Hollywood legend set to visit Oconee

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An official from the Mountain Lakes Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) in Walhalla confirmed Monday that a legendary Hollywood movie star is scheduled to appear in Oconee County next month.

CVB President Ken Sloan said the star will be featured in the romantic comedy/drama, "Elbow Grease," and that filming for the movie begins next week.



Sloan

The actor's name has not yet been released, but Sloan said he was told it would be released within the week. Of course, the actor is only scheduled to be in town for a handful of days.

"The movie will be shot primarily in Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster," Sloan said. "They will be at Ram Cat Alley, on Lake Keowee and at a barber shop in Walhalla.

"We're expecting them for 60 to 90 days."

Sloan said "Elbow Grease" is one of three Hollywood productions being filmed in the area.

"The writer and director for 'Elbow Grease' is from here," Sloan said. "There's a guy working to bring a reality television series to the area, and he is from Westminster. The TV show 'Morningside' is also being filmed on Lake Keowee."

Sloan said South Carolina doesn't typically see a lot of Hollywood filming, and that this news is "great" for Oconee.

"We've been the middle man since it began with 'Elbow Grease,'" Sloan said of the CVB. "It's our job to recruit people to see the beauty of Oconee County. We're doing something right."