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but a map of the past
drawn from a particular
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to the modern traveler

– Henry Glassie –



About the cover:

Thanks to the **Grant family**: Emily (mom); Jeffrey (dad); Rory (son) for serving as our models for our special, commemorative, semiquincentennial edition—in celebration of our nation's founding in 1776 and our 250th anniversary. The image, including the set, our foxhound, the farmhouse, vintage flag, and Colonial-Revolutionary period wardrobe, was created using photo editing and AI (so the individuals depicted aren't exactly the Grants); but they graciously served as our representatives for the theme. Theatrics help in such a project, so we reached out to Marsha Campbell with Attic Productions, Inc. (Botetourt's community theater) for the suggestion of a family that could play the part. "Rory has been a cast member in several of our productions," Marsha says; Jeff and Rory are part of a Scout troop in Daleville; and Emily says one of her favorite activities is "hitting the Botetourt Family YMCA."

NOTE: This photo is when Rory was a semifinalist at the Scripps National Spelling Bee; 2025.

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Quick Facts

About Botetourt County

- Population: 34,135 (2023)
- Land area: 548 square miles
- Homeownership rate: 85.8% (2023)
- Median household income: \$80,467 (2023)
- Median housing value: \$293,818 (2024); Median home sale: \$387,500 (3/25)
- Unemployment rate: 2.8% (3/25), compared to the U.S. rate of 4.2% (4/25)
- Industries include: Mining, Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation, Agriculture, and Healthcare
- Moody's estimates cost of doing business: 15% lower than national average
- Cost of living averages 5–6% lower than national average
- Male/Female ratio of population is nearly 50:50
- Fincastle, the County seat: Incorporated in 1772 and attracts genealogists from all over the world
- Dream destination for outdoor recreation: 70,000 acres of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests; James River with boating access; miles of off-road opportunities for all-terrain vehicles; Appalachian Trail access; 35 miles of Blue Ridge Parkway
- Botetourt Sports Complex: Championship softball, youth baseball fields; soccer fields; cross-country course; 18-hole disc golf course; Wi-Fi

Sources: U.S. Census, Federal Reserve, Botetourt County, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, AI

Welcome

To Botetourt County
and Botetourt Living

The Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce and its members welcome you to the 29th edition of *Botetourt Living* magazine. This edition also covers activities from our Chamber's activities in 2025.

The magazine serves as a guide for visitors and for citizens — those who recently moved here or have lived here for a lifetime. It's particularly geared to our business community and each of us who has a vested interest in the continuing mission to develop this great place to live, work, and play.

Botetourt County is an ideal environment for business and family. Major markets and resource bases are located within a few hours of here and the labor pool is strongly supported with educational and training venues. As an area for arts and culture, Botetourt offers a wide range of amenities with attractive shopping and entertainment opportunities. Outdoor recreation in Botetourt County, including many square miles of Jefferson National Forest and rivers, is second to none in every season.

This year (2026) marks the 250th Birthday of the nation—founded in 1776. Botetourt County, however, was founded in 1770—six years earlier! Lord Botetourt, for whom the County is named, served as Governor of Virginia. The County is now part of the Roanoke Metropolitan Area, though in early times its lands extended as far west as Illinois and Wisconsin. The County shares the Southern Shenandoah Valley with its neighbor jurisdictions of Roanoke County, the cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Town of Vinton.

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250th Anniversary

It is a proud time to be living in Botetourt County: “the Seed-Bed of the Republic.” The nickname was coined by historian Robert Douthat Stoner, who among many other authors has chronicled Botetourt’s strong roots in the founding of our country. This year as we commemorate the nation’s 250th anniversary, we’re taking a look back at Botetourt’s fascinating legacy and growth over the centuries.

Take a stroll around our historical society’s museum, and you’ll find colonial maps of Botetourt with boundaries stretching all the way to the Mississippi. “Botetourt County was founded in 1770, six years before the United States was born.” Lynsey Allie, Executive Director of Botetourt County Historical Society, shares. “That means when we celebrate 250 years here, we’re celebrating a community that has been part of the American story from the very beginning.”

Our county seat of Fincastle was named after the home of Virginia’s colonial governor Norborne Berkeley, Lord Botetourt. Before the Declaration of Independence sparked our Revolution, Botetourt County leaders were a step ahead. In 1775 they issued the Botetourt Resolutions, a daring call for independence.

Following the Revolutionary War, Botetourt’s mountain towns continued to mark early America’s frontier. Fincastle became a frequent visiting spot of explorers Lewis and Clark and growing tourist destination, while the town of Buchanan sprang up as a riverside trading hub. Throughout the nineteenth century, Botetourt’s iron ore-rich land brought a booming iron industry which would play a great role in the Civil War. Meanwhile the county fostered a number of spring resorts, attracting tourists from the deep south in search of cooler weather and healing waters.

The twentieth century saw Botetourt transition from industry and tourism to a quieter, agricultural scene. Orchards, tomato canneries, and farms would come to shape the Botetourt we know today while the old iron mines gave way to national forest. Our next phase of growth began with the building of railroads, and later highway 81. As the county continues to grow and change, we’re taking the time to acknowledge what brought us here.

Lynsey Allie reflects, “places like Botetourt remind us that American history didn’t just happen in big cities—it happened in communities like this one, where ordinary people built something lasting over 250 years.”



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before the United States
was born

Commerce



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I will believe it a good comfortable road

– Meriwether Lewis –

Botetourt County has attracted commerce of all shapes and sizes over 250 years. Established in 1811 as a trading post on the James River, the town of Buchanan can be considered the county's first major commercial center. The town's Kanawha Canal opened doors for Botetourt-made products to be shipped downstream to cities as far away as Richmond.

The canal wasn't the county's only water-powered source of commerce. Gristmills supplied locals, farms, and stores with grain, some of which are still standing such as Breckinridge and Nininger mills. Over fifteen iron furnaces were also built along Botetourt creeks, fueled by lumber, limestone, and iron ore usually acquired in close vicinity. Our mountains' rich supply of minerals would become Botetourt's most prized nineteenth century commodity, bringing in hundreds of workers: enslaved and free, immigrant and local. By the Civil War, Botetourt's iron became the backbone of Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, supplying weaponry for the Confederacy. Our iron and mineral industries died out following the war, leaving behind quiet remnants like Eagle Rock's Lime Kilns, the ghost town of Lignite, and old iron furnaces preserved in the National Forest. Botetourt's old mining and mineral era survives at Roanoke Cement Company/Titan America (formally Lone Star) which opened in 1950 using the former Catawba Coal and Iron Co. limestone quarries.

Nineteenth century Botetourt was not only known for its tough iron, but soothing spring resorts, hotels, and bustling general stores which catered to tourists passing through the scenic landscape. The Fincastle Herald was founded in 1868 and has chronicled Botetourt's story ever since. Bank of Fincastle (now First Bank) was founded in 1875. Bank of Botetourt was founded in 1899 in Buchanan, and keeps expanding to serve the region. Once home to popular stagecoach stops and horse racing grounds like Fincastle's old fairgrounds, Botetourt's history has long been entwined with horses. Today, the county's many Equestrian Centers and horseback riding trails reflect this legacy.

In the 1880's, the use of the Kanawha canal and horse-powered industry was shifted by the coming of Botetourt's first railroad, built along the James River to connect Clifton Forge to Richmond. Railroads would continue to have a significant impact on Botetourt communities and commerce, bringing faster access to cities like Roanoke.

Moving into the twentieth century, agriculture grew to be the cornerstone of Botetourt lifestyle. Several orchards opened to market since the early twentieth century, alongside many farms and stores that have sprouted from fertile Botetourt fields. Tomatoes quickly became a staple and necessity for the local economy. Around 1910, Botetourt ranked as the second-largest tomato-canning county in the United States with nearly 200 canneries in operation. A combination of tomato blight and shifting industry brought this era to an end over time, but left a long-lasting impact. Agriculture and manufacturing of all kinds remain the strong suits of Botetourt's economy.

Botetourt was home to popular stagecoach stops and horse racing grounds

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Classroom



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– Benjamin Franklin –

Early education in Botetourt took place among private tutors, schoolhouses, and small seminaries, until the county's first free education system opened in 1846 to white children over the age of six.

For many decades, individual communities sported their own school spirit. Buchanan, Fincastle, Troutville, and Eagle Rock all had their own high schools around the turn of the twentieth century. Daleville College was Botetourt's first (and only) college founded in 1890, serving our community until it merged with Bridgewater College and closed due to the Great Depression. While Hollins University is just over the county line, its historical connection to Botetourt shouldn't be overlooked. Located on the historical Botetourt Springs, the property grew to become Valley Union Seminary and later Hollins Institute, one of the country's first women's colleges. Hollins remains the closest university to Botetourt County. Both Virginia Western Community College and Mountain Gateway Community College serve residents and students of Botetourt County.

Botetourt's most significant African American school of the early twentieth century was Academy Hill, now honored by a historical marker in the town of Fincastle. Academy Hill, alongside many community high schools across the county, closed in 1959 with the building of Lord Botetourt and James River High Schools. Central Academy became the county's consolidated African American school for grades one through twelve, until desegregation in 1966 saw the school operate as Botetourt Intermediate. In 2001, the school was renamed Central Academy Middle School when community members advocated to recognize its history.

Of the county's elementary schools, Breckinridge Elementary is likely the oldest still in its original building, built in 1951. Very few of the county's schools have changed since the consolidation of the school system, remaining rooted in Botetourt's communities. Built in 1971, Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) empowers students with a hands-on focus on career and technical education. Known for their dynamic involvement in arts and athletics today, Botetourt County's public schools stand out for their highly rated student safety, stellar teachers, and bright community spirit.

For the 2026 school year, there are 12 public schools serving 4,424 students in Botetourt County School District. This district's average testing ranking is 10/10, which is in the top 5% of public schools in Virginia. Public schools in Botetourt have an average math proficiency score of 86% (versus the Virginia public school average of 68%) and reading proficiency score of 82% (versus the 70% statewide average).

– Public School Review –

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Community



This is my community
and it's my responsibility to make it better

– Tom McCall –

Botetourt's towns were shaped by rivers and railroads, floods and fires. Here's a look at the county's most prominent communities over 250 years, and why they continue to charm visitors in the twenty-first century with their rich stories of perseverance.

Fincastle (1772)

With a log cabin as a courthouse and sheds as jury rooms, Fincastle was established in 1772 as colonial Botetourt's county seat. By 1818, a design for a new stately, brick courthouse was drawn by Thomas Jefferson for the town. Crowned the "gateway to the frontier," 1800's Fincastle remained a lively small town known for its mountain-framed landscape and charming hospitality. With carriage-dusted streets of hotels, shops, and homes, the town bustled with travelers boosting commerce. In this thriving setting, Fincastle boasted a population of 876 in 1860, a tight-knit and diverse community. In 1870, a devastating fire changed the face of the town, destroying the courthouse and many 18th and 19th century buildings. As Fincastle slowly rose from the ashes, its natural beauty and vicinity to springs resorts brought a new generation of tourists and commerce.

Buchanan (1811)

In 1811, Buchanan developed on the North Bank of the James River, while its "twin town" Pattonsburg was on the south bank. The two towns were connected by a single swinging bridge, still standing today even after the flood of 1985. The bridge has been deemed "the Brooklyn Bridge of Virginia," more for its popularity than its size. Buchanan and Pattonsburg weren't united until the 1880s, long after the building of the Kanawha Canal sparked an era of thriving trade. Stagecoaches lined the streets by hotels and churches, and the river was dotted with canal boats full of valuable goods. Today, the Wilson Warehouse survives as a glimpse into Buchanan's past, along with the beloved Buchanan theatre (founded in 1917), and the Fountain and Grille (in a former 1937 drugstore) which contribute to the town's vintage feeling.

Eagle Rock (1840s)

Eagle Rock was marked the Kanawha Canal's last lock, and like Buchanan, thrived as a trading and industrial center in the 19th century. Early Eagle Rock can be considered a mining town surrounded by quarries, Limestone Kilns, and Roaring Run Iron Furnace which still attract visitors today for their historical significance. Eagle Rock is also the birthplace of Norvel Lee, a Black Olympic gold medalist, civil rights activist, and Tuskegee Airman.

Bonsack (1850s)

While today's Bonsack may appear strictly modern, the community hides a long and varied history. Once a small settlement on the colonial "Trader's Path" road, Bonsack was not named until the Bonsack family settled in the area and donated land for a train depot and track. Known as "Bonsack's Depot" for many years, the town served as Botetourt's main trading and transportation center alongside Buchanan. Facing a Union raid during the Civil War, a short-lived zinc mining boom, and the blooming of orchards, the town has changed in many ways before becoming a bustling, commercial gateway to the City of Roanoke.

Daleville (1890)

Once home to groves of twisting apple trees, the orchard community of Daleville was established as home to a four-year private college in 1890. While Daleville College did not survive through the Great Depression, a seed of community spirit had been planted. Daleville would remain an agricultural powerhouse surrounded by mills and orchards; and the building of highway 81 in 1959 made it a gateway to Fincastle and the scenic Blue Ridge for travelers. Local businesses clustered around the convenient location and former Daleville College buildings. In 1995, one event sparked a domino chain of development. Late orchard owner Bob Layman sold his 1,000 acres to Botetourt County, paving the way for Daleville Town Center to be born. The walkable residential and commerce-focused area began development in the early twenty-first century and is still evolving. With its favorite restaurants, farmer's market, and summer concerts, Daleville is becoming Botetourt's newest cultural hub.

Troutville (1956)

Though not officially established until recent history, Troutville also has its roots in a colonial trading post thought to be located on modern-day Mountain Pass Road. When the railroad was built through the area in the 1880's, a station was established and grew into a popular shipping stop. Just three houses were built: belonging to John, Jim, and George Trout. Locals deemed the area "Troutsville" and the name stuck. The tomato canning industry quickly found its heart in Troutville, where canneries and factories transformed the village into a flourishing town.

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Culture



To encourage literature and the arts
is a duty which every good citizen owes to his country

– George Washington –

From its beginnings, Botetourt has been a beating cultural heart of Southwestern Virginia. We've been home to many artists, photographers, musicians, and authors over the years. We're proud of the places and organizations that have nourished the creative soul of the county.

Possibly the oldest celebration of our culture, our county fair has supported local agriculture and arts since 1879. The first fairs were held near Fincastle, well-loved for their action-packed horse races. When the old wooden grandstands fell into disrepair in the mid-20th century, so did the popularity of the county fair. In 2013, Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension and 4-H collaborated to bring the fair back to life by the James River in Buchanan. Today, the county fair is in full swing with live music and classic fair competitions.

Buchanan's Town Park hasn't only hosted the county fair. Founded in 1903, the park has served as a peaceful rest area, an avenue to boating and outdoor activities, and host of the summer Buchanan carnival and an abundance of festivals. Since 2021, an annual Tomato Festival has celebrated our legacy of tomato canning with a plethora of tomato-themed vendors and tastings.

Over in Fincastle, the Historic Fincastle Fall Festival has been held for over fifty years, showing off the town's heritage with historic home tours, craftsmen, and reenactors. Dozens of local crafters, artists, and authors flock to the festival to display their works.

4-H is one of Botetourt's oldest and widespread organizations, and its local impact can be tied back to the 1910s. 4-H clubs empower our youth from every angle: whether you're into community service, crafts, or cooking, horse and livestock judging, robotics, or leadership, there's something for everyone. With a similar mission to support hands-on learning, Botetourt's first FFA chapter was formed in 1935 and continues to serve our middle and high schools.

Botetourt's oldest standing theater is Buchanan Theatre, built in 1917 as a silent movie house. The theatre still serves as a community favorite for movie nights and the occasional concert. In Fincastle, Attic Productions was built in 1995 as a completely volunteer-run venue for comedy, drama, and musical theater lovers alike. Like Buchanan Theatre, Attic Productions hosts musical performances by artists from the area and beyond. On the subject of music, there's a hidden gem in James River High School's library: a studio equipped for students to record and produce songs. The music studio was donated by alumnus Matthew Ramsey of the country music band Old Dominion.

There are doubtlessly many other hidden gems of arts and culture across the county. Looking back over Botetourt's 250 years, we've never been more culturally vibrant. A creative spirit certainly runs through our rivers and mountains.

Botetourt is and has been home to many
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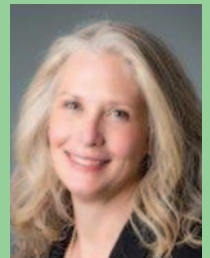
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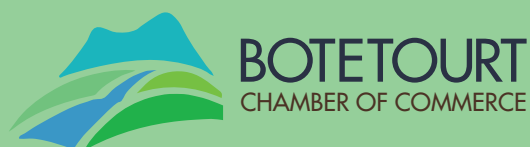


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“It is more important than ever that the Chamber of Commerce can modernize to become a strong and effective partner for all businesses, large and small.”

From the Executive Director

This is a message of beginnings and excitement for the future! For me personally, I am the new Executive Director for the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce. Botetourt County is a place with a long and rich history. As the new Executive Director, I feel the weight of the responsibility to such a storied place. I also feel the excitement for what lies ahead.

The Chamber of Commerce is an important partner for any community, especially a community that is growing and changing. 2026-2027 feels like the beginning of a chapter of change, prosperity, and growth. The mission of the Chamber of Commerce is to welcome new businesses to the community and support the existing business community so that they can achieve their hopes, dreams, and greatest potential. With this much growth and change, it is more important than ever that the Chamber of Commerce can modernize to become a strong and effective partner for all businesses, large and small. Although we are very grateful for the economic engine that the

large businesses bring to our community, 56% of the businesses in Botetourt County are small businesses. These small businesses define the character of Botetourt and bring the familiarity and charm we all love. The Chamber must effectively serve all businesses to strengthen our economic outlook while preserving our heritage and character. The growing diversity and size of our business community is our strength.

A wise person once said “You are either going forward or backward, there is no staying the same.” 2026-2027 is our opportunity to move forward, but to shape the future and success of Botetourt County together. I am looking forward to working with all businesses in Botetourt County as well as the entire community to shape a future that is both prosperous and uniquely Botetourt. Charting a course for a bright future with everyone in Botetourt!

Jacqui Sobieski
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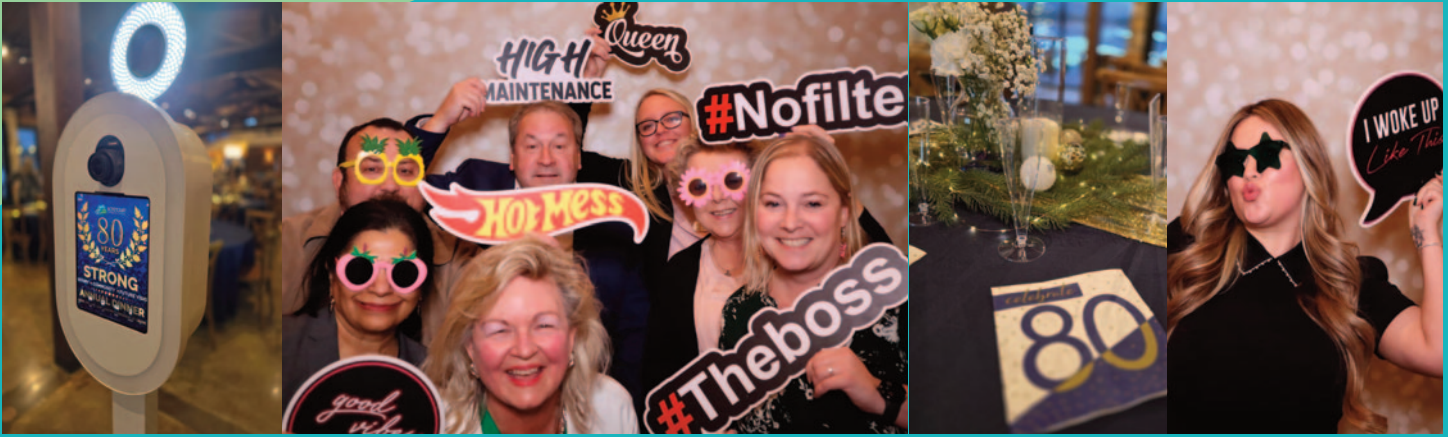
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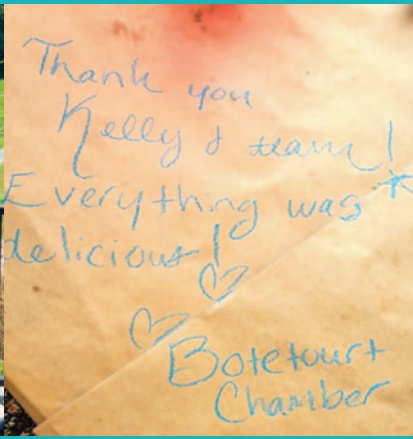
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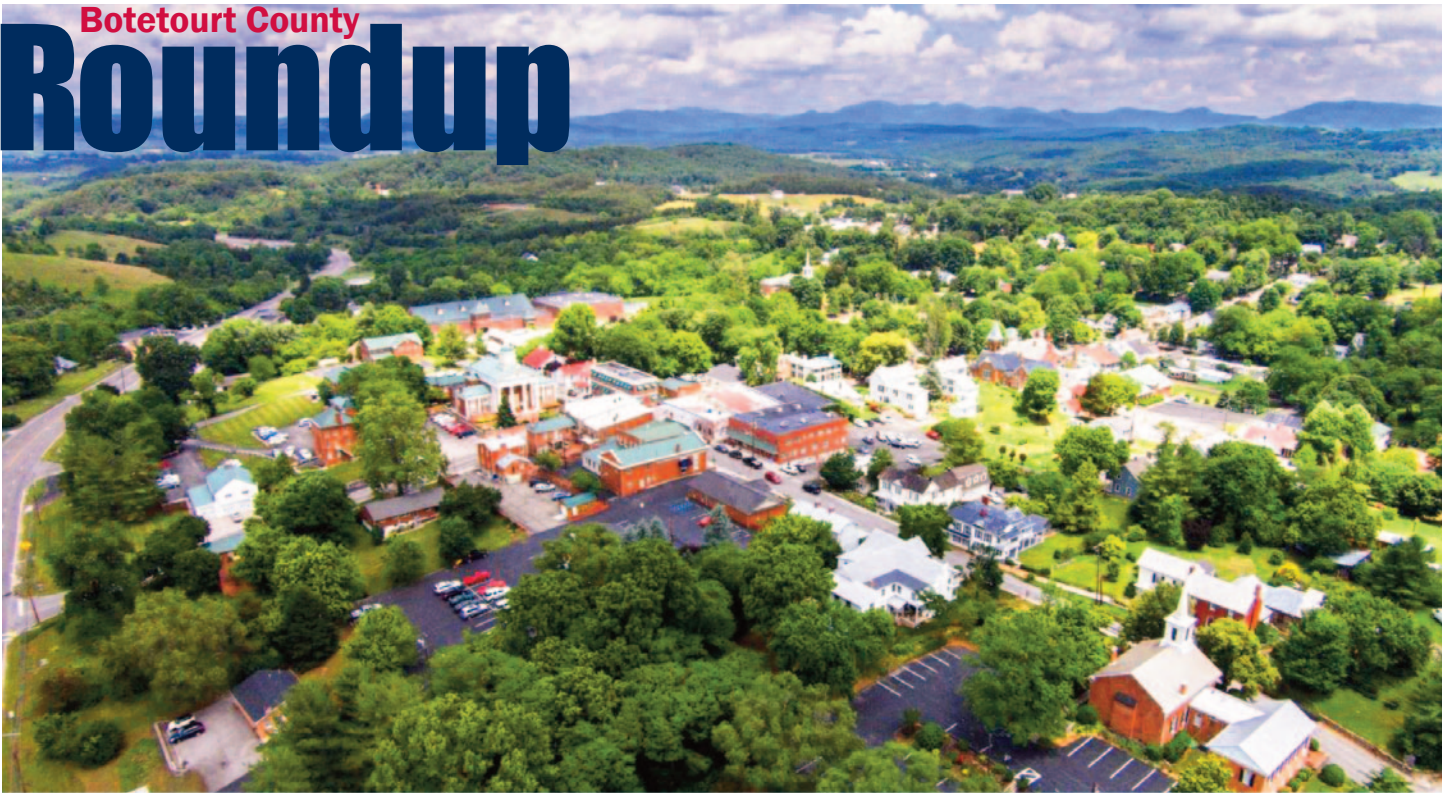
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Botetourt County Roundup



An abbreviated report of some of our significant activities over the past year compiled by BOCO Communications, Berryfield, and public notices.

Nestled in the heart of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, Botetourt County (BOCO) offers a perfect blend of natural beauty and vibrant community life. From miles of scenic hiking trails and breathtaking overlooks to hidden waterfalls and peaceful riverways ideal for kayaking and outdoor adventure, BOCO is a destination for both exploration and relaxation. Whether you're a visitor discovering the region for the first time or a resident enjoying it every day, there's always something happening here. Whether it's a family-friendly event like BOCO Wild to seasonal favorites like the Sunflower Festival, BOCO is a place where outdoor adventure meets small-town charm.

Economic Growth

Botetourt County continues to experience strong and sustained community growth, reflected in increased development activity across the region. With a noticeable rise in overall project activity and a surge in completed developments, the county is seeing unprecedented investment and momentum. This growth not only signals confidence in Botetourt as a place to live, work, and do business, but also supports job creation, infrastructure improvements, and long-term economic vitality. BOCO is positioned for continued success well into the future.

Google Announces Data Center Campus

Google is moving forward with plans for a major data center campus at the Botetourt Center at Greenfield,

marking one of the largest private investments in Southwest Virginia. In 2025, the company purchased approximately 312 acres for \$14 million and committed an additional \$4 million toward local initiatives. The multi-building campus is expected to generate at least \$10 million annually in local tax revenue per facility, creating a long-term funding source for priorities like public safety, schools, and infrastructure while reinforcing Botetourt's position as a growing hub in the digital economy.

The project also emphasizes responsible development and regional benefits. Google will fund 100 percent of the site's power and water infrastructure, while working with local partners to protect water resources and strengthen grid reliability, including support for renewable energy through the Rocky Forge Wind project. In addition, the company is investing in workforce development, research, and community resilience efforts across Southwest Virginia, which ensures the project delivers both immediate and long-term value to Botetourt County and the surrounding region.

Munters Breaks Ground on Phase II

In July 2025, Munters broke ground on a Data Center Technologies expansion at their Botetourt County facility. This groundbreaking marked a milestone in this initiative to meet growing demand for energy-efficient cooling of data centers.

Fishin' Pig Opens

In July, The Fishin' Pig opened its doors in Daleville. This is the fourth location for the popular Virginia restaurant chain, known for combining Memphis-style BBQ with Southern-style seafood.

Croy Contracting Expansion

Croy Contracting, a Botetourt County-based construction and contracting firm with more than 35 years of service in the region's residential and commercial markets, is expanding operations with a \$3.45 million investment to launch CroySafe, a new division specializing in professionally installed safe rooms for homes and businesses. The project will create 30 new jobs in the region.

Adorne and Luxe Introduced

In March, Luxe Aesthetics held its ribbon cutting ceremony and in June, Adorne Aesthetics opened, promoting natural beauty, skin and hormone health.

Positiviteeth Opens

In April, Positiviteeth Pediatric Dentistry celebrated its grand opening as Daleville's first ever Pediatric Dental Specialty Office.

Small Business Grants

In 2025, Botetourt County awarded \$99,927 to small businesses across all five magisterial districts. In the second year of the program, it was expanded with an additional \$50,000 in funding from the Google land sale. Recipients included:

Amsterdam District

- Little Green Hive – \$3,000
- Mountain Thyme Honey & Gifts LLC – \$4,200
- F. A. Wagner Insurance Agency Inc. – \$5,000
- Appalachian Environmental – \$4,500
- JWF Services Inc. (The Local Lemon) – \$3,448
- Grow Wild, Play Studio – \$3,000
- Southwest Virginia Training – \$2,529

Blue Ridge District

- Eggie Lope's LLC – \$4,500
- Interior Design by Teanna – \$4,850

Buchanan District

- Foot of the Mountain Café – \$3,899
- Good Times Cafe LLC – \$4,000
- Mrs. B's Restaurant and Bar – \$5,000
- Beaver Dam Farms Inc. – \$2,000
- Buchanan Butchery LLC – \$2,000
- Mount Joy Mushrooms LLC – \$5,000
- Blue Ridge Flower Exchange – \$5,000
- Glenda Snyder Farm – \$3,000
- Sharin' Flowers – \$3,000
- The Barn at Back Creek Farm – \$3,000

Fincastle District

- Sprinkel's Garage LLC – \$4,000
- Heritage Family Market Inc. – \$2,000
- Fincastle Automotive Inc. – \$3,000
- Windy Ridge Fencing & Excavating Services (Sunny Side Ranch LLC) – \$2,000
- Will Haul – \$4,000
- Healing Hideaway LLC – \$4,000

Valley District

- Joyful Noise Children's Center LLC – \$5,000
- Portraits by Cher – \$5,000

Community Development

What's going on in BOCO

"What's Going On in BOCO" is a dedicated section of the Botetourt County website designed to keep residents informed about current and upcoming development and construction projects. The page provides details on projects at various stages—from approval to active construction—and includes an interactive map with project descriptions.

Envision Botetourt 2045

Over the past several years, Botetourt County staff, community members, and the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors have worked to produce a brand new Comprehensive Plan that charts the County's path over the next 20 years, called Envision Botetourt 2045.



Building Safety Month

In Botetourt County, we take building safety seriously. Whether you're a pro contractor or diving into DIY, we're here to back you up on your construction project. The 2026 campaign theme is "Built to Last" and includes special weekly themes in May 2026.

Comprehensive Broadband

Botetourt County has reached a major milestone in its long-term effort to make reliable, high-speed internet available to all corners of the County. Internet service providers have been awarded \$12.8 million through the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program to provide service to more than 1,000 currently unserved locations in Botetourt County, including areas of Arcadia in the Buchanan District. The BEAD funding will result in approximately 96% of Botetourt locations having access to Fiber to the Home (FTTH) service.

County Stats

- 6,648 total inspections – up from 5,516
- 970 permits issued – up from 956
- \$221,874,360 total value of started projects – up from “> \$89 million” (data in Permits Issued report) An increase of over \$132 million.
- \$82,813,015.99 total value of finalized projects – up from “> \$45 million”
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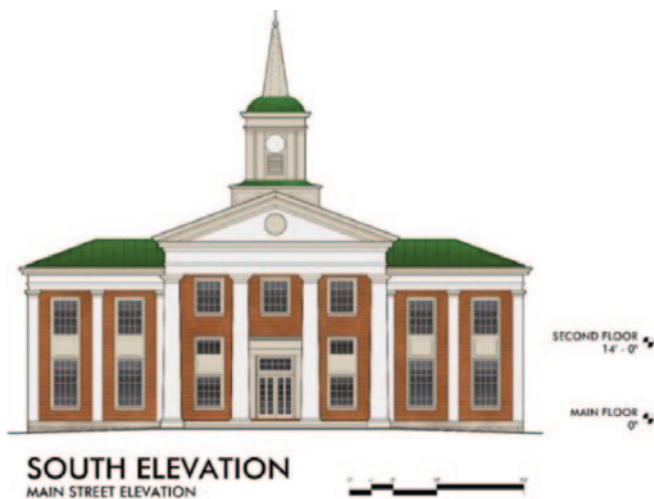
Capital Projects

New 9-1-1 Emergency Communications facility

The new 911 Center at the Read Mountain Fire Department will deliver faster, more reliable emergency response for Botetourt County residents. Designed with modern infrastructure and built to the highest safety standards, the facility strengthens communication capabilities for first responders while ensuring consistent service across the county. Significant progress has already been made—from site preparation and utilities installation to structural completion—positioning the center to enhance coordination during emergencies. Once complete, this state-of-the-art hub will improve response times, support growing community needs, and provide residents with greater peace of mind knowing help is always within reach.

Courthouse Rebuild

For its nearly 50-year lifespan, the courthouse building has become increasingly unsuitable for workers and visitors. The building does not meet current State courthouse standards or federal standards for persons with disabilities. A 2019 facility assessment conducted by Spectrum Design of Roanoke documented extensive problems including water leaks from the foundation, walls, and roofs, failing mechanical systems, and inadequate security.



The new courthouse’s concept called for a new facility that retains the appearance of the old courthouse. It duplicates the existing red brick façade with white-columned portico, the building’s green raised-seam metal roof, and its signature clock spire.

The project has maintained a strong focus on safety and coordination, with regular planning meetings and an outstanding safety record. The community is beginning to see the outline of the new courthouse take shape, and the project is projected to be completed in October 2027.

Parks and Recreation

Our Parks and Recreation division continues to thrive, blending outdoor beauty with vibrant community programming. Through ongoing investment in parks, recreation, and facility improvements, destinations like Greenfield Recreation Park and Blue Ridge Park are welcoming tens of thousands of visitors each year. Youth athletics engage more than 2,100 players annually, supported by hundreds of dedicated volunteer coaches. In addition, BOCO offers yoga, bingo, hiking, watersports, pickleball and much more.

BOCO Wild

This year, in June, we celebrated our 4th annual BOCO Wild at Buchanan Town Park. BOCO Wild encompasses a diverse array of outdoor interests. All ages are welcome to explore a wide range of activities, including the historically popular tradition of fishing instruction, as well as wildlife education, hunting safety, hiking, boating education, and much more. In 2025, more than 850 people attended, making the event a tremendous success.

Youth Recreation Sports

Botetourt County Parks & Recreation is proud to offer



a wide variety of youth athletic programs for children ages 4 through 18. Our programs are designed to encourage teamwork, build skills, and create fun and memorable experiences for every player. No matter if your child is playing for the first time or returning to build on their skills, we are excited to be part of their athletic story! Sports include both flag and tackle football, baseball, soccer, table tennis, basketball and cheerleading.

- 2,094 total players annually
- 1,529 unique players annually
- 455 volunteer coaches

Adult Recreation Sports

Our inaugural Winter Adult Basketball season (2025–2026) was a strong success, helping build a solid foundation for future adult programs. We also offer free Adult Pickleball in late summer, giving community members more opportunities to stay active, connect, and enjoy recreational sports year-round.

In August, we unveiled new and redesigned tennis and pickleball courts in Buchanan. The Buchanan Courts had been in need of an update for some time, and now their renovation is home to the community's new pickleball and tennis hub.

Sports Complex

The Botetourt Sports Complex is a state-of-the-art facility located just minutes from I-81 and only 25 minutes from downtown Roanoke, Virginia. Located within the 125-acre Greenfield Recreation Park, the Sports Complex features four championship level softball and youth baseball fields, all with beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The fields are arranged around a central, three-story tower with space for tournament operations, score keeping, concessions and restrooms. In 2025, the sports complex:

- Hosted 21 tournaments; 785 games played
- Had 469 teams: 8,778 players/coaches
- There were 9,641 spectators
- 732 hotel nights were booked by out-of-town guests (6,381 hotel nights combined with other valley tournaments)
- Most of our youth recreation games were played at the complex

Explore the Outdoors

Visitors and residents alike can enjoy 29 trails throughout the county. The county manages the Greenfield recreation trail system, which had 67,500 visitors in 2025. In addition, some of the highlight trails include the cherry blossom loop, Blue Ridge Springs

loop, and the blue ridge park trail. Blue Ridge Park welcomed 40,500 visitors last year alone.

Sunflower Festival

In September, Beaver Dam Farm and Sunflowers celebrated their 10th annual Sunflower Festival. What began as a small family event has grown into the largest sunflower festival / vendor show on the East Coast, drawing 20,000+ visitors annually and generating \$1.4 million in local economic impact.

Botetourt Van Program

The Van Program enhances quality of life by providing reliable transportation for eligible residents to essential appointments, helping ensure access to critical services. By supporting seniors and individuals with disabilities, the program plays a vital role in helping community members stay connected, healthy, and engaged in daily life. The ridership has nearly doubled in 2025.

Libraries

Botetourt County Libraries continue to be vibrant community hubs. With rising in-person visits and program, residents are clearly embracing opportunities to read, learn, and engage. Increased access to services like notary appointments and a collection of both physical and digital materials ensure convenience and accessibility for all ages. Facilities improvements created more welcoming spaces, while hundreds of volunteer hours reflect the strong community support behind these valued resources. Here are some ways our libraries grew in their support of the Botetourt community in 2025:

- 105,000+ in-person visits
- 18,000+ program attendees
- 430+ notary appointments
- Almost 213,000 checkouts of physical materials
- 67,000+ digital checkouts (ebooks, e-audiobooks, e-magazines)

Quality of life in Botetourt

Botetourt County continues to grow with purpose—honoring its natural beauty, investing in its communities, and creating opportunities for connection, recreation, and progress. From thriving parks and libraries to expanding infrastructure and community programs, every initiative reflects a commitment to enhancing quality of life for residents while welcoming visitors to experience all that BOCO has to offer. As the county looks to the future, it remains a place where tradition and innovation come together and make Botetourt not just a destination, but a community people are proud to call home.

Best of Botetourt

not a complete list—
but a few of our favorites

Events

Attic Productions
Daleville Summer Concerts
Buchanan Town Events
Fincastle Town Events
Troutville Town Events
Botetourt Chamber Events
Stoney Brook Vineyard Events
Virginia Mountain Vineyards Events
Botetourt County Fair
Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival
Botetourt County Parks & Rec Events
Botetourt County Historical Society
and Museum Events
Troutville Trail Days
Fincastle Ghost Tour
Buchanan Community Carnival
BOCO Wild
Open Studios Botetourt
Botetourt Homes & Gardens Tour
Botetourt Restaurant Week
Botetourt County Holiday Celebrations

Farming / Ag-Life

Botetourt Farmers Market
Tomato Festival
BEE AWARE Honey Fest
Farm-to-Table Harvest Tour
Horse Experience Day

Outdoor Picks

Appalachian Trail
Tinker Cliffs Overlook
Roaring Run Trail
Jefferson National Forest
Twin River Outfitters
Blue Ridge Parkway
George Washington National Forest
Craig Creek
Jennings Creek
James River
Purgatory Mountain
Hay Rock Overlook
Buchanan's Historic Swinging Bridge
Cherry Blossom Trail at Greenfield

Sporting Selections

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Preserve at Crooked Run Range
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Pickleball
Botetourt Youth Athletics
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Treasurer	540-928-2030

Botetourt County Administration

County Administrator and Deputy	540-928-2006
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Botetourt County Departments

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Health Department	540-666-4275
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Parks & Recreation	540-928-2130
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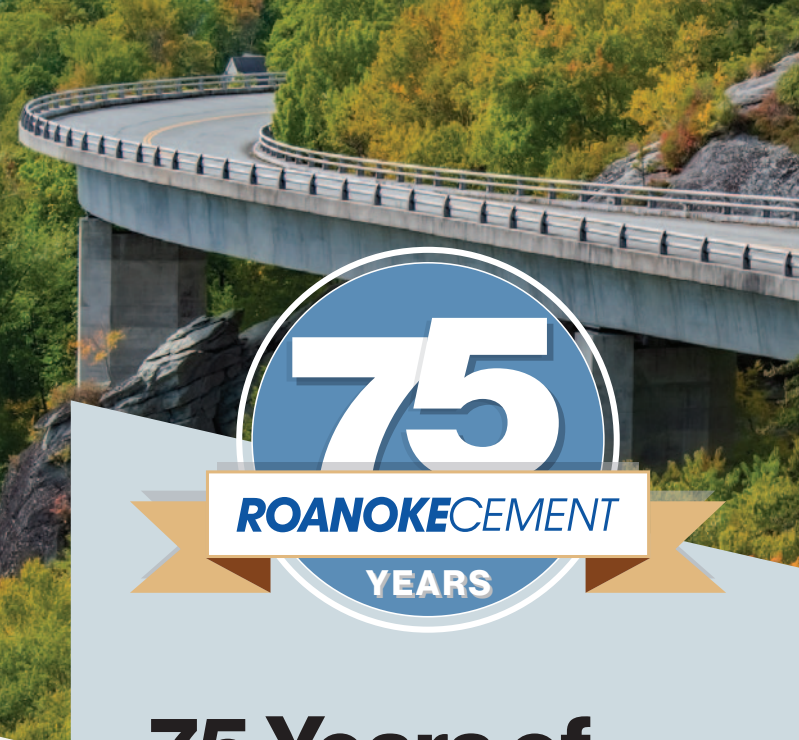
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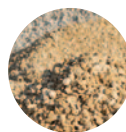
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