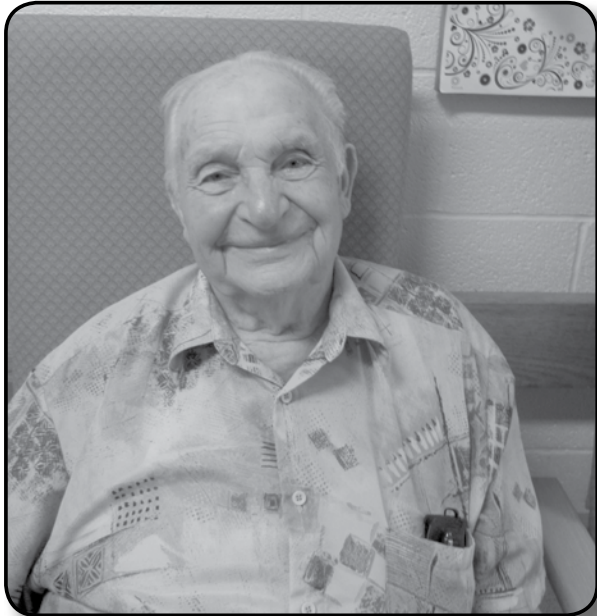




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## Senior of the Week



Our senior of the week is 91 year-old Bill Smits, who was born in Holland and has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

If you would like to nominate someone for Senior of the Week, Contact us at 519-282-9595 (Phone) or 519-284-0042 (Fax), or info@exeterexaminer.com.

## The Ex Files

- The Avon Maitland District School Board is focusing on three key areas as the union representing elementary teachers and the province head back to the bargaining table today. As you may know, schools are experiencing the withdrawal of services in job action by the unions ETFO and Educational Support Staff and Professional Student Support Personnel. At this time, the phase of job action by both parties revolves around administrative duties. Officials say principals and vice-principals have done and will continue to try and maintain school activities. Schools have been directed to stay open, make sure students and staff are safe, and ensure learning continues. The union - which represents about 78-thousand teachers in the province - says it will continue its work-to-rule action until a "fair and reasonable agreement" can be reached for its members.

- Voting has opened for the annual Aviva Community Fund online contest. One local initiative seeking support is the Granton Park Committee's "Granton Skateboard Park" idea. Voting runs until October 23rd.

## Business Of The Week

### Masse Fruit & Vegetable Farm

Our Business of the Week is your local purveyor of Huron County produce from thaw to frost, Masse Fruit & Vegetable Farm, located west of Zurich just off Highway 21 at 35291 on the Zurich-Hensall Road.

Owned by Mike and Dianne Masse, 2015 is the farm's 30th year in operation.

"We've grown over the years, and in the last six years we introduced strawberries," Mike said. "That's been our real draw."

Masse's offers "ever-bearing strawberries" that produce until the frost, and will be available until the shop closes its doors on Nov. 1.

"Everybody likes strawberries," he said. "This year we've been picking strawberries since June."

In fact, the strawberries are a good example of how supportive the community has been about Masse's philosophy of offering locally-raised



pork, beef and poultry, and locally-grown fruits and vegetables.

"Recently, people have realized that they like buying local," Mike said. "We have people come from all over. I think the biggest thing is they're tired of stuff that sits in stores, or stuff from Mexico and the U.S. This week, in the grocery stores U.S. strawberries are on special for dirt cheap, but people are still buying ours."

He said people also like the one-on-one friendly service they receive

from their staff.

"And they know that everything here comes from local growers," he said. "The beef? You can go down the road and see the cattle. The pork? It comes from around the corner. The turkey comes from Hayter's."

He called the support they've received from the surrounding community over the years "vast." They pay that back by employing about 20 students throughout the spring, summer and fall.

All told, the farm includes 75 acres of vegetables, including sweet corn, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes, beans and strawberries. Some other items currently in stock at the road-side booth are apples, broccoli and cauliflower. Fulfill your autumn pumpkin-buying needs at Masse's, for just \$4 per pumpkin.

The booth is open daily 10:00 am to 6:00 pm until Nov. 1. It will open again by mid-June 2016 for its 31st year.

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