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Ambulance service talk ends in argument

Commissioners respond to accusations of bias from Emergency Airlift representative

By **DAVE MARTINEZ**
H&N Staff Reporter

Tensions ran hot outside of a Klamath County Commissioners work session meeting Wednesday morning. It was a public outburst that highlighted the stress growing between the Klamath County

Ambulance Advisory Committee and Emergency Airlift.

The meeting had been called by committee Chairman Tom Ongman. Accompanying Ongman was Klamath County Fire District No. 1 Division Chief Monte Keady. The two hoped to share their side of a situation first presented to the

commissioners by Emergency Airlift owner Ed Langerveld Oct. 9.

In that Oct. 9 meeting, Langerveld expressed his frustration with the Ambulance Advisory Committee's hesitation to add the company as a backup resource for other ambulance providers. He claimed there was a bias against him and his company held by Keady and Ongman.

But on Wednesday, Ong-

man said that wasn't the case. He explained to the commissioners he never received a formal request that Emergency Airlift be added to the county's guiding document for ambulance service.

Ongman did acknowledge he had received a letter from Emergency Airlift proposing the idea but that no one had followed through during a scheduled meeting in September.

"We're not trying to block anything," Keady told the commissioners Wednesday. "We haven't seen anything."

Ongman added that state law requires ambulance companies to meet time limits on at least 90 percent of their calls; currently, Klamath's ambulance companies were meeting them 95 to 96 percent of the time.

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Ghost tales in Chemult



Guests at old hotel report creepy goings on

"Who," Colleen Riley remembers being asked by a guest, "was that lady with the long white dress and the long white hair walking between rooms?"

"Nobody," Riley answered.

By **LEE JUILLERAT**
H&N Regional Editor

CHEMULT — Maybe Riley should have answered, "No body."

Riley is the owner of the Dawson House Lodge in Chemult, a lodge with a history. And, depending on who's talking, a spooky history that includes a ghost or two.

Riley, who started working at the Dawson House in 2009 and now owns the lodge, has been hearing stories about paranormal

inhabitants for years.

"Just shadows," she says of her own ghostly experiences at the two-story structure which was built in 1929 to serve as a boarding house for railroad and highway workers. "Once in a while, a Victorian lady."

Was she smirking?

"In the Trupp Room," she continued, adding, supposedly for clarification, "The room you stayed in."

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Looking for a good haunt?

Depending on the source, take your choice. Some report strange happenings at the Elizabethan Theater at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, where a lady ghost on the third floor sings madrigals. It's also said the ghost of actor Charles Laughton appeared at a 1963 performance of "King Lear."

Shadowlands Haunted Places Index reports several haunted sites in Klamath Falls, including the Linkville Cemetery, with a grave that glows green on full moon nights.

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Phillips moves to new post

Still within Bureau of Reclamation

By **SAMANTHA TIPLER**
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Jason Phillips, who has headed the Klamath Basin office of the Bureau of Reclamation, will soon be headed to a new job within the Bureau.

On Wednesday he was named deputy regional director for the Mid-Pacific Region on the Bureau of Reclamation. The region is made up of the northern two-thirds of California, most of western Nevada and part of Southern Oregon, a press release said.

Phillips joins another deputy, Pablo Arroyave who has been a deputy regional director since 2009. Both will assist the regional director in managing the region, headquartered in Sacramento.

Phillips has been area office manager in the Klamath Basin for almost three years.

He was the fourth person to work that job since 2001. Dave Sabo arrived in Feb. 2002 (after the 2001 Klamath Basin water crisis) and worked until March 2006. Arroyave took the post from August 2006 to January 2008. Sue Fry started in January 2009 and worked until Phillips took over in January 2011.

Phillips will move on to his new position at the beginning of December.

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DAILY BRIEFING

Health transfer could leave thousands wanting
150,000 Oregon residents could see their health insurance cancelled because they fail to meet the minimum standard under the Affordable Care Act, health officials said Wednesday. See page A7.

Sky Lakes uses patient input in new building
During their recent move to a more spacious and up-to-date building, officials from Sky Lakes Medical Center kept their patients' requests in mind. See page A2.

For a list of fun and frightening Halloween activities around the Basin, see page C1 in today's Lighthouse.

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Community Partners Seeking Better Health

The student/teacher ratio in Klamath County is **19.9** students per teacher (not a measure of class size)

Why is this important?

The student-teacher ratio gives a rough idea of the amount of individualized attention from teachers that is available to each student. Although it is not the same as class size, the student-teacher ratio is often a reasonable alternative on which to base estimates of class size. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, larger schools tend to have higher student-teacher ratios.

The Community Partners Seeking Better Health want to improve this number. To learn more, go to: www.healthyklamath.org or scan the QR code.

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