

# Movie filmed in area could soon have Seneca premiere

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SENECA — The details aren't yet set in stone, but the wheels have been set in motion for the local premiere of "Elbow Grease," which was filmed in the area four years ago.

Shelby Henderson, who served as the casting director and associate producer on the film, said

film at Premiere Cinema 8 in Seneca in September, complete with a question-and-answer session with some of the movie's cast and crew, including director Jason Shirley.

"We're working with Premiere right now to try to get it here in September," Henderson said.

"The manager has said he doesn't see it being a problem, but he has to go to

just get all the particulars worked out, but we're in conversations with them to bring the movie here in September."

The movie, which features Burt Reynolds along with a cast of relative unknowns, was shot in Seneca and other locations across Oconee County in 2013, with principal photography wrapping

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in November of that year. After a year of editing, the film has been making the rounds on the film festival circuit since 2015.

Henderson said former Seneca Mayor Johnny Fields has a role in the movie, adding that extras who were present for scenes shot on Ram Cat Alley and the downtown area could likely see themselves on the silver screen as well.

"The cool thing about this movie is that when you look at it, most feature films that come to town hire a lot of extras, and when you go see the movie, you probably won't see yourself," she said. "People are going to see themselves in this movie. I won't say everybody, but a whole lot more than you'd see with a Hollywood crew coming in."

Henderson described the movie, which hasn't yet been rated, as a

family-friendly romantic comedy. She added she's optimistic anyone from the area will feel a connection with it regardless of the genre.

"It's a very comfortable movie for people who live here," she said. "I think the people that this is home for are going to have a certain feeling about the movie, hopefully a warm feeling."

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The crew for "Elbow Grease," a romantic comedy filmed in Oconee County, works on set in 2013. Organizers hope to have a local premiere of the movie in Seneca in September, according to casting director and associate producer Shelby Henderson.