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Hard at work
Jamie Moore and Aaron Stitt, second graders at Nicholas County Elementary School in Hannah Gabriel's class, worked on the computer recently.

Pollution control help is available to businesses

Cutting waste and saving money for local businesses and organizations was the topic of this month's chamber of commerce meeting held Thursday at the Morehead Holiday Inn.

Members of the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center (KPPC) out of Louisville attended the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce meeting to promote their services which help businesses cut down on the amount of waste they send to the landfill.

The assistance is available to counties across the Commonwealth.

"It's a free service to help large industries and small manufacturers find ways to prevent pollution and cut costs," said Rodney Hitch, Rowan County Solid Waste Coordinator.

Cam Metcalf, executive director with the KPPC, said that reducing the source of waste before recycling is the key to overall pollution reduction.

"One of the best things we do for companies is to draw a diagram for them as to where waste comes from and where it goes. It takes top-management commitment and bottom-up training to successfully reduce waste," Metcalf said.

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"You've got some wood waste in this area, I can tell you," he said. "After cardboard and paper, wood is the next biggest waste product."

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Teacher education must be top priority, say leaders

By SEAN KELLY
Staff Writer

Teacher education must be given a higher premium at universities, the president of Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education told an audience at Morehead State University Friday.

Teacher education has not been at the center of the university," said Dr. Gordon Davies, during the second part of MSU's "Teaching the Teachers for the 21st Century" forum at Reed Hall.

"What a society values, it pays for," he said in quoting Plato. "If we're not thinking about it (teacher education)," he added, "it will not get the attention it deserves."

But Dr. Wilmer Cody, commissioner of the state Department of Education, said that teacher education will be the newest educational trend in the next decade — just as basic skills and educating the handicapped were in the 60s, and improving standards was in the 80s.

"Teacher education will be the top agenda item in the next 10 years," he told MSU faculty, students and visiting educators, in the second of seven forums to be held this semester.

Davies compared making changes in teacher education to 16th century explorers relying on 14th century maps. He said the choice was between adding to existing maps, or "drawing them all over again."

"Whatever we do from here is pure invention," he said. "The good news is we're extraordinarily good at positive this is taking place in this state," Cody said. "We're asking teachers to do things different than before. The program you've embarked on is an amazing thing."

"This is a major national effort," Cody said, adding that education leaders need to try to look at all sides and dimensions of the issue, and not "fix the wrong thing."

Cody cited a recent statewide survey of first, second and third-year teachers — where many said they were not prepared for implementing technology, student portfolios and KIRIS testing.

"We've got a long way to go in that area, folks," Cody said.

Cody said that a survey of former students indicates that they most remember "the teacher (who) really knew that subject well."

Cody said goals for improving education should include:

- Raising standards for who becomes teachers in the state.
- Making teaching more attractive, since raising the standards will reduce the number of prospective teachers.
- Continuing education for all teachers, so they can "stay connected with (new) ideas of their disciplines."

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During the question and answer session, both educators said they approved of a plan espoused by Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, chancellor of the 13-school University System of Maryland, who spoke at MSU on Jan. 29.

Langenberg proposes an educational partnership called "K-16 Square," which has been implemented in Maryland.

In such a partnership, elementary, secondary and postsecondary would work together to improve the teacher quality.

Langenberg said the plan should be tailored to each state's needs.

The state is still formulating the plan for Kentucky. In a couple of months, we will describe it to you in Kentucky," Cody said.

Nicholas counties selected for ADD leadership posts

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Larry Tischer and Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark have, by virtue of the offices they hold, been named as directors of the 17-county Bluegrass Area Development District.

In addition, Gerald Watkins and Betty Fay have been elected as lay members of that same board of directors.

Watkins will serve as Nicholas County's single member on the ADD's Executive Board.

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Kroger planning superstore at Trademore in Morehead

By KIM HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Customers who do their grocery shopping at Kroger will have a better selection of goods and services after the company's new superstore is built this year.

The new \$4.5 million, 36,000 square foot store will be relocated to the center of the Trademore Shopping Center in the old Rose's building, according to Danny Lethco, real estate manager for Kroger.

"It will be a superstore with a bigger produce, meat and deli section, and we hope to include video rental and a pharmacy," Lethco said.

Lethco said he hopes construction on the new store can get started early this summer, sometime around June. There were some delays in taking the old Rose's building.

Building the new store is just the beginning of what the shopping center's realty development group wants to do.

Mike Wiseman with Hogan Development, the property management company that works for Trademore's owner, Nationwide, said that other improvements would go into upgrading the whole shopping center.

The improvements will be done in four phases: demolition of the old Rose's building, site preparation work for Kroger, renovation for the mall area and renovation to the shopping center's facade.

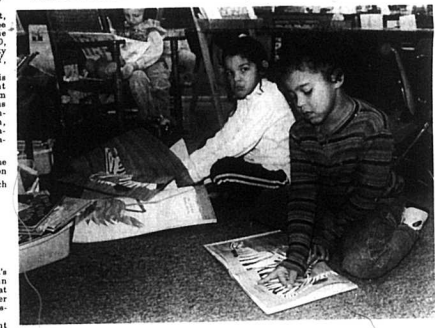
"Our first step is to get Kroger completed. From there, a sort of domino effect will take place. We want to also renovate the facade and canopy of the shopping center, possibly renovate some of the mall area, install new lighting, re-route the flow of traffic there and do some asphalt work," Wiseman said.

"A number of things are happening and we're doing it as we can get drawings from architects on the renovation," he added.

After the new store is completed, Wiseman said the property owners and managers will look at getting tenants for the existing Kroger store building and the old tire store beside it.

"I hope this will generate enthusiasm for the center. It's old and tired and needs an upgrade. We're looking at what we can do to enhance the center and we're excited about its possibilities," Wiseman said.

The property management group is currently pursuing other tenants for the shopping center and may have a new tenant secured to go into the old Jody's space, he said.



Avid readers
Ashley McCuffy and Tori Harris read books with large pictures in them in Joy Story's kindergarten class at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Students in Nicholas learn about oral health

Lexington, Ky. (Feb. 11, 1999) — First grade students in 25 counties across Central Kentucky, including Nicholas County, will have the opportunity to learn more about oral health during National Children's Dental Health Month.

"Brush and Floss-Let Them Shine in '99" is the theme of a program offered by the Blue Grass Dental Society and Lexington Children's Museum.

Dental professionals from Central Kentucky, including dental societies, faculty, and students from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry have volunteered for the event scheduled for Feb. 10-12 at the museum.

First-grade students attending elementary schools in the Blue Grass Dental Society counties have been invited to participate in the oral health awareness program, said Lois Brown, Blue Grass Dental Society volunteer.

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More than 2,000 children are expected to attend the 90-minute program at the Lexington Children's Museum where they will visit seven stations, instructing them on nutrition, the making of toothpaste and oral hygiene.

They also will get to see a mock dental office and the museum's Mighty Mouth display.

Children with parental permission will receive a free dental screening.

Elementary school children from the following counties have been invited to participate: Anderson, Bull, Boyle, Breathitt, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jackson, Jessamine, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Mason, Menifee, Mercer, Montgomery, Nicholas, Owen, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Scott and Woodford.

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Computer student
Wesley Feueback, a kindergarten student at Nicholas County Elementary School used the computer in his classroom recently.