



**Pulling Together for Growth and Support**

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## November 2009 Newsletter

*Update: Our new website address is [www.willardareachamber.com](http://www.willardareachamber.com). The new address gives us consistency and reflects better who we are. The old address [www.willardchamber.com](http://www.willardchamber.com) will still work for another year.*

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **December 4<sup>th</sup> is First Merit Bank's During Business Hours Party:**

First Merit will be having door prizes and refreshments all day during regular business hours. Please stop by anytime on your break from work during the day and show your support while having fun.



#### **December 4, 2009**

Lighting of the Tree by the Downtown Gazebo at 6:00 pm. Please join in the holiday fun. Free hot dogs and hot chocolate will be provided. The tree lighting is sponsored by the Willard Area Ministerial Association.

#### **December 4, 2009**

Downtown Parade of Lights at 6:30 pm (line-up of floats from 5 to 6 pm). This year's theme is "Christmas Lights, Hometown Nights."



### **From the Director:**

The Willard Area Chamber of Commerce wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



The Willard Community is starting to catch the excitement as Willard is being revitalized. The Chamber has been receiving more calls than ever asking about Restaurants, Hotels, Apartments, and many other things. We have been gladly providing information that only pertains to our members. We want to continue to transfer this enthusiasm to shopping in Willard this Holiday Season. We hope your business has great success this Christmas season.

Thanks for believing in our community and for all of your support. In order for Willard to continue to move forward, it is going to take a community effort. However, I am confident that we can get where we want to be, which is to see businesses flourishing again in our area.

Ricky Branham  
Executive Director