Democrats, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, who said if Trump is serious about action he should call on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to put a House-passed background checks bill up for vote.

"These retreats are heart-breaking, particularly for the families of the victims of gun violence," Schumer tweeted.

Republicans have refused to take up several Democratic-backed gun control bills that passed the House, and historically they have opposed many efforts to strengthen the nation's gun laws.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., who spoke with Trump last week, said the president expressed support then for working across the aisle "to come up with a background checks bill that can pass the Senate and save lives." While he said he would wait to hear from Trump.

**Former slave, Civil War hero topic at library**

The story of Archer Alexander, a St. Louis resident, Civil War hero and former slave, will be told at the Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Aug. 27 at 6 p.m.

Alexander served as the model for the Emancipation Memorial in Washington, D.C. Author and historian Dorris Keeven-Franke will tell the story of Alexander's life at the library.

Those interested in attending the library program can RSVP by calling 636-456-3321, visiting the library at 912 S. Highway 47, or going online to ScenicRegional.org.

**FAMILY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS**

The Craven family was among a crowd of spectators at the Warren bog fundraiser. Record photo/Adam Rollins.

**MUD BOG FOR MUSIC**

Judges observe as a competitor plows his way through a mud bog during a fundraiser.