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## Kids and potholes

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Leflore County Judge Kevin Adams makes a decent point about setting priorities when he says that rescuing troubled children should be more important than fixing potholes.

Certainly, doing what's best for the young people of this community -- troubled or not -- is both morally right and economically smart. You can't build prosperity on the backs of those who drop out of school or are poorly educated, who get hooked on drugs or a life of dependency, who produce children who fall into the same traps.

This, however, is not an either/or proposition.

This community should be able to do right by its children and keep up its infrastructure, too. We're prosperous enough to do both. We may have to do a better job of allocating our resources, but it can be done.

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