



Dr. Pritam K. Rohila

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Dr. Pritam Rohila thinks a lot about peace, mostly because he's witnessed the horrors conflict conjures.

Pritam was born in Rupar, India, when it was still ruled by British colonialists. When he was 11 years old, Britain gave up control over the land, but not before dividing it up into the modern-day India and Pakistan.

"It was not anticipated that there would be an exchange of populations, but it happened because there was looting and raping on both sides of the ethnic divide," Pritam said.

An agent of peace

There were days when he watched from his family's roof as other parts of the town burned. It was a time of confusion because Rupar was a northeastern border town on the banks of the Satluj River and home to Hindu, Sikh and Muslim populations. For many days, before and after the cleaving, there was great uncertainty about which country Rupar would call home.

In the end, Rupar remained part of India, but factions were already consolidating with Hindus and Sikhs on one side and Muslims on the other.

"One day, the chief executive officer of the town went around to the Muslim residents and told them he could not defend them any longer. He said he would provide safe passage to the nearest railroad station 30 miles away," Pritam said.

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Keizer School alums: Get ready for reunion

As part of the centennial celebration of the Keizer School building, the Keizer Heritage Center is holding an All Class Reunion on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m..

The organizers of the All Class Reunion is seeking and inviting anyone who was a student at any time at the school as well as former teachers and staff.

If you were a teacher or principal at Keizer School when it sat at the corner of River and Chemawa Roads in downtown Keizer, the Keizer Heritage Foundation wants you to be part of this event that helps mark the

100th birthday of the building.

Contact the Keizer Heritage Foundation at 503-393-9660 or Lyndon Zaitz, the foundation president, at 503-930-1860.

The Keizer School building was taken out of use in 1987. It was purchased by the Keizer Heritage Foundation and moved to its current location on the Keizer Civic Center campus in 1999. After renovation the Center became home to the Keizer Community Library, the Keizer Art Association and its Enid Joy Mount Gallery, foundation offices and an event room.

Keizer vet has new roof over her family's heads



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Staff Sgt. Charleen Stancliff (middle) with her daughter Nicolette Parra (left) and Trevor Pfeifer of Pfeifer Roofing in front of Stancliff's home where a new roof was being installed thanks to a Owen Corning Roofing veteran support program.

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A Keizer veteran has a new roof this week thanks to the collective efforts of the Oregon Service Member & Family Support Office, Owens Corning Roofing and Pfeifer Roofing.

"Seeing this roof happen, it kind of reminds you about the reasons behind the fight. You find amazing people along the way that remind you why you're doing what you're doing," said Staff Sgt. Charleen Stancliff.

Stancliff enlisted in 2005 and spent almost a year in Baghdad, Iraq, in 2009 before

returning home where she continues to serve in an administrative capacity.

"It's not exciting in the same way that people think of the military, but it's exciting to see people be successful in their military careers or getting awards because of the work I do," Stancliff said.

Earlier this year, Stancliff made an appointment to talk about an estimate for a new roof when a door-to-door salesman knocked. The initial estimate came in at \$35,000, but after a six-hour visit, a sales representative got it down to about \$20,000 with no down payment.

Stancliff spent the next day talking about it with friends and decided to cancel the contract when she got off work. As she was leaving for the day, she encountered another friend who told her talk to the Oregon Service Member & Family Support Office.

"We do many different things. We have family assistance specialists located in 10 different regions throughout the state. We help veterans, service members and their families and not just for the Army or National Guard, but all branches of the military,"

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Riding creepy



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Colleen Skelton, 7, takes a ride in a Halloween-themed rat rod supplied by the Cherry City Bombers at the Horrorween event at Keizer Village Shopping Center Saturday, Oct. 29. Tony Grove, owner of Tony's Kingdom of Comics, organized the event. For more photos, see Page A8.



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