

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

level conversations with Murphy's office since he spoke with Trump last Sunday, according to one Senate staffer.

"The White House has been very responsive to our office," said Steve Kelly, a spokesman for Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, who has long pushed a bipartisan expanded background check bill with Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia. "We've had ongoing conversations, at the staff level, with the White House regarding background checks both last week and this week."

Republicans have been trying to build support for more modest measures, including so-called red-flag bills from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., that would allow friends and family to petition authorities to keep guns away from some people. But those efforts are also running into trouble from conservatives, who worry about due process and infringing on gun owners' rights.

Meanwhile, NRA spokeswoman Amy Hunter said the group "has always supported efforts to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and the dangerously mentally ill" and "appreciates the president's desire to find logical ways of accomplishing that goal."

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 du raise money for Warrenton Music Boosters. Record photo/Ada

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