



• 9th – 12th: “Are you ready?”
by Karla Sanchez, Douglass
High School, teacher Tameka
Townes.

The MLGW Board of Commissioners recognized the winning students and teachers at a recent meeting. The students and their teachers each received a \$125 gift certificate for art supplies.

Utility theft easier to catch

As more customers switch to smart meters, utility thieves will have a harder time stealing power. Utility theft is like shoplifting, it results in higher prices for everyone.

When someone tampers with a smart meter now, an alert will be sent to MLGW immediately. The money MLGW saves from utility theft keeps the rates low for all customers.

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June 21: Creative Aging’s Senior Arts Series featuring *South Pacific* excerpts by the Delta Wings and Theatre Memphis. \$5 donation; 1- 3 p.m., 630 Perkins Ext. Info: 272-3434.

June 27: Vine to Wine: Reds, Whites and Blues. Memphis Botanic Gardens from 6-8 p.m. Pop the cork with patriotic spirits and hear the blues on our stage! Info: 636-4131 or memphisbotanicgarden.com/winetastings.

June 27-29: MMBC Continuum Economic Development Forum for small businesses at the Guest House at Graceland, 3600 Elvis Presley Blvd. Info: 525-6512 or mmbc-memphis.org.

June— August: Every Friday uncover nature’s mysteries and beauty from 10 a.m. to noon at Memphis Botanic Gardens. A new animal or plant will be featured weekly. Drop-in activity. Info: 636-4100.

Do you have a community event in the next three months? Send an email to corpcomm@mlgw.org. Make sure to include Community Calendar in the subject heading.



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TVA names MLGW as 2016 top energy performer

Because more and more local businesses are moving toward energy efficiency measures, the Tennessee Valley Authority honored MLGW with its 2016 Top Performer Award.

MLGW won the award, in part, because of the successes with the Energy Right Solutions for Business program. Both Technicolor Home Entertainment Services and AutoZone are among the companies cashing in on the savings and rebates.



AutoZone signed up for the EnergyRight program.

Technicolor retrofitted three warehouses with thousands of energy-efficient LED lights and gained a

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TVA rebate of \$110,000. The changeover means the company drastically lowered its utility bills by saving almost 1.3 million kilowatt-hours annually.

Last year, 23 AutoZone local retail stores also swapped out its existing lighting fixtures for more affordable LED lights. At each store, AutoZone's upgrades saved nearly 11,000 kWh annually and earned rebates ranging from \$850 to \$1,200.



LED lights inside AutoZone

They are among 414 businesses in Memphis that signed up for the program and reduced their energy usage by 26 million kWh in 2016.

"We participated in the EnergyRight Solutions program, because it offered great technology and cost-savings and reduced our environmental impact," said Steve McClanahan, AutoZone Director, Store Maintenance and Set-Up. "These opportunities and the TVA partnership made the decision to participate in EnergyRight easy."

TVA reported that MLGW customers saved a total of 31 gigawatt-hours in 2016 - or enough energy to light up 2,067 homes. For more information, go to energyright.com

LipSync Plus-1 contestants wow crowd at Hard Rock Cafe



Stan "The Bell Ringer" Bell

Among stiff competition, long-time Memphis radio DJ Stan "The Bell Ringer" Bell won this year's LipSync Plus-1 contest at the Hard Rock Cafe on Beale.

About 100 supporters attended the fundraiser on April 20 as seven contestants battled for the title and

grand prize of two round-trip domestic tickets on Allegiant Airlines. For his final number, Bell wore a Derek Jeter No. 2 Yankees shirt and gold chains and performed the old school hip-hop tune, "Rappers Delight" by the Sugarhill Gang. Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell traded in his suit for jeans, white cowboy hat and a Sun Studios T-shirt and rocked out on his six-string razor to the classic hit, "Memphis Tennessee" by Johnny Rivers.

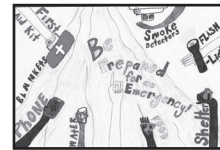


Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell

MLGW and MIFA also organized a silent auction to bring in much needed funds for the Plus-1 program, which provides one-time utility assistance for families in crisis. A large part of this year's success is due to the generous support of our sponsors: WMC Action News 5, TVA, Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau, Top Notch Security, Regional One Health and Memphis Comedy Festival.

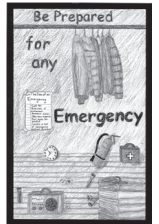
MLGW announces student art winners

The judges have spoken and named the winners of MLGW's 2016 art contest. The contest's theme was Emergency Preparedness. This year's winners are:



- **K – 5th grades:** "Prepare" by Ellsie Day, Harding Academy School, teacher Bridget Cornelius.

- **6th – 8th:** "Be prepared for any Emergency" by Maggie Dearmore, Snowden Middle School, teacher Hal Harmon.



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