MDE announces lottery for special needs scholarship program applications

approximately 8 Education qualify for the lottery. Scholarship Accounts (ESA)

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Established by the Equal the waiting list for 2018-19. Opportunity for Students The law requires the MDE to with Special Needs Act of hold a lottery to award ESAs 2015, the ESA program pro- when the demand exceeds vides scholarships to parents the supply. of students with disabilities who want to remove their program: child from a public school to seek educational services Mississippi resident; elsewhere. ESA recipients are eligible to be reimbursed had an active Individualized up to \$6,740 in 2018-19 for Education Program (IEP) the cost of private education- within five years of the date al services.

proximately 411 ESA ac- agreement to adhere to the counts for the 2018-19 rules of participation. school year. As of June 26, Parents who are accepted approximately 403 ESAs into the program will be have been awarded to stu- reimbursed quarterly after dents returning from the submission of a reimburse-2017-18 school year.

8 additional ESAs are avail- incurred. continues to receive certifi- approved by the parent. participants.

school year that have not 359-3498.

The Mississippi Depart- yet been awarded will be ment of Education (MDE) included in the lottery. Only announced plans Tuesday for complete, eligible applicaa lottery on July 6 to award tions received by July 3 will

There are currently approxfor the 2018-19 school year. imately 188 applications on

To participate in the ESA

• The applicant must be a

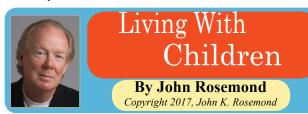
• The student must have of application; and

The law provides for ap- • The parent must sign an

ment request with proper Therefore, approximately documentation of expenses

able for 2018-19. The num- Funds can also be paid ber of available ESAs is sub- quarterly directly to an eduject to change as the MDE cational service provider if

cation data from current ESA For more information, visit www.mdek12.org/OSE/ESA All eligible applications or call the MDE Office of received for the 2018-19 Special Education at 601-



Q: We have a boy, 6, and a the apology, therefore, singirl, 9, who fight constantly cere? No. I suppose an arguabout everything under the ment could be made that it sun. My husband and I have is "good practice," but that's a good marriage. We hardly idealistic thinking. The fact ever have a serious dis- is that these forced apologies agreement about anything, are probably making matters so it's hard for us to under- worse. stand what has led to our What has led to your chilkids' inability to get along. dren's inability to get along In any case, their fighting is their innate self-centeredhas become very draining, ness. You and your husband especially to me because I have obviously modeled homeschool and am with what a properly loving relathe children much more than tionship looks (and sounds) is my husband. When they like. But as I've pointed out fight, I generally try to fig- many times in this column ure out which of them was in and elsewhere, parenting is the wrong and make him or not deterministic. That is her apologize. My husband the Freudian myth. As parthinks that's not helping. I ents of prior generations unjust think it's good practice. derstood, "every child has What do you think? a mind of his own." Good A: A much wiser man than parenting does not guarantee I once said, "Forced apolo- a good outcome (and vice gies are morally meaning- versa). Neither of your chilless." Obviously, the shoe dren are interested in a good fits. In your situation, does relationship. They each want the child who apologizes tru- their own way. You and your ly think he or she was in the husband want a good relawrong? No. When siblings tionship. Each of you is willhave conflict, each of them ing to sacrifice self-interest thinks he/she has been the to that end. It will be more victim of some insult or of- than a few years before your fense from the other. It takes kids are able to do the same much more maturity and to put relationship above self wisdom than is possessed by - with one another or anyone 6- and 9-year-old children else. to see things from another When parents "referee" person's point of view. Is sibling conflicts, things al-



Greens Galore

The Lexington Farmer's Market is off to a great start, open every Friday, 7 a.m. to noon, in the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building. Pictured above, Mary Kohn (at left), from Tchula negotiates the price of fresh garden greens with vendor Christopher J. Cobbins (at right) with John's Farms out of Acona. Other vendors present were selling, collards, peas, squash, green tomatoes, corn, green onions, cabbage, eggs, okra and cucumber.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

Opinion: News publications to feel effects of newsprint tariffs

Mississippi's newspaper publishers most definitely would be distraught of today's media world as pointed out in Mac Gordon's recent guest column (Sunday, June 17) in the Clarion Ledger. They would be further distraught about proposed tariffs on Canadian newsprint that may be disastrous for newspapers across Mississippi — especially the local community ones located in small towns across the state. The ones your friends and neighbors edit and publish. The ones many communities have depended on for generations and will be especially hit hard. Frankly, some newspapers could fold! Others will be forced into further cutbacks.

For sake of clarity this tariff is not as a result of the President's recently imposed Canadian aluminum and steel tariffs but instead the result of a complaint filed by a New York hedge fund-owned newsprint mill in Washington state last year. And while Trump may have not have initiated this tariff, any effort by his administration to intercede is highly unlikely.

old-line on the newsprint industry, 11 years ago there were 17 newsprint mills in the United States with seven in the South — most Canadian owned. Today there are only five newsprint mills in the United States with only two in the South — one of which is located here in Mississippi. The remaining Mississippi mill has its headquarters in Canada. The other mills have either closed or been converted to other types of paper. The Grenada mill is especially important in that its economic impact footprint extends across north Mississippi and includes not only mill workers but landowners, timber producers, and loggers, as well as the companies that support the jobs underneath. Will the Canadian tar-

> iff close the Grenada Mill? Unlikely, but the tariff will reduce the demand on the newsprint they produce. Closing is an option but so too is cost cutting or conver- afford to do so these days. Leader and the Prentiss sion to producing a different

market. Increased prices in Canada means price increases everywhere else including that produced here in Mississippi. But increased prices means less is produced because less is used. Simple supply and demand economics means the tighter the supply the higher the price!

cost for a newspaper pub- traught. lisher.

might raise a subscription watchdogs and historians for price by a few cents or raise the local communities they advertising rates by a percent serve, they too are economic or two to cover such cost engines that help commuincreases. However, with nities thrive and prosper today's digital/social media through the commerce they world, publishers can no lon- create via adverting of local ger pass those costs along, good and services. so they just have to absorb Bill Jacobs is the former those costs. Very few if any owner, editor and publisher community publishers can of the Brookhaven Daily

There is pending legisla- Headlight. He serves on the tion in Washington to further board of directors of the Nais being introduced in the Press Association.

House, but so far none of our congressional delegation

has signed on. The Mississippi Economic Council has voiced concerns in Washington, DC.

On July 17 the Department of Commerce will hold hearings to determine the fate of the Canadian newsprint tariffs. We are grateful to Sen. Wicker for his commitment to testify at those hearings.

The outcome of the hearings will impact each and Some Mississippi commu- every community in Misnity newspaper publishers sissippi, and it may not be over the past few weeks are positive. Those old-line reporting 30 percent price newspaper publishers would increase notices for printing be distraught as are their costs. And printing costs are successors today. Hopefully usually the second largest readers will now also be dis-

regardless Newspapers In the past a publisher of their size are not only

For a little background

ways go from bad to worse. coming an avalanche. Concerning any given conalways recommend that parflict situation, the sibling identified as the villain seeks ents not engage in trying to to "even the score," and the determine who did "it," who sibling identified as the vicdid what to whom, who said tim seeks to make yet anwhat, who looked at the othother score. Mind you, the er sibling a certain way, etc. role of victim is addictive. It Hold both children equally seeks constant satisfaction. accountable for disrupting Under the circumstances, the peace of the household. the villain-victim paradigm The first disruption of any is akin to a snowball rolling given day earns both kids downhill and eventually be- an hour in their respective

type of paper.

So does the tariff not make Grenada-produced newsprint cheaper than Canadian paper? Nope! You see, newsprint is sold on a world

For this reason, I nearly

review the Canadian tariff tional Newspaper Associasituation with U. S. Senator tion Foundation where he is Roger Wicker being a co- the Treasurer. He is a past sponsor. Similar legislation president of the Mississippi

rooms (or separate rooms if couple of months (albeit octhey share space). That's the casional enforcement may warning shot. The second in- still be necessary for up to fraction earns them confine- six months). The key is disment for the remainder of the passion on your part. The day - without electronic en- emotional consequences of tertainment of any sort - and the problem must belong to early bedtime. the children, and to the chil-In my experience, con- dren alone. sistent enforcement of this That, in fact, is a universal consequence-based program disciplinary principle. will begin to show good Family psychologist John results within a couple of Rosemond: johnrosemond. weeks and cure within a com, parentguru.com.