

Movie shoot finds help downtown

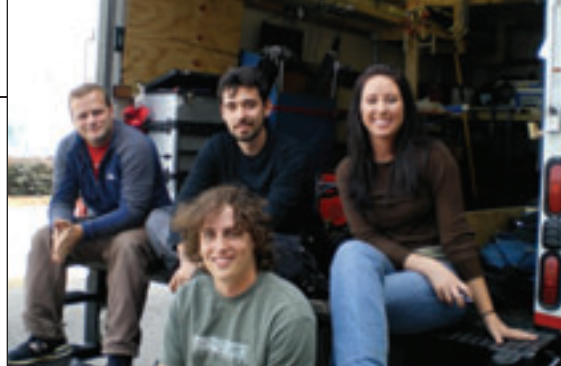
Did you ever imagine that a movie shot right here in Dothan, Alabama might end up at the Sundance Film Festival? According to Executive Producer Andy Stuckey if all goes as planned his film "Sciptracers" will see its way to many film festivals following the final edit nine months from now.

When asked why he filmed the movie here in Dothan Andy was quick to reply "No other place would give us this much help." Andy and many members of the cast and crew are from Dothan and now live in the Big Apple. They packed their bags and their dreams and a budget of three hundred thousand dollars and came home.

The rest of this story is a movie script in itself. Lots of fine folks in Dothan decided to help these aspiring young people achieve their dream. Andy cast a lot of local talent and local businesses pitched in with everything from water to automobiles and food, rehearsal space, props, art work, locations for shooting and more.



"Sciptracers" film editor John Dowling is ready to get to work on the rough footage shot here in Dothan.

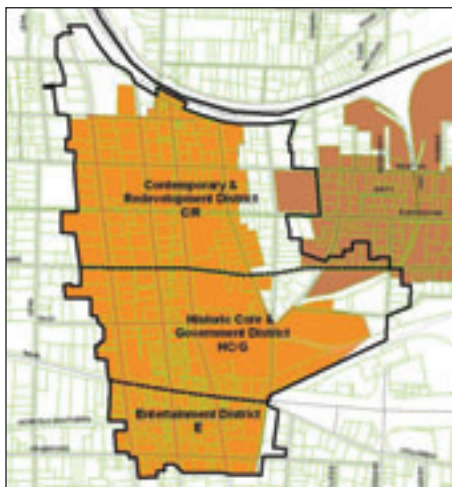


Andy Stuckey (right) brought a film crew from New York City (above) to help film "Sciptracers."

Downtown Dothan played a huge role in the movie. The old jail on North St. Andrews was home to cast and crew for several weeks. The rooms were converted to dressing rooms and sound stages. With spiked hair, big glasses and a genuine Southern accent, Andy Stuckey is as fun as his comedic script. So with a script based on Alabama stories and bail bondsmen (otherwise known as "sciptracers"), this comedy fills the big screen with big hair, southern accents (which are real by the way) and good ol' boy humor.

Andy Stuckey worked with locals wanting to help him achieve his dream. Everyone from City Manager Mike West, Mayor Pat Thomas, Police Chief John Powell and Fire Chief Larry Williams helped out. The local Pee Wee Football team stars in the movie along with local talent like Patti Rutland Jazz, Dan Richards and intern Rachel Taylor. When you come home to shoot a movie you get help from the heart.

City contemplates Overlay District for downtown Dothan



The Downtown Overlay District is in draft form and was presented to the Planning Commission for discussion in January. The ordinance focuses on the preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures and their elements where feasible and enables new development in a creative manner. The goal for alterations to buildings and new construction in the Downtown Overlay District is to ensure compatibility with existing and new development.

The ultimate goal of the Downtown Overlay District is to foster a strong viable downtown as a commercial, civic, residential, and cultural art center with its own unique identity.

Drafts of the overlay district ordinance and the overlay district design manual are posted on the Planning Department's page at www.dothan.org.

They call him the 'P-Nut Man'

The P-Nuts Around Town campaign is keeping local craftsman John Wayne a very busy man. John has designed or redesigned a total of thirteen of the P-Nuts Around Town. His long list of credits includes Tuffy Automotive's four Patriotic P-Nuts, Hooters, TGI Fridays, ENT Care, Altel, Wesley Manor, the Fire Department, Elvis and Scenic Productions.

"They call me the P-Nut man," says John. "Neighbors often stop by my shop to see what new P-Nut we're working on. It's great to sculpt from someone's ideas to something real." John doesn't just work on P-Nuts. His company FX Enterprises is well known in this area for custom building and painting everything from saw blades to motorcycles, automobiles, buses and airplanes.

You can drive by the newest P-Nut Around Town on Main Street at Club Sun's corporate office to see John's latest creation. He came up with this whimsical design at his workshop in Ashford. When asked about the mechanics of "Tanya," the Club Sun P-Nut, John commented "This one is totally different from the other P-Nuts in Dothan. This P-Nut is a tanning bed that lights up. This one totally describes



what Club Sun is all about."

While John spends his time doing the design work he credits his team of four at FX for building his creations. "I have to thank Woody and David for building the tanning bed. It was quite a challenge."

Touring around Dothan is a P-Nut feast for the eyes. The Downtown Group's P-Nuts Around Town campaign continues to flourish as new businesses come to town and opt to join in the fun of this public art work project. The P-Nuts are a popular attraction in Dothan and attract a lot of attention by locals and visitors to Dothan. A brochure on the P-nuts is available at the Dothan Convention and Visitors Bureau. For information on the P-Nuts Around Town project contact the Downtown Group



Renew yourself downtown with new wellness program

Holistic Health Counselor Juli-Ann Waddell encourages clients to reclaim their health and make better lifestyle choices. "What inspired me to become a health counselor was reclaiming my own health. I attended the Institute for Integrative Nutrition in New York and with this training I provide clients with a source of accountability and support for achieving balance in their lives." She offers her services from a building downtown which has been rechristened "A Place to Renew," located at 148 West

Main Street in downtown Dothan.

Juli-Ann's passion was once embodied in a company called Mudge and Molly where she successfully created children's bedding. For fifteen years Juli-Ann competed with other designers for her place in high end baby boutiques. Juli-Ann then moved into a world that was no longer about style magazines, but instead focused on health and wellness.



Her program is a six month course that includes cooking classes, health food store tours, grocery trips, a pantry redo and the implementation of movement and exercise. Juli-Ann says the six months of wellness are about "creating small changes that add up to big lifestyle changes. I help people connect mind, body and spirit to achieve balance and wellness."

Juli-Ann Waddell can be contacted by calling 334-618-7555 or visiting www.yougreenlight.net.

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