



# Elephant Tracks



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## Martha Boneta to Keynote MCRC's 2019 *Red, White & Blue BBQ & Rally*



**President Donald Trump and Martha Boneta**

Policy advisor, political strategist and nationally recognized commentator on politics and current affairs, Martha Boneta will head an impressive list of speakers at MCRC's 2019

Red, White & Blue BBQ and Rally, Sunday, October 13, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., at the Middlesex Shooting Sports Club, 1860 Twiggs Ferry Road, in Hartfield.

Chairman of Vote America First, Martha Boneta is widely recognized for her patriotism and out-spoken enthusiasm for America. She strongly supports President Donald Trump and works on his behalf as a member of Women for Trump 2020. She is a co-chair of the Trump-Pence 2A Coalition. Martha and her husband farm in Fauquier County. She has deep ties to rural Virginia and was named one of “America’s Most Amazing Women” by *Country Woman* magazine. She has two pieces of legislation named after her adopted by Virginia’s General Assembly. The “Boneta Bills” protect property rights and cut burdensome red tape and over-regulation. Martha is the subject of a documentary, “Farming in Fear,” commissioned by the Charles Koch Institute. The film received the People’s Choice Award and recognition by the Anthem Film Festival. Since 2014, the film continues to be screened in universities across the nation. Among other numerous honors, Martha was given a Joint Commendation by both the House and Senate of the Virginia General Assembly in 2016, recognizing her significant contributions to the Commonwealth and nation. She was inducted into the National Capital Friends of the NRA Hall of Fame in 2017. In 2019, Martha was chosen featured cover story of *Christian Times* magazine. She is a frequent co-host on several radio talk shows and contributes to various media, including Fox News (Fox & Friends, Fox Business, Neil Cavuto, The John Stossel Show + more).

Ensuring the afternoon will be filled with fun, food *and* politics will be our Congressman Rob Wittman, Delegate Keith Hodges, Senator Ryan McDougle, and U.S. Senate candidates Scott Taylor and Gary Adkins. First Congressional District Chair Bob Watson will emcee the program, beginning at 3:15 p.m. Local candidates for office will be on hand, too. Arrange or rearrange your schedules to be part of this event!

Tickets for the Red, White and Blue BBQ & Rally will go on sale beginning August 15 @ \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Barbecue, chicken, and all the trimmings by the Cookin’ Cops will be served. Tickets can be purchased by check, payable to MCRC, and mailed to PO Box 396, Hartfield, VA 23071. No corporate checks can be accepted.

Additional information will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars now for October 13!



**When it comes to higher education**—“It is time for two things (at least) to happen: A Federal Trade Commission investigation and some consumer fraud suits of colleges that, in fact, are running day care centers rather than educational institutions. Day care ought to be a lot cheaper than this.”

This quote is from Steven Hayward, journalist and contributor to *PowerLine*, a conservative blog. My heart aches for so many college students and graduates today. The alleged education they receive is insufficient to prepare a majority to get jobs upon graduation and it is not helping them mature to cope with the world around them. Unfortunately, for many it will likely mean a life filled with further disappointment and regret. Life isn’t easy. Trying to live life absent moral standards, coping skills, and a sense of direction is empty and meaningless.

**Do you recognize the man who organized the West Baltimore clean-up?** Scott Presler spoke to the Middlesex County Republican Committee in January 2016. His unbridled enthusiasm and support for Republicans as a young millennial was refreshing and encouraging. Shouting at our meeting, “We need to be proud and loud, not the Silent Majority!” Scott emphasized this is the time to turn America, particularly our young people, to an improved economy, job availability and growth.



**Scott Presler, Patti Taylor, Trudy Feigum, Nancy Fisk**



**Scott Presler**

Scott is now traveling across America, teaching people how to register Republicans to vote and supporting the re-election of President Trump. He’s also scheduled a clean-up in Newark, NJ later in August, and has been invited to do the same in Los Angeles and Norfolk. Other “clean-up organizers” are climbing onboard with intentions of helping their own localities divest of rodent infestations and mountains of unsanitary trash. Not a surprise and contrary to many news media reports including the *Baltimore Sun*, local West Baltimore residents are expressing gratitude to Scott and the 200 volunteers who picked up 12 tons of trash in their neighborhoods, August 5.

**Remember when, as a presidential candidate in 2016, Donald Trump pledged to kill two Obama-era regulations for every new one?** With the President beginning his re-election campaign he can cite his success while in the White House this first term. Russ Vought, acting budget office director, reported to a Heritage Foundation conference on federalism, that “We’ve hit 13 to 1,” and with eliminating so many regulations has “saved taxpayers \$33 billion.” Leading the list of reducing regulations, according to federal reports, are the departments and agencies of Agriculture, Education, Labor and the EPA. Let’s keep it going!!



**“I no longer listen to what people say. I just watch what they do. Behavior never lies.” – Winston Churchill**

**Tangier Island, Virginia showing its colors!** Thanks to MCRC members Jean and Rich Rhame for capturing this photo while visiting the quaint community on Chesapeake Bay. How great to see such support for our country and our President!



**By now most of us recognize being called “racist” means you disagree with anything—anything—the Left supports or has to say.** The accusation has nothing to do with color or race. It’s because you are not of the same belief. Reaching this conclusion (with thanks to Rush for helping me along), has brought to light, once again, the desperation the Left is experiencing as they see attempt after attempt fail to bring down President Trump. It’s getting easier to see through these misguided actions, to see the duplicity and complete lack of integrity the Left exhibits. Impeachment proceedings are next and I’m sure these people won’t disappoint as they continue their ugliness.

Overall, there is over a 90% approval rating for President Trump within the Republican Party. This should speak volumes to “Never-Trumpers.” Can anyone suggest an alternative candidate to the President who would have been strong enough to endure the onslaught of hatred being thrown at him daily?

Kathie Stensall’s question to MCRC members recently, “Are you Pro-American or Anti-American?” continues to resonate. As we come into this campaign season that will forever define our country and our Commonwealth, it is time to decide. Step forward in support of our Republic or understand our future may be dramatically different than the freedom we enjoy today. Think about ways you can help. Do you know a conservative

who needs to register to vote? How about volunteering to help at MCRC's Meet & Greet tent at Wings, Wheels & Keels, September 28? Want to help with the October 13 Red, White & Blue BBQ and Rally? Maybe you'd like to serve as an Election Official in November? Or help MCRC with our Election Day Meet & Greet efforts?

Don't hesitate to contact me if you're willing to help, [TrudyF@Reagan.com](mailto:TrudyF@Reagan.com) or 804-776-0833. We're all in this together and together we can make THE difference.



**Local news includes county Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopting an ordinance that applications for solar development are by Special Exception.** This excludes solar installations on private residences.

Do you enjoy carpentry? Could you teach it? If so, contact the Middlesex County High School. Twelve new teachers have been hired for the coming year, but a vacancy remains for a Carpentry teacher. The position is part-time.

Signage to help direct citizens and visitors in the courthouse complex at Saluda is now being considered by the BOS. Impetus for this improvement came from a citizen who told supervisors that when he and his wife first moved to Middlesex County, it was a challenge to find the offices for obtaining permits, paying taxes, and registering to vote.



## OPEN HOUSE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
VOTER REGISTRATION &  
ELECTIONS OFFICE

105 Bowden St  
Saluda, VA

Come see the  
NEW office location and  
meet our friendly staff!

### Learn more about voting in Middlesex County

- Check your voter registration status
- Have a hands-on voting machine demonstration
- See where and learn how to vote in-person absentee
- Apply to become an Officer of Election and more!

Educate Yourself

We will be happy to answer any questions about the election process in Middlesex County.

Door Prizes



Please Join Us  
AUGUST 21, 2019 • 3pm – 6pm

## Snippets :

*Michelle Obama for President!* Anyone doubt we're seeing the J/V team roster of Democrat presidential candidates right now? Come the end of the year, don't be surprised when the real candidates step forward. Michelle? Hillary? Michael "I'm not a candidate" Bloomberg?

Does the governor have the legal clout to keep the name of Donald Trump off the 2020 Presidential Ballot in California? This appears to be one of the latest questions the Trump Campaign has to get answered in court. A suit has now been filed against the State of California.

The Commonwealth of Virginia must keep its now razor-thin GOP margins in the House and Senate. Turnout for the Primary Election, June 11, was significantly higher in GOP House nominations than those in Democrat nominations, which is a good sign. We hope Republican voters are engaged and taking steps to ensure Republican majorities in the General Assembly. Be sure to talk up Republican candidates with friends and neighbors, financially support candidates of your choice, volunteer to knock on some doors, write supportive postcards, and/or make some telephone calls.

From the *Republican Standard*, a Gallup poll reveals that most Democrats self-identify as Liberal. Most Republicans self-identify as Conservative. "Moderates" in both parties have been shrinking over the last decade.



***Thank you for joining the  
Middlesex County Republican Committee!***

Your support makes our educational efforts possible. Your membership helps buy campaign and yard message signs, campaign hats, banners, t-shirts, lapel pins, tents, stationery, postage, website domain and presence, American flags, U.S. Constitutions and so much more.

Let's work together to **KEEP AMERICA GREAT!**

Annual membership is \$15 per single/\$25 per couple. Mail your check payable to MCRC and send to PO Box 396, Hartfield, VA 23071.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **MCRC Monthly Meeting – August 15, 2019**

Cooks Corner Public Conference Room, 2693 General Puller Highway, Saluda  
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Speakers: Some candidates for local office: Lud Kimbrough, Pinetop BOS;  
Reggie Williams, Harmony Village BOS; Elizabeth Whitaker, Jamaica BOS;  
Jon Farinholt, Commissioner of Revenue; Blair Sibley, county Sheriff



September 15, 2019 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Middlesex Shooting Sports Club, 1860 Twiggs Ferry Road, Hartfield, VA 23071

Speaker: **Phil Van Cleave, President, Virginia Citizens Defense League**  
\$5 admittance fee

Sponsored by The Earnest Patriot Kat Stensall



### **MCRC Monthly Meeting - September 19, 2019**



### **Wings, Wheels & Keels - September 28, 2019**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Airport at Topping, VA



### ***Red, White & Blue BBQ & Rally***

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\$25 tickets required in advance



### **County Meetings**

**Board of Supervisors** – First Tuesday of each month, 3:00 p.m.

**School Board** – Second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission** – Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
*(Historic Courthouse in Saluda unless otherwise noted)*

**Check county website for updates, committee, and Authority meetings**

[www.co.middlesex.va.us/](http://www.co.middlesex.va.us/)

**PARTING THOUGHT:**

*“Do you know what real power is? It is when you have the power and you don’t use it.”*

– Governor Mike Huckabee

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