

Welcome Wagon

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Welcome Wagon International, Inc. came to Kinmundy during the 70's and lasted only a few short years. To my knowledge Welcome Wagon, Salem Welcome Wagon hostess Ruby Helm, employed only one person. Ruby always had a fondness for Kinmundy as she and her husband Frank met at the Kinmundy Labor Day parade. After their courtship, they were attending the Labor Day parade where Frank proposed to Ruby. They live on Rt. 50 east of Salem and have been married many years and still attend the Kinmundy Labor Day parade each year.

Welcome Wagon is an organization where the hostess visits businesses in the area and receives small gifts from them. She makes a visit to people who have newly moved into the community and presents gifts from the businesses. This welcomes the new family into the community and helps them become acquainted with businesses in the area.