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MAWSS Announces Winners of “Fun with Water” Watercolor Contest

Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) is pleased to announce the winners of the fourth annual “Fun with Water” Watercolor Contest. The contest asked kids and teens to paint a watercolor of their favorite summer activity involving water. More than 165 entries were received. All artwork was displayed at Bel Air Mall and judged by local celebrities including Shelby Mitchell from WKSJ, Thomas Harrison from the Mobile Press Register, Varion Walton from WPMI NBC15 and Devon Walsh from WKRG-TV.

This year’s overall winner is Leslie DeVoe for her painting titled, *Sailing by Sunset*. DeVoe, an incoming freshman at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, will receive a \$100 gift card from Bel Air Mall. A matching prize will be awarded to McGill-Toolen. DeVoe painted the work during a summer art camp held at the high school in June.

Erin Rockwell of Murphy High School was the winner in the 15-18 year age group for her work titled, *Just Keep Swimming*. Peyton Thomasson of McGill-Toolen High School won the 12-14 age group for her painting, *Pool Jump in a Summer Sunset*. Rebekah Vrachalus of Causey Middle School is the winner in the 9-11 year age group for *Sailing at Middle Bay Light*. Ella Bedford of Knollwood Christian School is the winner in the 6-8 year age group for *Dolphins at Play*. Winners for each age group will receive a \$50 gift card from the Mall. In addition, all winning artwork will hang in MAWSS’ Catherine Street lobby for the public to enjoy over the next year.

The “Fun with Water” Watercolor Contest was developed to educate area youth about the importance clean water plays in our daily lives.

“We continue to be impressed by the talent and originality of these young artists,” said Barbara Shaw, MAWSS Public Affairs Manager. “We know our staff and customers will enjoy viewing their work when it’s hung later this summer.”

The winning artwork can be viewed on the MAWSS website, www.mawss.com under the heading, “What’s New at MAWSS”.