Extras needed

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SENECA — Those hoping to make it onto the Hollywood big screen have the chance to do so — starting next week.

"Elbow Grease" casting director and associate producer Shelby Henderson, a Seneca native, said she's looking for 250 to 300 locals of all ages and ethnicities to serve as extras in the romantic comedy starring legendary actor Burt Reynolds, who also appeared in Oconee County in the early 1970s to film "Deliverance."

Henderson said filming begins Monday at various locations around the county, including Seneca's Ram Cat Alley and in

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Walhalla. Extras will be needed throughout production in the county, which is expected to take several months.

"We are looking for local flavor," Henderson said. "You can be any age, any ethnicity.

"Be prepared to dress up as if it's 1999 — that's the era the film is set in — so you can't have out your iPods or cellphones because they weren't that common back then. No Bluetooth devices either," she joked. "You'd be surprised how much technology has changed since then."

Those interested in being cast as extras need to send a recent photo of themselves, a name and phone number to elbowgreaseextras@gmail.com.

Henderson said she knows for certain most of those extras will be used on Ram Cat Alley on Oct. 7.

"Just make sure you send us an email — we can't just have everybody show up. We have to select who we want to be an extra," she said.

Henderson said the City of Seneca has been very welcoming to the cast and crew, who are expected in town Monday (although it is unclear when Reynolds will visit).

"Seneca has been extremely gracious to us," Henderson said. "I'm from here, and even I'm impressed. I've been in this industry for a decade, and this area has been one of the most impressive. I'm excited for the cast to get here so they can see how wonderful the towns are.

"It will be great."

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