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NEWS RELEASE

TLE&W and Sherwin-Williams team to renovate Waterville Depot

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The Toledo, Lake Erie and Western Railway teams with West Central Avenue Toledo Sherwin Williams Store to renovate historic Waterville Depot.

Grand Rapids, Ohio – August 19, 2002 : Manager Brian Feenly and Assistant Market Manager Ryan Russel of the Toledo West Central Avenue Sherwin-Williams Company store have teamed up with The Toledo, Lake Erie and Western Railway & Museum in Waterville, Ohio to help support the restoration of the 125-year old railroad depot located in Waterville, Ohio.

Kurt Teschendorf, Waterville property manager for the TLE&W states, “Early on in the restoration process we realized that we needed to seek the expert advice of professionals in the industry. We want to insure that the job is done right and the proper materials and techniques are used wherever possible. With the advice and support of the Toledo West Central Avenue Sherwin-Williams store we are confident that we are proceeding along the correct path with the restoration.”

Ryan Russel stated that the Toledo West Central Avenue Sherwin-Williams store was excited when presented with the opportunity to assist with this restoration. They understand and appreciate the amount of work and resources required to restore and preserve over ten miles of 150-year-old railroad infrastructure, equipment and buildings. “We are extremely proud to be of assistance and to help support the restoration of the Waterville Depot. It is a large undertaking and we are glad to be able to provide sound recommendations and support. The volunteers of the TLE&W should be commended for their efforts and commitment to this task.” Ryan stated.

Upon inspection of the Waterville Depot building, Sherwin-Williams representatives from the Toledo West Central Avenue store found excessive signs of paint alligating and cracking. This is caused by excessive buildup of paint over the past 100 years. Applying new paint to these surfaces will invariably accelerate flaking and peeling as the old paint cannot provide a uniform bond strong enough to adhere to the new paint. The new paint will also add additional weight to the old paint, which will accelerate the alligating and cracking. They found that the old paint is not necessarily peeling from the building but that the actual outside layer of wood is peeling off. Based on these facts Sherwin-Williams was able to recommend the proper surface preparation techniques and paint for the job.

Work on the Depot is continuing with TLE&W volunteers. TLE&W will be posting pictures of the renovation on it's website (www.tlew.org) in the near future.

In other news, TLE&W is pleased to announce that its July 24th “Wreck on the Wabash” excursion train was sold out. TLE&W wishes to thank author and historian Laurie C. Dickens for her accurate presentation of the 1901 Wabash train wreck. In addition, passengers onboard the Bluebird expressed their gratitude with a standing ovation to the Bowling Green University actors that put on one of the finest train robbery shows in TLE&W history.

During the month of August and September, TLE&W is sponsoring the following special events:

- ~~See~~ **August 24th. Special 7:00 PM Bluebird “Instant Mania” Game train** hosted by the Delta Pantherettes. All game proceeds go to the 501(c)(3) Delta Pantherette organization. (Reservations strongly suggested.) (See July press release or our website for additional details.)

The Toledo, Lake Erie & Western Railway & Museum, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operated entirely by volunteers. Tax deductible donations and membership inquires are welcome.



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- ✂ **September 2nd Labor Day:** TLE&W is open on Monday September 2nd to celebrate Labor Day. Trains are scheduled to depart Yawburg Road (Just north of the American Legion Post on Yawburg and Str Rt 24) at 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM.
- ✂ **September 7th and 8th Motorcar Rally, Waterville, OH.** Come on out and enjoy the fun. Watch collectors operate their personal track inspection cars along the tracks of The Toledo Lake Erie & Western Railway. All rallies originate at the Waterville rail yard in Waterville, Ohio.
- ✂ **September 7th and 21st: Special 7:00 PM Bluebird “Instant Mania” Game train** hosted by the Delta Pantherettes. All game proceeds go to the 501(c)(3) Delta Pantherette organization. (Reservations strongly suggested.) (See July press release or our website for additional details.)

Our normal operating hours are as follows:

Saturday and Sunday May through October: trains depart at 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

Wednesday and Thursday June, July and August: trains depart at 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM.

In addition, TLE&W is scheduling special school charter trains during the months of September and October. (In May 2002, TLE&W hosted four days of specially scheduled excursion trains with some 582-plus passengers from local schools. Schools from Toledo, Fostoria, Gibsonburg, Napoleon, Lima, Fremont, Findley, Defiance, Sylvania, Maumee, Bellevue, Jenera, Helena, Fort Wayne, and others participated.)

Our regular ticket prices are: Adults \$8; Seniors \$7; Children (3 and older) \$4.50; Children under 3 ride free!

Due to construction along the railroad right-of-way, all trains are currently scheduled for boarding north of the American Legion Post located at Yawburg Road and State Route 24 just 2-miles northeast from downtown Grand Rapids (on the north side of the Maumee River). Please visit our web site at www.tlew.org for precise directions right from your home to the railroad.

Please visit our web site at www.tlew.org for more information, news/events and last minute boarding instructions regarding The Toledo, Lake Erie and Western Railway & Museum.

Thank you for your help in promoting the Toledo, Lake Erie and Western Railroad. Our organization is completely run and managed by volunteers. The preservation and operation of our railroad is made possible through their dedicated efforts and the support of our neighboring communities and businesses.

Respectfully,

Kurt Teschendorf