

**Pulling Together for Growth and Support**

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**Mark Your Calendar:**

**November 15:**

Annual Tree Lighting  
and  
Kiddie King and Queen

**November 18:**

Annual Christmas  
Parade  
“Twinkling Lights on a  
Heavenly Night”

**Fliers Attached:**

- Christmas Parade
- Home Savings & Loan

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Area Since 1946*

*The City of Blossoms*

**President’s Corner:**

The sound of November sends many thoughts racing through my mind: Thanksgiving, Christmas, shopping, family, friends, and gatherings. Please take advantage of the local businesses by shopping in Willard’s Historical downtown and the surrounding area. Please ask the local merchants if they have or can get what you need for those special gifts and celebrations.

Many special activities are being planned for our area so watch for fliers and postings. On November 15th the community will gather to light our Christmas tree, enjoy some Christmas music, and crown the Kiddie King and Queen. Also, hot dogs and hot chocolate will be available from the Grace Methodist Church.

On Nov. 18 there will be plenty of beautiful Christmas lights and scenes at the Willard DBA/Chamber Christmas Parade. The after school program will have their famous stone soup to warm you up at the gazebo. Also, Santa may be stopping by to check if you have been naughty or nice! Please pick up a registration form to put your own float or group in the parade. If you are not in the parade, make sure to be present to watch and support those who are. These events are for you Willard so let’s kick off the Holiday Season together.

**Keep Willard Alive! Smile! Linda Walton,  
Willard Chamber of Commerce President**

**From the Director:**

**A New Partnering:**

The Willard Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). SCORE provides free business mentoring to small businesses. They work with those already in business and those looking to go into business. SCORE will be in Willard on Thursday’s by appointment and on other days by appointment. Please contact me to set up an appointment.

**After Hours:**

If you are interested in having a Chamber after-hours, please contact me to set up a date and time. The Chamber is continuing to look for new ways to get local businesses to become connected and support one another. One of my goals is to see Willard business owners and employees get together so that new ideas can be formed and new friendships and partnerships can be made. I hope that the Willard Chamber, in partnership with our members, can become a positive example to other cities.

**New Ideas:**

Let’s work together to continue to take Willard to the next level! I welcome your calls/emails so please contact me so that we can work together.

**Please check out the  
Business Spotlight on the back:**

# Business Spotlight

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## D&D Signs

1) *What is the name of your business?*

**D&D Signs**  
**Owner: Mark Provenzale**

2) *When was your business founded/established?*

**1999**

3) *How long have you been a Chamber Member?*

**6 months**

4) *What made you choose the Willard Area for your business location?*

**I'm a Willard resident and my wife, Cindy, works in New Haven.**

5) *What product/service do you offer?*

**Truck Lettering**  
**Magnetic Signs**  
**Aluminum Signs**  
**Banners**  
**Racecar Lettering**  
**Window (storefront) Lettering**

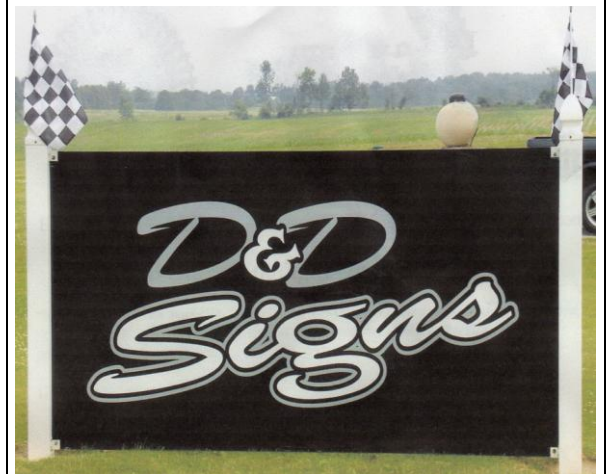
6) *What is it that you want Willard Area residents to know about your business?*

**I made the window lettering for the Chamber office, and I am interested in making any kind of sign/lettering for your business.**

**Please contact me at:**

**D&D Signs**

**Signs & Lettering**  
**5728 Willard West Road**  
**Willard, OH 44890**  
**Ph: (419) 933-4992**  
**Fx: (419) 935-2089**



### Business Spotlight Information:

If you are interested in having your business featured, please send in information about your business that you would like featured in 400 words or less. Also, pictures would be great. You can email or mail the information.

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