes, but lower morals. We've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are times of world peace, but domestic warfare, more leisure, but less fun.

More kinds of food, but less nutrition.

These are days of two incomes, but more divorce, of fancier houses, but broken homes.

It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom.

A time when technology can bring a letter to you and a time when you can choose either to make a difference or just hit delete.”

So, as you contemplate your upcoming New Year's resolutions, consider the message in this poem. It comes from the unspeakable horror experienced by a teenager who watched twenty-four get hurt and fifteen die that day in Colorado. They wrote this appeal from their broken hearts, aimed at our selfish

culture, begging that we awaken to the dangers we are creating. Could we possibly argue with any of their perceptions? The past tells us we should not.

History is said to repeat itself and indeed it has. Sadly, Columbine was not the only school shooting, but just the first of many. Maybe, just maybe, this student's perceptions hit the nail on the head. The final stanza asks us to ponder and reconsider the selfishness, the I and me, that our society exemplifies today. They are asking that we put the us and we back into the equation. What a great place to start planning your resolutions for next year.

Hoping 2024 brings happiness, community volunteerism and personal fulfillment to you all. Happy New Year!

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To Otis, with Love

By Stephanie Skinner

I was chosen by Publisher and number one Otis fan, Arlene Tolopko, to update a terrific piece that appeared in the *Otis Observer* five years ago entitled "A Valentine to Otis" written by the talented Lauretta Harris.

To prepare, Arlene handed me the article which outlined an exhaustive list of our assets including food, quality of life resources, sports and recreation, technology and culture and community. I was amazed at what had changed in such a short time.

We're down one restaurant (may you rest in peace, Fratelli's), one dentist, one Rec Center (long may you stand Harmony Hall), an art gallery and a church (being repurposed to a cultural center though).

On the plus side, we got broadband minutes before COVID nailed our doors shut. And our community activities are booming, but definitely different than they were five years ago: music at the Knox Trail Inn; the Farmer's Market at Papa's, and town hall; new councils, committees, and clubs that turn out to be a great way to meet your neighbors beyond the tried and true transfer station and Farmington River Diner meet ups.

So, yes, things have changed.

But, as I reflect, I am struck by how much has NOT changed in Otis ... for a REALLY long time.

Peruse Otis historic listings in the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) and you will find information about many scattered farmsteads from the 1700s, as well as a wheel maker, a carriage maker and a rake shop in buildings still standing along Route 8, itself a once important part of the New England Interstate System.

Isn't it remarkable how, what is now Otis, then Louden and Bethlehem, was an observer to really big goings on in America? What a sight it must have been to see multi-ton cannons dragged from NY's Fort Ticonderoga through Otis in 1776, "Aided at times by slippery ice and snow, hindered at other times by rain and mud, Knox cajoled the weary men and beasts up and down the slopes of the Berkshire

Mountains and across Massachusetts." (**HudsonValleyRamble.com**, *Revolutionary War Routes in the Hudson River Valley*).

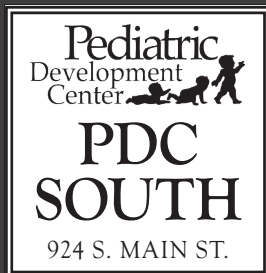
Let's not forget they had to bring that important ammo too.

And, later, "Near East Otis lies the large Otis Reservoir with beaches and boats for hire. There is fine fishing in all the Otis streams and in the spring during the 'sucker run' the fish are speared and even caught by hand. The Otis State Forest has tables, fireplaces, and tent sites." So says an old guide to the Berkshires that you can find in our wonderful little library. I don't know about snagging a fish by hand, but certainly Otis has retained all this and its charm for the bow, rod and rifle set.

Even if you're not a sportsman, the continuing power of nature here is one of our purest strengths. Although there are few paths specifically for it, you can walk, bike, or run that old Knox Trail, or on the well-maintained snowmobile paths, or frankly on just about any side road in town. You can paddle all spring and summer, or if you're game, you can crack the ice in winter and fetch up dinner out of one of our 22 bodies of water—if you can name them all, you are a true Otisite (... Otisian? Let's have a vote). You can even ski or snowboard at Otis Ridge.

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Although Otis was once a farming community, we have retained our rural chops despite the ringing bell for “progress.” We bloom from a town of 1,600 in the winter to a tourist haven, numbering in 5 figures, in the summer, but, thus far, we’ve kept ill-intentioned developers from transforming our community. Brigadoon-ish, you might say.

Yet we’re not really far from anywhere. There are more world class cultural venues (dance, music, theatre, art shows and otherwise) within shouting distance than you can shake a stick at. Otis will never compete with that former Dutch colony 2.5 hours down the road for variety and excellence of restaurants ... or traffic jams for that matter ... but we do have three venues to gather at, gossip, party, or commiserate about the weather.

We are out of the hustle and grind. I love that.

I love the fact that bobcats, bears and coyotes have enough purchase here to require planning when heading out on a nature walk. I may flatten a million mosquitoes in the summer, but they are why the bluebirds, swallows, phoebes, grackles, chickadees, nuthatches, tits (no giggling!), cardinals and many more migratory songbirds

that I love visit, and so I honor them, while crushing them with extreme prejudice.

I resent the weeds those birds amply distribute after gorging on invasive berries and seeds, but I love that those weeds provide food and cover for herbivores I sometimes have mixed emotions on, such as deer, voles, turkeys and rabbits, but love to admire when they’re not finishing up the last of my garden.

In essence, what I love about Otis, and I’ll bet you do too, is what we’ve always had, a land blessed by nature. Everything else is a bonus. So, here’s to you Otis, with love. ☺

Happy
Valentine's Day



JANUARY MEETING:
Tues., January 9, from 4:00 - 5:30

Location:

Roosevelt Room, Otis Library
or by Zoom
email for zoom link:
info@otislibraryma.org

Book:

All the Beauty in the World
by Patrick Bringley

FEBRUARY MEETING:
Tues., February 13, from 4:00 - 5:30

Location:

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Book:

In Memoriam
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By Sandy Balayan

Here is the continuation of the many responses of our community to the question, "Finish this sentence: I remember before there were ..."

- Screens and we actually spoke to each other at dinner.
- Kneepads and helmets for riding bikes.
- Air conditioners in the Berkshires. They were just not needed.
- Cell phones. Only a nickel was needed at the pay phone in the Olde Otis Inn to make a call.
- Seven numbers needed to call anyone in Otis. Just four were needed.
- Road crews in Otis. One man drove the plow, school bus and ambulance.
- Beepers, pagers and cell phones. Each establishment had a red phone for emergencies.

And to end with brevity and humor...

- I remember ... ummmm ... ummmm ... I forgot! ☹



"Otis Memories" is an ongoing way to share your Otis memories with the community. If you have an idea for an article or think one of these memories would be a good feature, let us know. We also welcome old photographs. Send memories and ideas to otismemories@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you!

NAME THAT OTISITE Contest



Can you solve this month's contest mystery? If you are the first to identify the person in this photo, you will be the winner of the contest and win a prize!

Try your luck with this picture. Remember, if there is more than one winner, first in gets the prize. Good luck!

Please send your name, phone and email address to lynnegeane@gmail.com. Open to Otis residents only. Members of the *Otis Observer* staff are not eligible to enter. ☹

Contest Winner!



Betty Duchesneau of Otis is the winner of the December photo contest. She correctly guessed the names of **Bernice and Edwin Strickland** and won a quart of maple syrup from Ashley's Maple (formerly Moose Mountain Maple).

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PHOTOS NEEDED!

Care to join in on the fun? Do you have a family photo you would share with the *Otis Observer*?

Scan a photo and send to Lynne Geane at lynnegeane@gmail.com with identifying information, your name, phone and email address. Or we'd be glad to pick up your photo, scan it and return it to you.

You could be in on our contest. Who will guess the identity of your photo?



A favorite barn, Town of Tyringham, MA., with a great round window, snow and shadows.
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Laugh with Carolyn

Our resident joke teller, Carolyn Lawry, shares another one of her gems with us this month. Long known for sharing whatever tickles her funny bone with family and friends, Carolyn is a delight to talk to and loves to share her great sense of humor with the readers of the Otis Observer.

Carolyn’s One Liners:

- Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, “Close enough.”
- “Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo.”
- I didn’t make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven’t met yet.
- I decided to rename the bathroom Jim instead of John. It feels better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

- When I get a headache, I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.
- If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I’m self-employed and we’re having a meeting.
- I can’t figure out how to use my iPad and my tech support guy is sleeping. He’s five and it’s past his bedtime.
- “On time” is when you get there.
- Why drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?
- It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer and come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller. ☹



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Prior to entering real estate sales, my profession was building, a profession I continued for many years in conjunction with being a real-estate agent. Many clients have found that background very helpful, whether preparing a house for sale, or discussing the possibilities of a potential purchase or repairs that might be needed.

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JANUARY

NOTE:

- 1. Otis Town Hall is open from 8 am – 4 pm, Monday - Thursday. Town Hall**
- 2. Town Hall will be closed on January 1**
- 3. Council on Aging Center will be closed on January 1**
- 4. Otis Winter Library Hours effective October 14**
 - **CLOSED Sunday, Monday, Tuesday**
 - **Wednesday – 11 am - 5 pm**
 - **Thursday – 12 pm - 6 pm**
 - **Friday – 11 am - 5 pm**
 - **Saturday – 9 am - 1 pm**
- 5. Otis Food Pantry open every Wednesday 9 – 11 am**
- 6. Rec Center - Temporarily Closed**
- 7. StoryWalk, children and adults will enjoy a reading of “The Artist” by Nikkolos Smith, while taking a walk along the Farmington River Trail.**
- 8. Farmington River School Closed January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Tues., Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10 am, **Otis Play**, a parent/child playgroup best for children infant - 5 yrs., this is a free program, no registration required

Tues., Jan. 2, 4:30 - 6 pm, **Historical Commission Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Wed., Jan. 3, 9 am – 2 pm, **Council on Aging Haircuts**, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at eilabell2@aol.com

Thurs., Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10 - 11 am, **Chair Yoga, Connie Wilson**, Ages 12+, Otis Town Hall, call or email Otis Rec Center for more information **(413) 269-4541**, otisrec@verizon.net

Sat., Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 9:30 – 10:45 am, **Mat Yoga, Connie Wilson**, Ages 16+, Kripalu Yoga, all levels, Otis Town Hall, call or email Otis Rec Center for more information **(413) 269-4541**, otisrec@verizon.net

Mon., Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29, 9 am – 2 pm, **Council on Aging Open**, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at eilabell2@aol.com

Mon., Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10:30 – 11:30 am, **Council on Aging Fitness Class with Michelle** from Soules Fitness, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at eilabell2@aol.com

Mon., Jan 8, 9 am – 2 pm, **Council on Aging, Foot Nurse** will be at the center, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at eilabell2@aol.com

Mon., Jan. 8, 2 Mon., Jan. 8, 2 - 4 pm, **Board of Assessors Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Mon., Jan. 8, 7 – 8 pm, **School Committee Meeting**, Farmington River Regional Elementary School

Mon., Jan. 8, 7 - 9 pm, **Planning Board Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Tues., Jan. 9, 6:30 – 8 pm, **Select Board Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Thurs., Jan. 11, 6 - 8 pm, **Otis Library Meeting (In person and Zoom)**, inquire at info@otislibraryma.org for more information, Otis Library

Thurs., Jan. 11, 7:30 pm, **PTA Meeting (Zoom)**, Farmington River Regional Elementary School

Tues., Jan. 16, 6 - 9 pm, **Conservation Commission Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Tues., Jan. 16, 6:30 pm, **Community Meeting** at the Otis Town Hall, Andrea Bono-Bunker, the Library Building Consultant, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, will appear via Zoom to discuss the new library grant and will be available to answer all your questions. **The meeting is in person at the town hall and via Zoom.** The Zoom link can be accessed on the Otis Library website, or **copy and paste the link on page 2 in the Community Meeting box.**

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- 5. StoryWalk, children and adults will enjoy a reading of “Kitty Feral and the Case of the Marshmallow Monkey” by Eddie Muller and Jessica Schmidt and illustrated by Forest Burdett, while taking a walk along the Farmington River Trail.**
- 6. Farmington River School Closed February 19 to 23 for President’s Day and School Break**

Thurs., Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10 - 11 am, **Chair Yoga, Connie Wilson**, Ages 12+, Otis Town Hall, call or email Otis Rec Center for more information **(413) 269-4541, otisrec@verizon.net**

Thurs., Feb. 1, 8 am - 5 pm, Selectboard/ Finance Board Joint Budget Meeting, Otis Town Hall

Sat., Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 9:30 - 10:45 am, **Mat Yoga, Connie Wilson**, Ages 16+, Kripalu Yoga, all levels, Otis Town Hall, call or email Otis Rec Center for more information **(413) 269-4541, otisrec@verizon.net**

Mon., Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9 am - 2 pm, **Council on Aging Open**, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at **eilabell2@aol.com**

Mon., Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:30 - 11:30 am, **Council on Aging Fitness Class with Michelle** from Soules Fitness, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at **eilabell2@aol.com**

Mon., Feb. 5, 9 am, **Council on Aging Board Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Mon., Feb. 5, 9 am - 2 pm, **Council on Aging Haircuts**, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at **eilabell2@aol.com**

Mon., Feb. 5, 7 - 8 pm, **School Committee Meeting**, Farmington River Regional Elementary School

Tues., Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10 am, **Otis Play**, a parent/child playgroup best for infants - 5 yrs., this is a free program, no registration required

Tues., Feb. 6, 4:30 - 6 pm, **Historical Commission Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Thurs., Feb. 8, 8 am - 5 pm, **Select Board/Finance Board Joint Budget Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Thurs., Feb. 8, 6 - 8 pm, **Otis Library Meeting (In person and Zoom)**, inquire at **info@otislibraryma.org** for more information, Otis Library

Thurs., Feb. 8, 7:30 pm, **PTA Meeting (Zoom)**, Farmington River Regional Elementary School

Mon., Feb 12, 9 am - 2 pm, **Council on Aging, Foot Nurse** will be at the center, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at **eilabell2@aol.com**

Mon., Feb. 12, 2 Mon., Feb. 8, 2 - 4 pm, **Board of Assessors Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Mon., Feb. 12, 7 - 9 pm, **Planning Board Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Tues., Feb. 13, 6:30 - 8 pm, **Select Board Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Wed., Feb. 14, 12 noon, **Potluck Luncheon**, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at **eilabell2@aol.com**

Thurs., Feb. 15, 7 pm, **Notice Otis Presents "Happenings at Gould Farm"**, via zoom. To register, visit **www.otispreservationtrust.com**.

Thurs., Feb. 15, 8 am - 5 pm, **Select Board/Finance Board Joint Budget Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Fri., Feb. 16, 10 - 11 am, **Brown Bag**, Otis Town Hall, for information call Eila at **(413) 269-0103** or email at **eilabell2@aol.com**

Fri., Feb. 16, 10 am - 12 noon, **CHP Wellness Van Clinic**, if you need to be seen for a sick visit or wellness check, or, if you need a COVID vaccine or booster, call **(413) 528-0457** to schedule your appointment, Otis Town Hall

Mon., Feb. 19, President's Day

Tues., Feb. 20, 6 - 9 pm, **Conservation Commission Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Thurs., Feb. 22, 8 am - 5 pm, **Select Board/Finance Board Joint Budget Meeting**, Otis Town Hall

Sat., Feb. 24, 9 - 11 am and 3 - 5pm, **Voter Registration Session, Last Day to Register to Vote and/or Change Party Enrollment for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary**, Otis Town Hall



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