



Movie crew to film in Muskogee and Tenkiller area

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Relax; it's fake blood.

J.A. Steel said filming a movie on location can have unexpected complications. Like people who mistake pretend violence for the real thing.

"We were shooting 'Salvation' and I had just come out of the pond at Honor Heights Park," she said. "I went rushing into the restroom to change clothes, I had blood all over me, and people ended up calling the police." Whoever made the call didn't know it was fake blood used during filming of the action movie. And, since actor/director Steel was in the bathroom, they couldn't see the film crew and cameras in another part of the park. Steel's crew will be in Muskogee again starting Thursday to film another project titled "Denizen." She hopes no one mistakes her actors with fake guns for the real thing. They'll be working four days in the downtown area and also out at Lake Tenkiller.

The "Denizen" plot line is simple. Peace is shattered in a small town when a mysterious creature starts to leave a bloody trail. The last hope for the residents rests on the courage and resourcefulness of a small group of scientists.

"Denizen" will feature underwater camera work by Steel, as well as scuba diving, fight scenes and aerial sequences.

"I'm excited," she said. "Year before last, I filmed 'Salvation' entirely in Muskogee and Ft. Gibson. It's due out on video in July. It's nice to have a follow-up movie that's a cross between 'The Third Society' and my last one."

Underwater scuba scenes will be shot at Lake Tenkiller in a real sunken town. Steel produced the award-winning documentary pilot "Dive the Deep Blue." Steel is a cave diver and has woven a bit of cave-diving lore into the "Denizen" plot.

"Denizen" will star Julie Corgill-Lisandro ("Cheerleader Massacre"), Glen Jensen ("Fingerprints," "Soul's Midnight"), Ben Bayless and Jody Mullins with a special guest appearance by Tiffany Shepis ("Nightmare Man," "Abominable").

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J.A. Steel's film crew works in the Muskogee area on a motion picture named "Salvation."