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No 'woe is me' in Otto Miller

By Gordon Woodworth
 Chronicle News Editor

Otto Miller, the 18-year-old Queensbury High grad paralyzed from the waist down in a fall from a third-story roof in Maryland, is now at the Shepherd Center spinal cord and brain injury rehabilitation facility in Atlanta.

And he's nothing but upbeat — and inspirational to the people around him.

"I'm doing great!" Otto told *The Chronicle* via Facebook. "The rehab center is very nice. I just got a tour and I really like the gym and the athletic facilities."

Otto severed his spinal cord in a fall while shoveling snow near the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, where he was about to start playing ice hockey.

But he's cracking jokes with friends on Facebook, and says he aims to walk again by his 20th birthday in July 2017.

How can he be so upbeat? "It's really the fact of how many people are behind me," he said.

"How many businesses, some I've never even heard of, raising money. People I've never known who are sending love and believe in me. It makes me feel so

'I'll walk again' says the upbeat Qby. teen after paralyzing fall



"Got all cleaned up and shaved!"
 Otto Miller said Sunday on Facebook. He's now at the Shepherd Center, a spinal cord and brain injury rehabilitation center in Atlanta. Photo provided

good... "Well, here's an example. A pizzeria (Southy's in South Glens Falls) I've never even heard of is doing a fund-raiser. One of my goals is to say thank you in person to as many people as I can when I get back home back. I'll have to go try the pizza!"

A February 4 benefit at Down-

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John Phillips of Glens Falls hits big-time as comedy screenwriter in Hollywood

By Mark Frost
 Chronicle Editor

What started as a Glens Falls Middle Schooler making videos with his pals has paid off royally for John Phillips.

At 35, he's hit the Hollywood big-time.

He wrote the movie *Dirty Grandpa*, the raunchy comedy starring Robert DeNiro and Zac Efron

that came out on Jan. 22, took a drubbing from the critics but rang up more than \$30-million in ticket sales in less than three weeks and is still playing in American multiplexes like Avia-

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Wrote the movie 'Dirty Grandpa' now playing; stars DeNiro, Zac Efron; \$30-million+ at box office

Her dinner at The Sagamore

By Cathy DeDe
 Chronicle Managing Editor

It was with a tinge of trepidation that I sat for dinner on a cold Saturday night at the Sagamore Resort.

We're talking January 30, height of the Sagamore's ice bar phenomenon, when the place was packed, lawn to balcony to basement with local and out-of-town revelers all jostling for at least enough elbow room to lift fancy



Twin filets mignons, this one topped with a wild mushroom pesto, at the Sagamore Resort's La Bella Vita restaurant. Chronicle photo/Cathy DeDe

ice-themed cocktails to their frozen lips.

The hotel was fully booked. A week ahead, the earliest dinner reservation at the higher end La Bella Vita restaurant was for

9:30 p.m. Caldwell's Lounge, abutting the dining area, was crowded with enthusiastic ice bar hang-overs.

How could this possibly bode

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Says furs seen at ice bar come from victimized animals

To the Editor:

With familiar sadness I read the cover story "Ice Bars in Fashion" in the Feb. 4-10 issue of *The Chronicle*. There were several pictures of people pleasantly smiling at the Sagamore's 3rd annual Ice Bar, wrapped in the fur of dead

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