

NORPAC

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It says the company has assets valued between \$100 million and \$500 million.

The co-op has employed as many as 4,000 workers and is one of the largest food processing employers in the Willamette Valley.

It has food processing locations in Salem, Stayton, Brooks and Quincy, Wash.

Michael Beranbaum, secretary and treasurer for Teamsters Chapter 670, said his company represents about 1,500 NORPAC employees.

“They have been looking for somebody to purchase this company for quite a while,” Beranbaum said.

Employees at NORPAC’s Brooks processing plant were informed Tuesday the plant is being sold. Employees at NORPAC’s Stayton plant were told the plant will close for good at the end of the season in October, Beranbaum said.

“The purchase agreement includes recognition of the union and the honoring of the labor agreements,” he said. “The only place we have issues is the plant in Stayton is not included in the sale. That’s the smaller, older plant.”

Berenbaum said when NORPAC previously closed processing facilities, no union employees lost their jobs.

The company is still advertising for new sea-

sonal employees to work in its facility in Brooks.

“It’s a big blow to agriculture, and I hope that they can restructure and come together because vegetables in the valley... needs something like NORPAC,” said Dylan Wells, a farmer from Woodburn and president of the Marion County Farm Bureau.

NORPAC built a new corporate office and \$25 million cold storage facility in Salem in 2013, moving from its original headquarters in Stayton.

NORPAC was established as a co-op then known as Stayton Canning Company in 1924 in Stayton by a group of Oregon farmers and grew to include 240 farms from Portland to Eugene.

“We had our first contract with NORPAC or Stayton Canning Company in 1972, and we’re not even some of the old ones,” McCargar said.

A few years ago, the company had processing facilities in Stayton, Salem, Hermiston and Quincy, Wash., and corporate offices in Lake Oswego.

Long-time president and CEO George Smith retired from the company in 2017 and was replaced by Shawn Campbell.

But NORPAC sold its canning division to Seneca Foods in 2017. And the co-op closed its Salem canning facility on Madrona Avenue that year and sold it to Oregon Fruit Products.

NORPAC closed its Hermiston processing facility in 2017 and its of-

fices in Lake Oswego in recent years.

Earlier this year, the company announced plans to sell its soup business to Kettle Cuisine.

Marion County Commissioner Sam Brentano said farmers in Marion County have been struggling with changes in the types of crops grown and minimum wage increases in recent years.

“It’s such a mainstay of our economy and agriculture,” Brentano said. “It’s our No. 1 industry.” The bankruptcy will allow NORPAC to continue operations at least through the end of the season.

McCargar, whose farm grows corn, green beans, cauliflower and broccoli for NORPAC, said the new buyer wants the inventory the current farmers can produce, and farmers have been encouraged to keep growing.

“It’s a very important cog in the system here,” said Erik Andersson, president of Strategic Economic Development Corp., the region’s economic development nonprofit.

Andersson said he was “sorry to see the news,” but said it appeared there was a good plan B in place. He said SEDCOR will help where it can, and he looks forward to meeting and working with NORPAC and Oregon Potato Company representatives.

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Vaping

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health risks of vaping products, officials said in the release, even before this recent boom of cases.

A recent report by the agency details the health risks of these products, including nicotine addiction, exposure to toxic chemicals known to cause cancer and in-

creases in blood pressure.

Individuals who have recently vaped and are having difficulty breathing should seek medical attention immediately. Free help is available from the following resources:

■ 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669), www.quitnow.net/Oregon.

■ Español: 855-DEJE-LO-YA (855-335356-92), www.quitnow.net/ore

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■ Youth resources: www.thisisquitting.com.

For more information, go to www.oregon.gov/OHA or call 971-673-1222 to reach the state’s Public Health Division.

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RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

MARION AND POLK COUNTY

Semi-annual restaurant inspections from June 25 to July 23.

Arby’s

Location: 275 Arney Road, Woodburn
Date: July 18
Score: 97
Priority violations
Toilet tissue is not provided at each toilet, specifically: Toilet tissue missing in small stall inside the women’s restroom. **Point deduction: 3.**

Bite Me Foods

Location: 4106 State St., Salem (mobile unit)
Date: July 22
Score: N/A
No priority violations

Blackjacks

Location: 5249 Commercial St Se, Salem
Date: July 23
Score: 97
Priority violations
■ Food employees eat, drink or use tobacco in unapproved areas or use an inappropriate beverage container for drinking, specifically: Employee food in kitchen. **Point deduction: 3.**

Bobablastic

Location: 2620 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem (mobile unit)
Date: July 22
Score: N/A
No priority violations

Bulletproof Meals

Location: 4106 State St., Salem (mobile unit)
Date: July 11 (reinspected July 22)
Score: N/A
July 11: Priority violations
■ Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically: White rice measured 110F in tabletop cooker on warm setting.
■ A test kit is not provided or is not accurate



Sassy Onion, located at 1244 State St., scored a perfect 100 on its semi-annual restaurant inspection July 22. STATESMAN JOURNAL FILE

enough to measure the concentration of sanitizing solutions, specifically: PIC unable to find test strips.

July 22: No priority violations

Christo’s Pizzeria

Location: 1108 Broadway St Ne, Salem
Date: July 17
Score: 97
Priority violations
■ Unnecessary poisonous or toxic materials are on the premises, specifically: Sanitizing solution for wipe cloths is greater than 200 PPM chlorine. Turns the test strip black. **Point deduction: 3.**

Creekside Pub

Location: 6250 Clubhouse Drive SE, Salem
Date: July 12 (reinspected July 23)
Score: 92
July 12: Priority violations
■ Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically: Roasted peppers 46°F, slaw mix 48°F, heavy cream 49°F, olives 46°F, sliced tomatoes 46°F, lettuce 46°F, cheese 45°F, butter 51°F at the middle cookline refrigerator. Half and half 45°F and 46°F at the bar reach-in refrigerator. Chicken 50°F and sliced cheese 46°F stacked high at the cookline reach-in refrigerators. **Point deduction: 5.**

■ Food-contact sur-

faces are not clean, specifically: Large slicer at the kitchen prep table has old food buildup at the top, PIC unable to remove the top piece for cleaning. **Point deduction: 3.**

July 23: No priority violations

Firehouse Subs

Location: 3810 Commercial St. SE, Salem
Date: July 16
Score: 95
Priority violations
■ Gloves are used improperly, specifically: Employee wearing gloves put hand inside apron then went to prep cooler and pushed food back into container without washing in between. **Point deduction: 5.**

Fro-zone Yogurt

Location: 1389 Monmouth St., Independence
Date: July 11
Score: 100
No priority violations

Giovanni’s Mountain Pizza

Location: 146 N Santiam Blvd., Mill City
Date: July 22
Score: 97
Priority violations
■ Multiuse food-contact surfaces are not properly constructed or accessible for cleaning, specifically: Several plastic containers cracked on the inner surface stored above the back prep table near the dishwasher. **Point deduction: 3.**

Golden Grill Concessions

Location: 2330 17th St. NE, Salem
Date: July 12
Score: 100
No priority violations

Habeneros Mexican Food

Location: 1980 State St., Salem
Date: July 19
Score: 100
No priority violations

The Half Penny Bar & Grill

Location: 3743 Commercial St. SE, Salem
Date: July 1 (reinspected July 15)
Score: 90
July 1: Priority violations

■ Raw or ready-to-eat food is not properly protected from cross-contamination, specifically: Boxes of raw bacon/pork and bag of raw tri-tip stored above fry sauce, pickles and uncut deli meat inside the walk-in refrigerator. **Point deduction: 5.**

■ Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically: Sliced cheese 65°F, diced tomatoes 46°F, sliced tomatoes 44°F and lettuce 48-49°F at cold top section of the cookline reach-in. Pork 44°F, tomatoes 43°F, beef 43-44°F chicken wings 44-45°F inside the cookline reach-in. Note: cookline reach-in section is an extension of the walk-in refrigerator, high temperatures most likely due to inadequate airflow. Half and half 45°F at the east bar refrigerator. **Point deduction: 5.**

July 15: No priority violations

Harleys

Location: 4350 Labish Garden Road NE, Salem (mobile unit)
Date: July 18
Score: N/A

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Review Body: Planning Commission
Hearing Date & Time: September 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Hearing Location: Council Chambers, Silverton Community Center; 421 South Water Street.
Agenda Item #1: File Number AN-19-01 & PA-19-03 & PA-19-04. Annexation application to annex 148 Cambridge Avenue into the City Limits and zone the property R-1, Single Family Residential with a current partition application to divide the site into five parcels in two phases. The property is 89,215 square feet in area and is developed with a single family home. The partition would create five parcels with two parcels measuring 7,181 square feet in area, two parcels measuring 7,941 square feet in area, and one parcel measuring 55,520 square feet in area. Located on the south side of Princeton Avenue at 148 Cambridge Avenue, Marion County Assessor’s Map 061W35AD, Tax Lot 00200. The application will be reviewed following the criteria found in Silverton Development Code section 4.10.140 & 4.3.140.
Agenda Item #2: File Number VR-19-02. Variance application to allow a 5’ rear yard (north) setback and a 15’ front (west) setback for an attached garage at 1149 South Water Street; Marion County Assessor’s Map 071W02AC Tax Lot 00700. The application will be reviewed following the criteria found in Silverton Development Code section 5.1.700
Agenda Item #3: File Number AN-19-02. Annexation application to annex 14479 and 14437 Evans Valley into the City Limits and zone the properties R-1, Single Family Residential. The total area of the annexation request is 8.23 acres, Marion County Assessor’s Map 061W35D, Tax Lots 00102 & 00200. The application will be reviewed following the criteria found in Silverton Development Code section 4.10.140. All interested persons and the general public will be given an opportunity to be heard relative to the application either by submitting material in writing to City Hall or providing oral testimony at the Public Hearing. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide enough detail to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond precludes appeal to LUBA based on that issue. Additional information and/or review of this application, including all documents and evidence submitted, may be obtained at Silverton City Hall, 306 South Water Street, or by telephoning Jason Gottgetreu at (503) 874-2212. Copies of the staff report will be available seven (7) days prior to the public hearing and are available for review at no cost at City Hall, a copy can be provided on request at a reasonable cost.

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