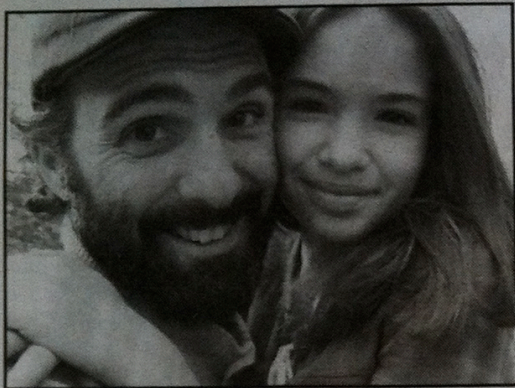


Matawan Father-Daughter Acting Duo Prepare to Screen Their Film at The Garden State Film Festival



PJ. Bracco, award-winning Actor/Director and owner of Red Hook Films introduces his daughter, Annabella, to the craft in his latest production *The Goner Prologue*, a film written and directed by newcomer Shane Dewalt.

Laying the foundation of a trilogy, *The Goner Prologue* opens on a dusty road in rural America during the 1930's. It is in this desolate setting that Anna first encounters a stranger and triggers a series of events that will unfold over the next 70 years of her life.

Bracco met Dewalt several years ago, while working on his first short film *Raimo's Price*. Soon after completion, Shane's newest script caught Bracco's interest. After several months of discussion and development, the two were onto a new project together with Red Hook Films, Bracco's long-time production company.

Seeing this as a great opportunity for his daughter Annabella, an

aspiring actress and musician, Bracco prepped her for the role. Knowing this would be a difficult project, Annabella took it on with the dedication of a true professional.

It was a new experience for Bracco, to be on set acting opposite his own daughter, a twelve-year-old who has the leading role in the film. "She was doing it. She was always in the moment and ready to take the risks an actor needs to take," Bracco said. Himself a trained actor from Boston University's College of Fine Arts, he watched in awe as Annabella moved through her space, as confident as any trained actor.

Halfway through post-production, Annabella started writing a little piece of music on the piano. "I called out to her and said, play that again... and... just think of little Anna walking around in that scene," remembers Bracco. Annabella's reply was a witty "What do you think I was thinking about?" and the score for the film was born.

The Goner Prologue has been an Official Selection of The New Filmmaker Series, Big Apple Film Fest, and The Topanga Film Festival. It was in the Love Your Shorts Fest in February, and will be shown at the Garden State Film Festival March 22-25.

KEYPORT KIWANIS CLUB ANNUAL FISH FRY

STORY KRISTEN KERRIGAN

The Keyport Kiwanis Club held its annual fish fry on February 22. Members of the Kiwanis Club, as well as Boy Scouts from Troop #364 and Key Club members from local high schools worked hard to make sure everyone got their fill of fish and fries.

Judy Poling and the fish fry have been a part of the Kiwanis Club for over 20 years. Poling says that the main goal of Kiwanis is to help people in need, especially children. The Kiwanis Club International is beginning a fight against pre-natal tetanus. Some of the proceeds from their events will be put toward supplying tetanus shots to expectant mothers in third-world countries.

The Keyport Kiwanis Club was founded in 1923 and currently has twenty-six members dedicated to helping their community as well as the less fortunate. The Keyport Civic Center and the Circle K Club of Monmouth University were also founded, for the purpose of allowing children and young adults to be a part of Kiwanis and help give back.

Some of the proceeds from previous Kiwanis events have been donated to the Borough of Keyport, local high schools such as Matawan and MAST, The Sunshine House and The Rainbow Foundation.

The Kiwanis Club holds weekly meetings for its members every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Town & Country Inn, Keyport. Another upcoming Kiwanis event is the annual chicken fry, which is coming up on Monday April 16 from 12-8:00pm. This will also take place at the Town & Country Inn and will cost \$10 per person. For more information about upcoming events, Kiwanis charities or to apply for Kiwanis Club membership, please visit <http://www.keyportkiwanis.org>.

WITH A BOUNCE IN HER STEP AND A SMILE ON HER FACE, REGAL POINTE RESIDENT TURNS 102 WITH A CELEBRATION



Regal Pointe Independent Living, Middletown, threw a big hoopla to celebrate resident Emily Cook's 102nd birthday on Thursday, February 16. Emily, residents and guests enjoyed local entertainer Jerry Spathis who performed Oldies music and serenaded the birthday girl during her party.

Western Electric and RCA until her retirement at age 62.

She married her husband Fredrick in 1936, and they lived most of their life in Kearny, NJ. He died of cancer at the age of 56.

Emily moved to Regal Pointe in 2003 and has stayed young at heart a