

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, March 18, the 77th day of 2019. There are 288 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

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HOLOCAUST

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heard of Auschwitz, the infamous Nazi death camp in Poland.

Thurman said this is why the effort to draw increased attention to the Holocaust, which claimed the lives of about six million European Jews and 17 million people altogether, is critical.

Lamoreau, when discussing the Holocaust with his students, tells them about the events that led up to it and emphasizes we have to be vigilant or something like that could happen again. He noted respecting people of different races and ethnicities is essential to preventing atrocities of a similar nature. He said genocide starts with prejudice and, unbeknownst to many, Oregon has a long history of it.

He pointed out that in 1922 Walter Pierce, who was from Union County, was elected governor after receiving strong backing from the Klu Klux Klan. Pierce then worked with a Legislature heavily influenced by the KKK, one which passed discriminatory legislation that was later ruled unconstitutional.

Lamoreau pointed out prejudice on a national level reared its head during WWII when Japanese Americans on the West Coast were sent to internment camps because of the fear they were helping Japan, which the United States was at war with. Lamoreau said this was done even though many of Japanese Americans were among our most patriotic citizens, individuals who fought bravely for the United States during WWII. This included

the members of the U.S. Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up exclusively of Japanese Americans. The 442nd won 18,000 awards during WWII, including about 9,000 Purple Hearts and 4,000 Bronze Star medals. "It was the most decorated unit in U.S. military history," Lamoreau said. "It was absolutely amazing."

Lamoreau also noted the United States' laws enforcing racial discrimination were in place until the relatively recent past. For example, some Southern states did not allow mixed race couples to live together as late as 1967.

The LHS history teacher urges students to keep from letting such racial prejudice take a foothold again.

"We have to be on guard," he said.

Thurman, who like Lamoreau encourages people to step up when they see discrimination, quotes the legendary Jewish writer Ellie Weasel, when asking students to be vigilant.

"He said, 'If you do not do anything, you are part of the problem,'" the LMS teacher said.

La Grande Middle School students learn about the Holocaust by reading a series of works including the script of the play "The Diary of Anne Frank," which is based on the diary of a Jewish teenage girl whose family hid from the Nazis in the Netherlands for two years before they were caught and sent to death camps.

"Students (at LMS) can relate well to her because they are about the same age she was (when she wrote her diary)," Fritz said.

Students at LHS also study "The Diary of Anne Frank," a work Lamoreau



Courtesy photo

Shown is German-born diarist and Holocaust victim Anne Frank. Her diary is studied by students in the La Grande School District.

has a link to because five decades ago he visited the home where the Frank family hid in Amsterdam.

"I looked out the same tiny window she did," Lamoreau said. "I feel a connection."

Other books LMS students read about the Holocaust include "Milkweed" by Jerry Spinelli and "The Boy in Striped Pajamas" by John Boyne. The books were purchased during the Holocaust. This is apparent when he takes out a Nazi flag in his classroom, one brought here by a soldier from La Grande who found it outside Berlin during WWII.

Holocaust, are also shown video clips of what life was like in the death camps. This makes a deep impression on students.

"When they are reading about it, they never realized it was so bad," Thurman said. "It is unfathomable."

Lamoreau said he is encouraged that his students, thanks in part to what they learned at LMS, are familiar with atrocities the Nazis committed during the Holocaust.

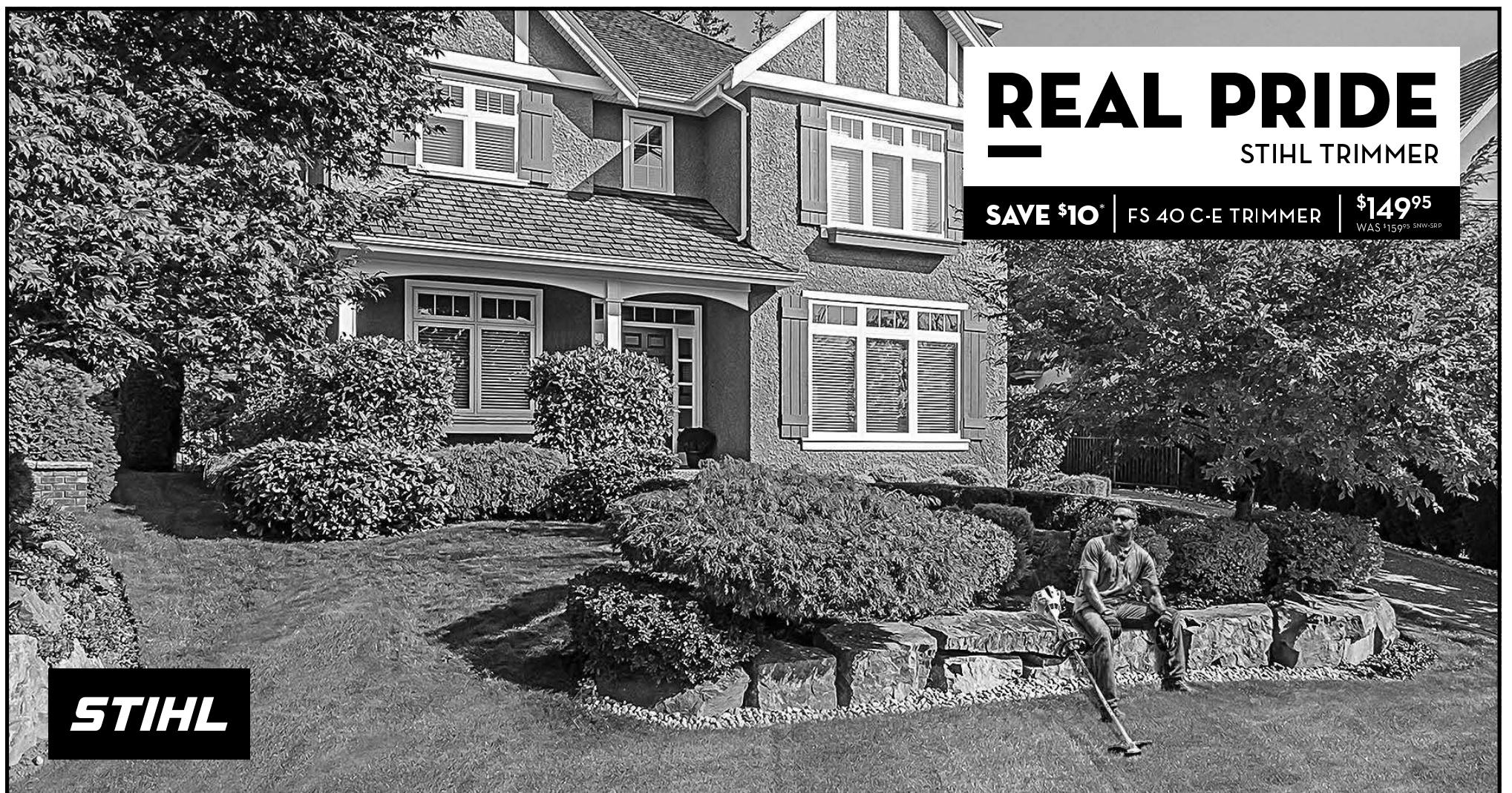
"It is tremendous to see a high school student taking the lead to preserve history in the United States and the world," Lamoreau said. ■

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