SOKY Film Commission

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Anchor Intro: Hollywood seems to have found a new home in Horse Cave with three movies shot in less than a year right here in South Central Kentucky.

WKU students are taking full advantage of the opportunity as Amy Bingham reports in this week’s View from the Hill.

Amy Intro: “Mail Order Monster” is the latest movie to wrap production in Horse Cave and it won’t be the last. Thanks to some tax incentives approved by the state of Kentucky, the SOKY Film Commission has built a competitive film industry in this area and the opportunities are not lost on WKU.

Supers:

:20 - :24 Randall Curry \ Horse Cave Mayor

:41 - :45 Branscombe Richmond \ SKFC Advisory Board Member

:59 – 1:03 Jeremy Aubrey \ SKFC Internship graduate

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8:30 “South Central Kentucky without a doubt has been an outstanding place to produce movies with the scenery we have and the friendly people.”

12:18 “To have something like this come to a small community is great.”

The old Horse Cave Fire Department has been home base for the Southern Kentucky Film Commission for not one, not two but three movies shot in this area.

7:43 “Everywhere I go people still talk about the first one Uncommon Grace and the majority of it was filmed in an on the streets of Horse Cave.”

19:34 “It needed rural it needed farms it needed ranches, people and small towns and that’s how this area got picked.”

While pumping revenue into the local economy, the productions also provide jobs to folks in the area.

20:00 “We have 75 % crew outside of Kentucky and we train 25 % but this last film had 38 to 40 % local crew.”

In fact, Jeremy Aubrey of Horse Cave went from being an intern to a starring role.

11:27 “I was working as an intern on Runaway Romance and during production I got a call from the director of Mail order Monster saying she would like to cast me in the lead role for the monster.”

Aubrey was one of six students who recently graduated from the Southern Kentucky Film Commission professional internship program.

Richmond says the film commission takes full advantage of the close proximity to WKU which began offering a film major just a few years ago.

26:05 “They worked in everything from production assistant to camera department to sound. We had a boom man from WKU he was holding the sound boom.”

There should be many more movie making opportunities in the future.

8:14 “Hopefully this is the beginning of something long term, talking with people in Frankfort, they’re still excited about brining the movie industry to Kentucky.”

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About 20 WKU students worked on Mail Order Monster. The Southern Kentucky film commission is made up of representatives from Barren, Edmonson, Hart and Warren Counties.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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