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NORPAC files motion to sell its facility in Washington

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NORPAC Foods filed a motion in bankruptcy court Friday afternoon to sell its Quincy, Wash., plant for \$93.5 million to Oregon Potato Company. However, no new sale has been proposed on the company's plants in Salem, Brooks and Stayton.

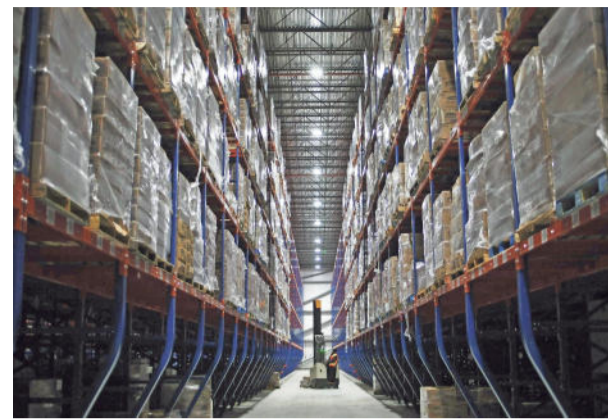
When the Salem-based farmer cooperative filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in August, it stated it

intended to sell the majority of assets of the company to Oregon Potato Company for \$155 million.

But the Frank Tiegs-owned business backed out of the potential deal Oct. 18, citing environmental concerns at the Quincy and Stayton facilities, as well as regulatory issues.

The proposed purchase price includes \$21.5 million for the Washington plant, certain machinery, equip-

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Henningsen Cold Storage warehouse photographed in 2014. STATESMAN JOURNAL FILE

Music revival



Left: Original studio master tapes are archived at Chuck Stenberg's home in Sublimity. Stenberg acquired tapes from Garland Records and restored a 4-Track Ampex tape machine to play them. Right: Stenberg shows a portfolio of archived material (top) and a record that he acquired from Garland Records (bottom). PHOTOS BY MADELEINE COOK/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Decades-old music from Northwest talent finds new life after Sublimity man recovers master tapes

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Chuck Stenberg thought he was taking on a fun project.

It turned out to be so much more.

After two years of hard work and persistence, his project has resulted in the recovery and redistribution of music from Northwest bands and artists that had been stashed away in a dusty Dallas warehouse for more than 30 years.

Stenberg acquired the original master tapes in 2017 for Garland Records, an independent music studio once run out of the basement of Salem musician and



Stenberg

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1890 train wreck called 'The Lake Labish horror'

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"The air was made hideous by the shrieking of locomotives and the roar of special engines flying up and down the Southern Pacific track ..."

Words like "fatal disaster," "horror" and "mournful" followed in a melodramatic newspaper report published 129 years ago on the front page of the Capital Journal.

A southbound passenger train, known as the California Express, was five miles north of Salem station,



A newer railroad trestle crosses the area where a Southern Pacific passenger train plunged through a dilapidated trestle at Lake Labish on Nov. 12, 1890. DAVID DAVIS AND KELLY JORDAN / STATESMAN JOURNAL

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Homemade bridge strung across N. Santiam River

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Police and state officials have removed a homemade suspension bridge strung across a channel of the North Santiam River due to concerns over safety.

The bridge was made with rope, a ladder, iron cables and PCV pipe and had a sign saying "build bridges not bombs." It connected private land to an island in the Santiam between Green's Bridge and Jefferson.

"This is actually a first for us," Oregon Marine Board spokeswoman Ashley Massey said. "We've seen unauthorized signs and structures on Oregon rivers before. But nothing quite as elaborate as this."

Massey said police weren't sure who constructed the bridge. It was apparently built on private land without the landowner's knowledge, she said.

Officials were first alerted to the bridge Oct 29 and it was marked as a possible obstruction in a system that warns boaters about danger.

"It appeared to be a work in progress," Massey said. "They had strung the ropes and cables and framework across the channel to the island, but it was still a work in progress."

Besides the legal problems with building an unauthorized bridge across a public river, Massey said the bridge could have become dangerous for boaters at higher water levels.

"It was high enough you could get under it right now, but if the water rose enough, it could have become a real dangerous hazard," she said. "If you took that channel and didn't know about it, that could end badly. That was our main concern and why we wanted to get it out of there."

The Linn County Sheriff's Office and Marine Board officials removed the bridge this past week.

Massey said if boaters come across any hazard on the river — a fallen tree or jerry-rigged bridge — they are encouraged to contact the local sheriff's office, so they can send patrol deputies to assess and verify.

The Marine Board keeps all obstructions on river on a statewide map and database at: <https://www.boatoregon.com/obstructions>

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An illegal bridge that spanned across a river channel in the North Santiam River near Green's Bridge was removed by law enforcement officials on Wednesday, Nov. 14. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OREGON MARINE BOARD

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