



Don and Karen have run Turner's Excavating for over 55 years.



Don Turner runs the screening plant every day unless the boys need a load of gravel.



In 1979 a double front end tandem MAC truck was added to the fleet.



The only front-end loader Turner's currently have is a 2016 Komatsu purchased from Wilson's Equipment.

Turner Excavating & Trucking Working Equipment.

By Maurice Rees

To live in a rural area and dream of digging holes with a backhoe might be a dream, but it is only a small part of what lies ahead if you are serious. That was exactly the position 30 year old, Don Turner faced when he and wife Karen started Turner's Excavating and Trucking over 55 years ago. To dream and start out with a truck and excavator is a challenge, because immediately you need a trailer to move the backhoe from job to job. As time goes by it never stops because

of the huge amount of capital needed to buy another piece, maybe larger, or another truck. Just ask Don.

Often people do not realize how capital intensive it is to operate a family-owned excavating and trucking business. To illustrate how much iron you might acquire during 55 years of determination, hard work and success, I asked Denise, daughter-in-law, in Don's office to come up with a list.

The following is a list of current working equipment:

Vehicles		
Year	Make	Discription
Dump Trucks		
2013	Western Star	dump truck
2007	Freightliner	dump truck
2012	Freightliner	dump truck
1996	International	dump truck
2007	GMC	
Trailers		
2019	GINCOR	trailer
2022	JC Tridem Tag	trailer
PickUps		
2016	GMC	pickup
2017	FORD	pickup
2023	GMC	pickup
Excavators		
2010	CASE	large
2014	CASE	
2018/19	KUBOTA	mini
2021	KOMATSU	large
2022	SANY	medium
Backhoe		
2021	JCB	backhoe
Loader		
2016	KOMATSU	loader
Dozer		
1995?	KOMATSU	dozer



Denise MacEachern, wife of Michael Turner, has taken over the book keeping and accounting from Karen at Turner's Excavating. Karen did the jobs until three years ago.



Don still keeps busy today running the screener and delivering sand and gravel.



Over 55 years ago Don Turner started out with just one truck hauling gravel to build the new Highway 104 to Masstown.

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