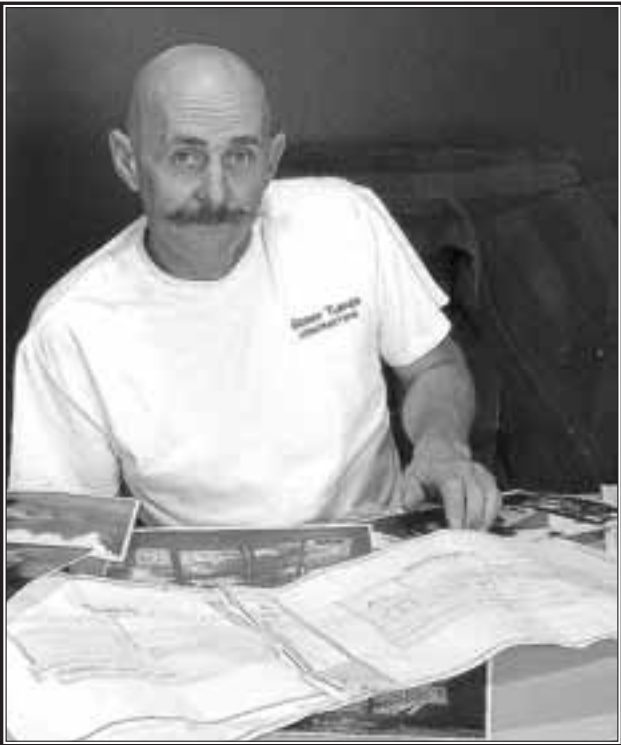


Gerry Turner Contracting Opens Bible Hill location



By Linda Harrington

Gerry Turner Contracting has been in business for over thirty years, with roots in the Great Village area, the business has just opened a new location at 9 Pictou Rd., in Bible Hill.

Gerry Turner says his business originally started out with only one other employee doing roofing and siding jobs. In the 1980's he first started building houses and into the 90's he increased his staff substantially. The business has continued to steadily grow, with currently 11 employees and the opening of a new location.

The business motto is "Price the rest, then call the best" and Gerry encourages potential customers to check out the competition. He is pleased to be able to offer a unique feature to residential home construction. "At no other place in this area can a customer go in and have one stop shopping," says Gerry. "We offer every service from the initial home design all the way to completion, including

well, septic and sewer. We will give our customers a quote on the complete package."

Customers are able to custom design their own home, with plans drawn up to the homeowners specs.

New home construction is just one area in which Gerry Turner Contracting excels. "We build decks, install new windows and doors, carry out renovations and even offer log home packages," says Gerry, "Estimates are provided free of charge and all construction meets energy standards as required by today's code. We are also certified to install ICF foundations, which we will offer with all new home construction."

Gerry Turner Contracting is just completing three new homes in the area. One of these belongs to Tara Crosby and she couldn't be happier.

"Gerry has just built me and my husband, a new home in Truro. I must say, it was a pleasure to deal with Gerry and his crew. I had heard from many people that building your own home was a night



Bass River Elementary News

By Martha Brown

Terry Fox Walk grades P - 9 Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010. Our students walk a marked course around WCCS. The course is planned and laid out by Junior High students, and a healthy snack is served by Junior High students. Mrs. Flemming is the staff co-ordinator for both buildings and this year the Primary - Grade 3 students will join us for the walk.

The School Advisory council are actively seeking volunteers for the following positions: Community Representatives for: Londonderry, Great Village, Bass River, Economy and Five Islands; Parent Representatives: Londonderry, Great Village, Bass River and Five Islands; Student Representatives - 2 are needed from Junior High.

The SAC meets once a month except for March and December. This is a wonderful opportunity.

ELLA is being written by Grade 3 on Sept. 27 - 30. Picture Day is September 30th - bring your best smile and please do not wear green.

There is no school on October 1st - In service with Avis Glaze; The Grade 6 students write ELLA on October 5 - 8.

No school on October 11th for Thanksgiving. No school October 22nd - Conference Day for teachers.

mare; however it was the complete opposite when dealing with Gerry as he took care of "everything". He was a pleasure to deal with, was efficient and prompt, and kept my husband and I informed of everything that was happening and gave us daily progress reports. His rates are excellent, and we even came in under budget...absolutely no hidden costs. I would recommend Gerry to anyone who wanted a quality built home for a VERY affordable price," says Tara.

Winter weather is not expected to slow things down for this busy contractor. Gerry says they work year round and welcomes those thinking of building or renovating to stop by anytime. He hopes to be expanding into more commercial contracting services in the near future.

The new location, at 9 Pictou Road, is open from Monday to Friday, 8:00AM to 5:00PM. The office phone number is 897-6675 or Gerry can be reached by cell at 986-3822.

Grades 6 - 9 students attended a performance at Ship's Company Theatre on September 9th. Jake's Gift by Julia MacKey for the centenary of the Canadian Navy. All students wrote a reflection upon returning from the play and Laura Sharpe has agreed to share hers:

Jake's Gift

I really enjoyed the play Jake's Gift. I thought it was really interesting that the play told us how the veterans may have felt after the war. I thought Julia MacKey, the performer, did a great job switching back and forth between the roles. She did a great job doing the different voices for the different roles. (a crusty, world-weary, cynical old Canadian World War II Veteran, and an innocent little French girl, the little girl's grandmother, and also the Veteran in his younger days.)

The lighting used in the show was really neat. The way the color lights came on when Jake was pretending to be dancing with his wife. Another net thing with the lighting was when Jake was putting on his uniform how the lighting made it look like light shining through a widow on to the floor.

It was really sad at the end of the play when you find out that Jake had died. I was kind of expecting Jake to die but I didn't think Isabelle would find out about it in the say she did.

Overall it was a lot of fun to see!

Composed by Laura Sharpe

The Bass River Elementary Leadership group will be making plans for more events as the year goes on.

Association for Sustainable Forestry Announces Fall Workshops for Woodlot Owners

The Association for Sustainable Forestry (ASF) has announced a program of fall workshops for woodland owners interested in uneven-aged management and growing high-value trees. One of these free workshops will be offered in Wentworth on Oct. 9.

The Uneven-Aged Management Project is designed to educate woodland owners and silviculture contractors interested in growing long-lived, shade-tolerant tree species and quality forest products. It focuses on silviculture practices associated with uneven-aged management—selection management, crop tree release, and crop tree pruning—and on funding available for these treatments through the ASF's Category 7 Quality Improvement Silviculture Program.

Woodlot owner workshops include a morning session, held indoors, and an afternoon a visit to a woodlot where quality-improvement silviculture treatments have been or could be conducted. The workshops emphasize "how to's" of uneven-aged management, with opportunities to learn through hands-on exercises conducted in the field. Woodland owners learn how to ensure that quality-improvement silviculture treatments are successful and cost effective. Topics to be discussed also include how to decide which trees to harvest and which to retain, ecosystem-based forest management, and challenges of doing this kind of work.

Space at these programs is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration is required.

This outreach project is administered by the ASF and is being funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources as part of a program to increase the number of small, private woodlot owners who use uneven-aged forest management methods on appropriate sites. The project is being conducted on behalf of the ASF by the Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association in collaboration with Picea Forestry Services and Woodlot Management of Bridgewater, NS.

Interested woodlot owners and contractors are encouraged to contact the Category 7 Outreach Project at 902-673-2278 or outreach@asforestry.com. The full workshop schedule follows:

Uneven-Aged Management Project

Fall Schedule Of Woodlot Owner Workshops

Woodlot owner workshops last a full day and include an indoor morning session followed by an afternoon visit to a nearby woodlot. Lunch is included. The workshop and meal are free.

Sept. 11, St. Andrews, Antigonish County

Oct. 2, Carleton, Yarmouth County

Oct. 9, Wentworth area, Colchester County

Oct. 23, Mabou area, Inverness County, Cape Breton

Nov. 6, Black Rock area, Kings County

Nov. 13, Pleasant Valley area, Pictou County

Space at all workshops is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration is required. To register call 902-673-2278 or email outreach@asforestry.com

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