

# Prayer Box' Movie Being Filmed in Edmonson

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Crews began filming a movie called “Prayer Box” in Edmonson County this week. It’s one of several productions lured to the region since the creation of the Southern Kentucky Film Commission in October 2016 by the Hart County Fiscal Court.

Rhonda Clemmons is executive director of the Edmonson County Tourism Commission and a board member of the Southern Kentucky Film Commission. She said there’s a lot of activity being generated by film.

“They’re using a local church camp, a local church, one of the local schools, one of the downtown grocery stores, so different venues throughout the community will be used.”

Clemmons said the economic impact on the county is important and welcome. For instance, one local bed and breakfast is rented out for most of the month of December, and crew members are eating in local restaurants and buying supplies.

But Clemmons says while there are many hotel rooms in the part of the county near Mammoth Cave, the filming is being done mostly in Brownsville, so lodging required some creative thinking.

“In the heart of Brownsville, we were challenged to find 40-plus hotel rooms. But we are blessed to have Camp Joy, a local church camp,” said Clemmons. “They worked out an arrangement that a large part of the crew could stay there. It’s basically going to be a fundraiser for the church camp and it helps us with our lodging needs.”

She said the producers told her one of the main advantages of filming in Edmonson County is the state tax incentive of 35 percent because it’s an economically distressed area.