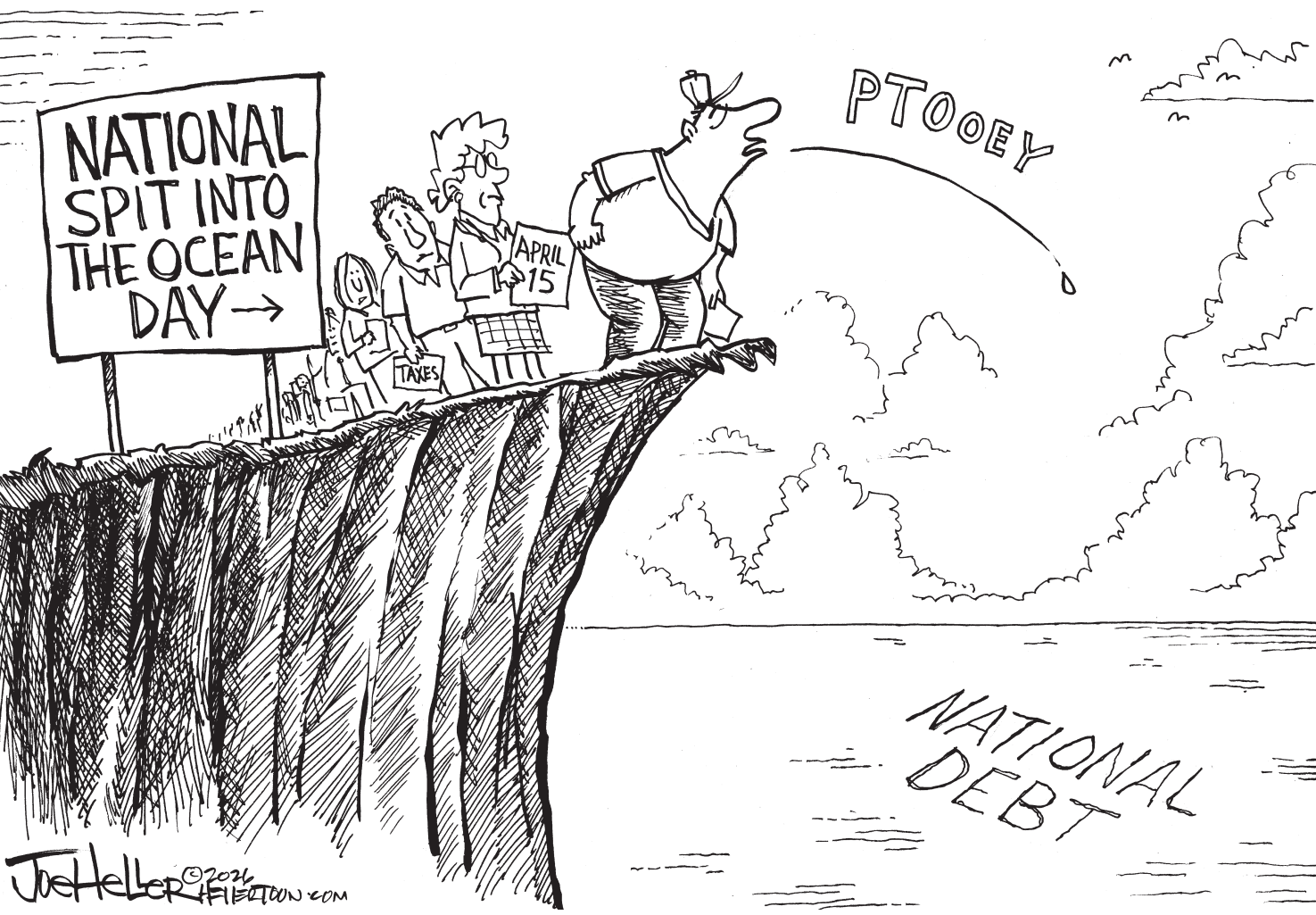


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HIGHWAY PLAN

Shows Mix of Construction, Planning Across Region

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JOBNews REGION — Kentucky's 2026–2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan allocates millions for road and bridge work across the region, but totals vary widely depending on whether projects are in construction or still in early design.

Barren County leads the area with about \$27.6 million, driven by major construction projects on KY 1297 (Roger Wells Boulevard), U.S. 68 and U.S. 31-E, along with bridge improvements in Glasgow.

Russell County follows with approximately \$15.9 million across multiple phases, including significant work along the U.S. 127 corridor. Butler County includes roughly \$10 million, highlighted by a \$6.5 million bridge project on U.S. 231 and additional bridge and ferry-related funding.

Mid-range counties include Ohio County at about \$5 million, with funding focused on drainage improvements along U.S. 62 and safety upgrades on KY 69, and Edmonson County at just over \$4 million, including work on KY 70/KY 259 and access improvements tied to the Kyrock school project.

HIGHWAY PLAN SHOWS BIGGEST INVESTMENTS ACROSS THE REGION

Kentucky's 2026-2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan

COUNTY	TOTAL 2026-2028 FUNDING	WHAT'S INCLUDED
BARREN	\$27.6 MILLION	Major construction on KY 1297 (Roger Wells Blvd.), US 68, US 31-E and Glasgow bridges.
RUSSELL	\$15.9 MILLION	US 127 corridor improvements, bridge work and other roadway projects.
BUTLER	\$10 MILLION	\$6.5 million bridge project on US 231, additional bridge replacements and ferry funding.
OHIO	\$5.04 MILLION	\$2.4 million to fix drainage on US 62, guardrails and safety improvements on KY 69.
EDMONSON	\$4.19 MILLION	KY 70/KY 259 reconstruction and access improvements for Kyrock school.
CUMBERLAND	\$3.4 MILLION	Improvements to KY 61 from milepoint 12.9 to 13.6.
METCALFE	\$2.99 MILLION	Design phase only: Summer Shade Bypass and KY 90 safety improvements.
HART	\$650,000	Design phase only: Intersection and access improvements on US 31W near Hart County High School.
ALLEN	LARGE LONG-TERM CORRIDOR PROJECTS	Major work planned on KY 100, but most of it extends beyond this biennium.

SOURCE: Kentucky 2026-2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan

KEY TAKEAWAY

HIGHER TOTALS OFTEN MEAN ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION. Smaller totals may simply mean projects are still in the design phase and will move forward in future years.

A SIX-YEAR PLAN
Projects move from design to construction in future funding cycles.

Cumberland County totals \$3.4 million, centered on improvements along KY 61.

Metcalfe County's \$2.99 million allocation and Hart County's \$650,000 are both limited to design work, meaning construction is expected in future plan cycles.

Allen County includes several high-

cost corridor projects, particularly along KY 100, but much of that work is part of longer-term planning and not fully scheduled for construction within this biennium.

State officials note the plan is part of a broader six-year roadmap, with projects moving from design to construction in future funding cycles.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following deeds were filed in the Metcalfe County Clerk's office between April 2 - 9, 2026.

James Maxwell Bell to Zachary Lee Harper and Brittany Harper, 2 Tracts.

Shirley Schaefer to Garnet McMillian, 2 Tracts.

Andre Desautels and Larue Desautels to Creek Bottom Properties, LLC, 2 Tracts.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Scotty Mosby, 1.62 Acres.

United States District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, Central Division, David Wisdom, and Margaret Wisdom to United States of America,

5 Acres E-File CSC.

Kenneth W. Hope to Kenneth W. Hope and Kathy A. Hope, 110.631 Acres, 100 Acres, 20 Acres, and 37.86 Acres.

Kenneth W. Hope to Kenneth W. Hope and Kathy A. Hope, 4 Tracts.

Kenneth W. Hope and Kathy A. Hope to Kenneth W. Hope and Kathy A. Hope, 11.92 Acres.

Andre Michael Desautels, Mike Desautels, and Laurie Desautels to Kenneth Dale Compton, .96 Acre.

Steven R. Morgan and Margaret N. Morgan to Larry William Land, Sr. and Julie Marie Bybee, 10 Acres.

John Henry Miller and Lovina Miller to Benjamin Schmucker and Mary M. Schmucker, 1.74 Acres.

Robert Ryan Gilbert and Stacey Nicole Gilbert to Tyler Cobb and Chloe Edwards, .98 Acre.

Deloris Fay Garrett, Sarah J. Hoy, David Ray Garrett, and Tracie Garrett to William Krueger, .66 Acre.

Miller Street LLC, Michael E. Fancher-Member, and Suzanne Fancher-Member to Mosby's REO LLC and Scotty Mosby-Member, .50 Acre.

Jeffery Allen Smith, James Blythe, and Karen J. Blythe to Joshua Smith and Casey Bryant, 1 Tract.

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The menu offers daily lunch and dinner specials in addition to the regular menu items, and breakfast is served all day, every day. There will be homemade desserts to choose from, which may make for tough decisions as they all look delicious (I tried the banana pudding, and it was incredible).

Hunt Brothers Pizza will be available in the next few weeks as the contract is finalized with the new owners. Plans are in the works for traditional Amish dishes to hit the menu, and this fall, they plan to offer a Deer Hunter early morning menu during deer season. So, stay tuned for new and exciting things that will be happening at Ma Yoder's Country Diner.

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