# Reynolds to film in Oconee this fall

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SENECA — More than 40 years after he starred in "Deliverance," Burt Reynolds is returning to Oconee County to make a movie.

Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander confirmed Friday that Reynolds is the Hollywood movie star officials said earlier this week is coming to star in the romantic comedy/drama "Elbow Grease," which will be filmed in Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster.



Reynolds

Reynolds was one of the stars of the 1972 movie hit "Deliverance," some of which was filmed on the Chattooga River in

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Oconee County.

Jason Shirley, the writer and producer of the movie, and crewmembers have been in Oconee County for the past few days getting ready. They are scheduled to return to begin filming the movie Sept. 30, Alexander said. He announced Reynolds' name Thursday at Jazz on the Alley at Ram Cat Alley.

"It is exciting because part of our community and town is going to be part of a movie that is going to be coming out," Alexander said. "Burt Reynolds will be here, and he will be one of the stars in the movie. It is exciting for Seneca and Oconee County. I actually remember Deliverance and him (Reynolds) being in it. My understanding is that he will actually be spending some time here in this community. It's good news."

Alexander said some of the movie will be filmed around Ram Cat Alley and the downtown area and that some filming will also be done [illegible]

Keowee. The mayor added that Shirley has family members who lived in Oconee County.

Ken Sloan, president of the Oconee County Convention and Visitors Bureau said the movie will be also be shot at a barber shop in Walhalla in addition to Lake Keowee and Ram Cat Alley. He said he expects the film crew and cast to be in the county for 60 to 90 days, although Reynolds will not likely be there that long.

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Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander, second from right, stands to the left of Jason Shirley, writer and director of 'Elbow Grease.' Shirley and his film crew gathered on Thursday during Jazz on the Alley to announce their film, which features Burt Reynolds. The cast and crew will be in Oconee beginning Sept. 30.