

Body of missing fisherman found

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The body of Scappoose man who disappeared while fishing on the coast was found June 16 in Fort Stevens State Park.



Yates

Bret Allen Yates, 52, had been reported missing June 13 when he failed to return from a fishing trip.

The area was searched Wednesday and the Coast Guard issues multiple alerts throughout the day, asking boaters to be

on the lookout for him.

His body washed ashore at Social Security Beach, on the river side of Fort Stevens.

Foul play is not suspected and there was nothing suspicious related to the death, according to the Clatsop County Sheriff's Department.

Yates left his home about 7:45 p.m. June 12 and planned to fish from the beach near South Jetty.

He'd texted his wife, Mechelle, at 9:45 p.m. to let her know he'd arrived at Fort Stevens.

Mechelle Yates reported her husband missing Wednesday morning after he failed to return home as planned.



Above: Making healthy choices is the theme of school lunches these days. Salads, fruit, vegetables and grain-filled desserts are on the menu.

Left: A typical school-year breakfast selection of fruit, yogurt and granola.

Photos courtesy Oregon Department of Education

Summertime and school cafeterias keep on cooking

When school lets out for the summer, thousands of Oregon children lose access to breakfast, lunch and after-school meals that are available during the regular school year.

Many children and families rely on school meals to supplement what's available at home. The Summer Food Service Program helps fill the gap by providing free nutritious meals to children and teens over the summer months.

Programs are offered throughout Clatsop County and the state.

Free meals and enrichment activities are offered at participating summer sites, including many schools, parks and other nonprofit organizations.

The program is underutilized, program organizers say, with many families unaware of the free meals and activities in their communities.

Nationally, only one in six children who receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year continue to receive meals during the summer.

Increasing awareness of and access to these programs can have a significant impact by helping to provide food for those

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Plans for expanded community center may find a home

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Turning hopes into reality can be difficult, but dreams seldom come true without a game plan.

The board of Warrenton Senior Citizens Inc. hopes to develop a winning strategy for an expansion of Warrenton Community Center.

"It's a vision of some of our board members to provide a five-day-a-week experience," said Don Mellison,

one of four people on a task force for development of a senior center in Warrenton.

His group offers reduced-price meals for seniors on Mondays and Thursdays at the community center, which is owned by the city of Warrenton. But that's about it for senior activities.

A designated space for seniors — whether a stand-alone senior center or an expansion of the city's facility — could offer daily meals and serve as a

drop-in center for socializing, games, classes and lectures.

"A number of us have gotten together and said we want a senior center added on to the existing community center," said Gil Gramson, a former city manager, mayor and current task force member.

"We're just getting the ball rolling," he said. "The main thing is that there's going to be more and more seniors. They need that place to go for social-

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Warrenton Community Center could be expanded to include an area solely for senior citizens.