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**Cast and crew have wrapped up filming in Oconee County for the upcoming romantic comedy "Elbow Grease," but the movie is still in production.**

# Photography finishes on 'Elbow Grease'

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SENECA — Romantic comedy "Elbow Grease" might have finished filming this week, but the movie, filmed partially in Oconee County, is still in production.

Shelby Henderson, associate producer and casting director of the movie, said professional photography wrapped up Tuesday and the final touches are going really well.

"The community was amazing," said Henderson, a Seneca native. "People just opened their arms and offered up their resources."

Henderson said working with Burt Reynolds, who has a role in the film, was a "phenomenal" experience.

"He's very humble and kind and great dealing with people," she said.

Production might still be going on in the area in the months to come, Henderson said, adding the production team was impressed by the people of Oconee County.

"We'd like to give a big thank you from the production team," Henderson said. "Even being from Seneca, it still blew me away. The people just made it so easy to do. Burt Reynolds said he'd love to come back just for a visit. I think people will be so pleased with what they see on film."

Ken Sloan, head of the Mountain Lakes Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the filming of the movie was great for Oconee County and the people.

"Everyone was excited and everybody wanted to meet Burt Reynolds," he said. "It was an exciting moment for our county. It was fun for Jazz on the Alley, fun for the City of Seneca and for the filming they did here in Walhalla."

As for economic impact in the future, Sloan said it probably would be minimal.

"At the end of the day, I don't think it's so much an opportunity for tourism economic impact, but I see it as a huge opportunity maybe for getting other films and TV shows and things of that nature to come to our area."

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