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Amish buggies can be seen traveling area roads. Photos Connie Erisman

Several businesses in the Amish community are located along County Road 636 off BB Hwy in Dixon. Including Ira Yoders sawmill.

Produce and fresh eggs are always for sale in season. Jethro Eicher's Manufacturing business sells storage buildings and garages, to name just a few of the items they build. He has his own trademark. Eichers manufacturing recently teamed up with Roman and his sons to build a barn for a customer. A harness shop has replaced the former Dogwood Dell Greenhouse. Several Amish women sew, bake, grow and sell fruits and vegetables to residents of Dixon and the surrounding community. These hard working, friendly entrepreneurs welcome the business of area residents.

One neighbor reported seeing the most beautiful load of cedar lumber he had ever seen when visiting Ira Yoder's Sawmill. Mr. Yoder stated he was filling an 18 wheeler load of cedar for a company's order in Arkansas.

The Amish value hard work and perseverance as a means to provide for their families needs. They have no electricity in their homes and instead prefer to spend their evenings under coal oil lanterns. Many of their business operations use diesel engines or other natural means to generate heat and power for their needs.

Amish families prefer to live a modest life foregoing modern amenities such as electricity, telephones, and automobiles. They believe that

modern conveniences detract from the solidarity of their community. They attempt in their own way to follow Biblical mandates that refer to living in the world but not OF the world. Their children attend school within the Amish community, grades 1-8. They anticipate 34 children in the 2016-17 school year.

Their unique mode of transportation is usually seen as a black buggy, seating two or more adults pulled by one lone horse. They come to town usually weekly to do business with local merchants but most of the necessities of living are produced by their efficient use of the land around them. We enjoy and are blessed to have the Amish as neighbors! -C.E.



School in local Amish community. Pilot photo

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