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With cameras rolling, actor Tyler Hoechlin makes his way down Main Street in West Dundee on Monday trailed by the camera crew and flanked by lines of antique cars. Hoechlin is just one of many actors, including Tom Hanks and Paul Newman, who will star in the movie based on the novel "Road to Perdition," which is set in the 1930s.

# W. Dundee goes Hollywood

## *Movie starring Tom Hanks begins filming downtown*

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Karl and Josh Scholl aren't in the Tom Hanks film that started shooting Monday in West Dundee, but that didn't stop them from showing up downtown in full Depression-era costume the night before.

The Lake in the Hills brothers milled about the crew, looking the parts they wanted so badly. They had been cast as extras in "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" and "Groundhog Day," shot in Woodstock, but they missed the deadline to apply for a chance this time.

So, the two were trying to cozy up to the crew, make their faces known around the set.

"We're just trying to get in any way we can," Karl said.

Josh, a Jacobs High School senior, was trying to plant photographs of himself—his "head shots"—downtown, hoping they would catch the eye of someone from DreamWorks who would hire him on the spot.

"Hopefully, they need an extra guy in a shot. Bam—I'm in," Josh said.



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Tyler Hoechlin, who plays Tom Hanks' son in the film, acted in a brief scene, riding his bicycle down Main Street, which the crew had covered with artificial snow. The cameras also filmed scenes of people walking and antique cars driving downtown.

Today, Tom Hanks will be shooting his bank-robbery scenes, but Brand cautioned they will be done indoors, so spectators may not be able to see much.

"I think it's great — notoriety and a lot of people visiting our village from outside the community; people discovering shops that are here," West Dundee Village President Larry Keller said. "I think that'll be a positive in the future."

But the crowds never grew much larger than 100 people at one time.

"It went really smoothly," West Dundee Police Chief Richard Lovett said. "I think the weather had a lot to do with it. And most people knew Tom Hanks wasn't going to be here today."

Traffic however was backed up during the afternoon rush along Route 31 going north to Main Street in Carpentersville.

DreamWorks has closed Route 72 from Route 31 to Route 25 for filming and diverted traffic beginning Sunday night and continuing through 5 a.m. Wednesday, barring any complications.

But Lovett said residents had

## The stars

### Tom Hanks

Plays Michael Sullivan, also called the "Archangel of Death" for his proficiency as a hitman for the mafia. He takes his only surviving son down a road of revenge and self-discovery after his wife and other son are murdered.



Hanks



Sullivan

### Paul Newman

Plays John Rooney (changed from Looney in the book), Sullivan's boss who runs the Irish gang that ran what was in 1930 the Tri-Cities of Rock Island, Ill.; Moline, Ill.; and Davenport, Iowa.



Newman



Rooney

### Jennifer Jason Leigh

Plays Annie Sullivan, Michael Sullivan's wife. Her death and the death of one of their sons is the impetus behind Michael's actions in the book.

### Jude Law

Plays a reporter, who is not a character in the book.

### Tyler Hoechlin

A Hollywood newcomer who plays Sullivan's son, Michael, the book's narrator who is drawn into his father's violent profession after his brother and mother are killed.

plenty of previous warning.

"I've heard no complaints," he said. "It was well publicized."

Many of the people who headed downtown did so on foot. Dog walks often seemed to find their way to the inhospitable pavement downtown, and strollers were a common sight.

Holly Gore, 12, of West Dundee walked downtown with her father and grandmother to see how a Hollywood movie is filmed. Last Summer, Gore made some 8mm films of her own, so her dad, Rock, let her miss school for a lesson outside of the classroom.

"We're not here to see the stars. We're really not interested in that part," Rick Gore said.

"I think it's a good lesson for her to see how boring making a movie really is," Gore said as they repeatedly watched antique cars drive up and down Main Street.

But the tedium didn't discourage the Scholl brothers, who returned Monday afternoon and got their names in the pool of possible extras for DreamWorks' next four months of shooting in the Chicago area.

"It might work," Josh said. "We're hoping for it. I think you can call it a successful effort."

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