

Presidential Assassins & National Notoriety

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Cole Thoms Allen recently tried to kill President Donald Trump. The 31-year-old from Torrance California has been charged with attempted assassination, discharging a firearm during a crime of violence and illegally transporting firearms and ammunition across state lines. Cole rode Amtrak all the way from California to check into the Washington Hilton Hotel where he stayed three nights plotting his attempt to kill.

Fortunately, law enforcement was able to stop Allen but not before he wounded one Secret Service officer who survived because he was wearing a bullet-resistant vest.

Allen now becomes the third assailant who has attempted to kill Present Trump. The other two names have been mentioned enough and I regret even mentioning Allen's name. I suppose assassins will always have their names printed across the country and probably most of the world. They will be remembered throughout history. Lee Harvey Oswald, John Wilkes Booth and others who have made attempts or have been successful at killing high profile people gain worldwide attention.

Tragically, the target doesn't have to be the President of The United States. Too many mentally ill people have carried out school shootings or acts of public violence and had their names smeared all over television and throughout the media.

I supposed it will never stop. Most of the world feel like they have the right to know everything. The media makes huge sums of money telling people everything. The bad news is what sells. If people are killed or there is an attempted assassination then we all rush to the television or our news feeds on our phones. Someone who is preparing food for hungry school kids after school isn't news but just a good person living their daily life.

Living daily life and doing good things are what most everyday people are doing. We don't hear about the policeman who spent most of his day helping a stranded motorist. We don't hear about the mother who was up all night with a sick child. We don't read about the grandparents who have stepped in to raise children because something bad happened to their parents. We don't hear about the school teacher who doesn't make much money but often covers the cost of school supplies, for an entire class, out of her own pocket. The list of everyday people doing everyday life is endless. Most will live valiant lives and die quietly. You'll never know very much about them.

There surely is a place and time reserved somewhere in eternity when the people who have lived good quiet lives and did their best will hear their names called and a "well done, good and faithful servant."

In the meantime, in this life, we have mentally ill people who are so crazed they will attempt heinous acts in order to have their sick manifestos read on national television. Maybe we could start identifying all such people by some general name like Deranged Idiot 101, Deranged Idiot 102, and so on. Somehow we have to cease promoting the national fame/notoriety associated with such evil acts.

Yesterdays... From the files of the LaMoure Chronicle

100 Years Ago

May 6, 1926

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pederson and family of Oakes were Sunday guests at the home of their son, F. B. Pederson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kortie and sons Dwight and Billie were recent guests of Lisbon friends.

Miss Florence Goehl of Fergus Falls, Minn, and Mr. Mrs. Carl Goehl of Grand Forks spent Easter here at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Goehl.

J. W. Shenkel has purchased the Tvet shoe and harness repairing shop and has moved the business into building formerly occupied by Bergevin the tailor. Mr. Shenkel has also been appointed the local buyer for the Midland Produce Co. and has installed a cream station in connection with his shoe repairing establishment. He will buy cream, eggs and poultry for his firm.

50 Years Ago

April 29, 1976

A new business "Schwind and Sons Welding Repair" will be open for business in LaMoure on May 5th, according to announcement this week. The new business will be operated by Harley J. Schwind, Sr. who has about 15 years experience as a welder. He is a native of the Zeeland-Wishek area and moved here from Minneapolis.

A large crowd of volunteer workers showed up Sunday afternoon to clean up the beach area and install new recreational equipment at Lake LaMoure. Swings, slide, teeter totter and benches were installed during the afternoon work session.

Comet Aviation, Inc., of Jamestown is offering twice weekly air service between several south central North Dakota Communities and St. Paul with an enroute stop at Fargo if needed. The service is on a demand basis with aircraft and pilots standing by for trips eastbound on Friday and Monday morning. Aircraft will leave Jamestown at 8a.m. to make pickups at area airports, such as LaMoure, with arrival time at downtown St. Paul depending on wether enroute stop at Fargo is needed.

25 Years Ago

May 2, 2001

St. Ansgar Church, rural LaMoure, is receiving a facelift. New shingles are being put on. The peak of the church is reached by using a large crane.

Clayton Waldie, son of Tom and Jeannette Waldie, Marion, ND, will be among the graduates at Evangel University commencement ceremonies, Springfield, MO, May 4, 2001. Clayton is a candidate for the three degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, Management and Finance.

The First Annual Women's Day in LaMoure Chamber Retailers was a success. There were 116 women who attended. Among the festivities was a fashion show and several booths set up by area crafters and merchants at the Omega Mall.

10 Years Ago

May 4, 2016

Brady Warcken shot a 2 under par 70 to lead all golfers at the South Central Conference Golf Meet last Friday at the Ellendale Country Club. Chipping in for birdie on last hole gave Brady a 4 stroke advantage over Matt Rueb of South Border, who placed second with 74. This was Brady's first win as medalist for the Loboos.

FCCLA-State Star Event.

Brooke Glynn, Noah Pedersen, & Chesnea Heyd received a Silver rating with their STAR, "in an instant" which placed them second in their division at the state competition.

Thankful Mom Urges Blood Donors to Give This May

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Her baby boy was delivered safely, but Samantha required multiple lifesaving blood transfusions during and after surgery. The additional transfusions helped restore her strength, allowing her to hold and name her son and begin her recovery.

Within days, Samantha was able to return home to her family. Stories like hers highlight the critical role blood donors play in saving lives and supporting patients during medical emergencies.

Eligible Blood Donors Needed

An always-ready blood supply is vital to support moms in 1 in 83 deliveries, and for many more patients who are fighting cancer, undergoing heart or transplant surgeries or living with blood disorders. All blood types are constantly needed, especially type O and platelet donations. Type O blood can help the most patients, which is critical when there's no time to test the patient's blood type. Platelets, which help stop bleeding, must be used within a week of donation.

Multiple Ways to Help

Trish has also been a blood donor since high school. She is again healthy and donates regularly. She and her extended family host blood drives, another vital way to introduce blood donation to community members. Making a financial gift to the Vitalant Foundation is another impactful way to help. Learn more about all the ways to support patients at vitalant.org, download and use the Vitalant blood donor app or call 877-25-VITAL (877-258-4825).

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MOTHER'S DAY DINNER
May 10 at LaMoure School
Treat your mothers and your self to a free will ham dinner at the LaMoure School, from 11am to 2pm.
AND SILENT AUCTION
 All proceeds will go toward sending our teens to the Nazarene Youth Conference in Salt Lake City Utah this coming July.

New Ballot Measure Guide to Be Sent to Voters Ahead of June 9 Primary Election

The North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State will be mailing out a pamphlet with information regarding statewide Measure #1 which will appear on the June 9, 2026, Primary Election ballot. The ballot measure guide will be mailed Friday April 24, 2026, to the households of 450,000 active North Dakota voters. An active voter is a person who has voted in a North Dakota election in the last four years. The ballot measure guide will also be posted at all voting locations and on the North Dakota Secretary of State website.

The new ballot measure guide was mandated by the North Dakota Legislature in 2025 as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 2230 which instructs the Office of the Secretary of State to create and mail out information regarding statewide ballot questions 45-days prior to a statewide election. This guide includes: An objective summary of the measure. The anticipated fiscal impact of the measure.

Whether the measure was approved by the legislature or originated as an initiated or referred petition. An objective analysis of a vote in favor and a vote opposed.

"The next election is always the most important election. Our office is a resource for voters seeking a sample ballot, polling location information, and information about the security, accuracy, and timeliness of North Dakota's election process," North Dakota Secretary of State Michael Howe said. "The new ballot measure guide provides a way for voters to learn more about what will be on their ballot during this June's Primary Election."

The North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State will also provide a ballot measure guide before the November 3, 2026, General Election.

For more election information Secretary Howe encourages all North Dakotans to visit vote.nd.gov ahead of each election.

Nick Meisch - Cont. from Pg. 1

January 1968, just in time for the lunar new year (or "Tet") holiday. During that time, the North Vietnamese and communist Viet Cong forces launched a coordinated attack against a number of targets in South Vietnam. The U.S. and South Vietnamese militaries sustained heavy losses before finally repelling the communist assault.

Nick's primary occupation while he was in the Air Force was as a vehicle mechanic. He shared how they had no real parts while in Vietnam to fix things, tires were flat, and the trucks hauling the bombs were in tough shape. Nick was in Vietnam for 1 year and upon returning to Seattle, he was discharged from the Air Force.

Nick is a member of the LaMoure American Legion. On behalf of the Stitching Hearts Quilts of Valor group from Abercrombie, the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and a very grateful nation, THANK you for your service, sacrifice, and valor in serving our country.

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Washington, where he had survival training and POW training;

- Lockbourne Air Force Base in Ohio for flight training;
- Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, where he had jungle survival training;
- Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Navy Base (NKP), located in northeastern Thailand near the Mekong River; and
- Da Nang Air Force Base near the South Central coast in Vietnam.

Jerry's primary occupation while in the Air Force was flying on an AC119K gunship as an aerial gunner. They flew over Cambodia, Laos, and South Vietnam. This answered why he had jungle survival, survival, and POW training at various places. He received an Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters; the Distinguished Flying Cross for a mission they were on over South Vietnam; and the Vietnam Service Medal.

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