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News brief

Million Meals event to raise money for hunger relief

Future advocates, public defenders and personal-injury attorneys can use their feet to help fight hunger Saturday at the second-annual Million Meals Walk & Run at Alton Baker Park for Food For Lane County.

The local food bank will use the event to raise funds to help alleviate hunger and increase awareness of the growing hunger problem in Oregon.

"We want it to be a fun day," said Angela Severson, event coordinator for Food For Lane County. "We also want people to come out and support hunger relief in the area."

The day will feature a one-mile family walk, a five-kilometer walk and run, and a 10-kilometer run. Registration is from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. After the event, Zambuko

Marimba will perform, and Evelyn Roth Festival Arts will provide storytelling and other activities for children.

Severson said the food bank hopes to raise \$15,000 during the day.

In a report released Thursday, The Center for Poverty and Hunger named Oregon the state with the highest amount of hunger — the uneasy or painful sensation caused by a lack of food — and the third-highest amount of food insecurity — when access is limited to nutritionally adequate and safe foods. Researchers found more than 14 percent of Oregon's households are food insecure, and 6 percent of the state's households are hungry.

"There are a lot of stereotypes on the reasons people go hungry," Severson said. "It's important to know that in this economy, any one of us could need assistance."

— John Liebhardt for the Emerald

Scrimmage

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Amid the mishaps, however, Oregon's quarterback situation seemed to take shape.

Jason Fife emerged yet again as the favorite after completing 8 of 17 passes for 122 yards. The four other quarterbacks vying for time this season threw for only 64 yards on a combined 5-for-20 performance.

Fife's arm wasn't the only thing that impressed Bellotti, however.

"I like Jason Fife's escapability," Bellotti said. "He made some plays. I thought he was the victim of a couple of significant drops, unfortunately. But overall, (he) operated the offense well."

After shaking off some early butterflies, Fife appeared comfortable in the pocket and threw the ball crisply.

"I got a little worked up there at the beginning," Fife said. "It took me a series or two to get rid of the jitters and start playing football again."

Bellotti said Fife is still No. 1 on the depth chart, followed by Kellen Clemens and Scott Vossmeier. Clemens, who was intercepted once, finished the game 0-for-5.

Aside from evaluating the Ducks' overall productivity, Bellotti said he hoped to use the scrimmage as a measuring stick for individual performances. Established players such as tailback Onterio Smith and cornerback Steven Moore played sparingly, allowing others to receive attention.

Freshman tailback Terrence Whitehead relished the moment as the Ducks' leading rusher. Whitehead showed crafty moves and explosive quickness Saturday as he amassed 88 yards on 10 carries.

"Terrence Whitehead, obviously, was a bright spot," Bellotti said. "He ran with authority, and he did some good things. I'm pleased."

And while Bellotti may not be ecstatic about his team's performance, the scrimmage proved to be a necessary step in gauging where Oregon stands. With the Aug. 31 season opener against Mississippi State quickly approaching, the Ducks still have time to hone their skills and work out any kinks.

"We haven't quite clicked completely yet," Fife said. "It'll happen in the next two weeks, guaranteed."

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Princeton

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Oregon State University did not receive any ranking or mention on The Princeton Review's Web site.

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