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Fly-In Breakfast Serves Up Another Successful Benefit

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HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Hartington Municipal Airport and Holy Trinity Elementary School have teamed up for a fundraiser that has kept area residents "up in the air" for almost 20 years.

The annual Holy Trinity Fly-In Breakfast was held Sunday at the airport, drawing patrons from Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, organizers said.

Those who attend get more than a meal.

"We invite pilots from around the area to stop by and have breakfast, and while that is taking place, some of those pilots will offer rides to the people that come in and eat," said Terry Kathol, principal of Holy Trinity Elementary School.

The event is a big draw both for regular customers and for pilots.

"It went real well," said Airport Authority Chairman Bud Becker. "There were 80 pilots and co-pilots registered, and between 600 and 700 people ate."

"We get a really great turnout," Kathol added.

"We have a lot of pilots come out and eat. It's kind of nice — they'll go out for a Sunday morning flight, and stop by and hang out for a little while.

We get a lot of our parishioners and family members that send their children to Holy Trinity that come by and have something to eat ...

"Different small towns in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota do fly-in breakfasts, but this is the only one in this area. We do draw in a lot of people from different areas," he said.

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Economic Development Coordinator Carla Becker said. "They not only have a great breakfast, but also people can walk around and look at the planes. Pilots from all over come to Hartington for this event and ... there are quite a few different kinds of planes."

But pancakes and plane rides aren't the only draws. The event has been host to other attractions, as well.

"We've had different things take place," Kathol said. "We've had model airplane demonstrations. Last year we had a group of stunt pilots come in and do a (demonstration) with that."

The event is a special one for Cedar County Catholic Schools, as it is the only one specifically designated to Holy Trinity Elementary. In the past, the money raised has gone toward projects related to the school's playground area.

"That has kind of changed over the years," Kathol said. "Right now, we're in a situation where



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From left: Tim Loberg, Curt Loecker and Darrell Peitz flip pancakes as area kids look on at the Holy Trinity Fly-In Breakfast Sunday morning. The event drew approximately 80 pilots and co-pilots and between 600-700 diners.

our playground is in pretty good shape, so we won't designate it for that. It's just generally used for non-budgeted school improvement projects."

Kathol thanked the airport for its continuing involvement.

"It's really a nice place to have it," he said.

While the event benefits the school, it also benefits the parish, Kathol said. Traditionally held the third Sunday of August, many see it as the definitive

end-of-summer get-together.

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"It also supports a great cause," Becker added.

Q&A: Are The Eggs Sold At My Grocery Store Safe To Eat?

BY STEPHANIE NANO
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Two large Iowa farms have recalled 550 million eggs because of possible contamination with salmonella.

Investigators from the Food and Drug Administration are trying to find the cause of the outbreak, but so far haven't pinpointed the source.

Q: A half-billion — isn't that a lot of eggs?

A: Well, yes and no. Those 550 million eggs might seem like a lot. But that's less than 1 percent of the roughly 80 billion eggs sold in their shell each year, according to the United Egg Producers, an industry group. Americans consume about 220 million eggs a day, based on industry estimates.

Q: Is the outbreak likely to spread?

A: There's no sign at this point that there are more than the two farms involved, Food and Drug Administration chief Margaret Hamburg said Monday. The recalls started earlier this month when Iowa's Wright County Egg recalled a total of 380 million eggs after some cases of salmonella poisoning were traced back to eggs from its farms. Then last Friday, a second Iowa farm, Hillandale Farms, announced the recall of more than 170 million eggs after tests confirmed salmonella.

Q: Did the eggs get sent to my state?

A: The eggs went to stores or

distributors in mostly western or midwestern states, and were shipped nationwide under a variety of brand names. Recalled eggs have a specific plant number and packaged date on the carton; check the FDA website to see if your eggs have been recalled: <http://bit.ly/9yambn>

Q: How far back does the recall go?

A: Eggs included in the recall were packaged as far back as four months ago, so it's likely that many of the eggs have already been eaten. If you have any suspect cartons, return them to the store or throw them out.

The Wright County Egg recall extends back to May 15; the Hillandale recall goes back to April 9.

Q: How many people have actually gotten sick?

A: No one knows for sure. Officials say it could be as many as 1,300 so far. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention saw a spike in illnesses from a specific strain of salmonella in May.

Through the end of July, there were about 2,000 cases — that's about 1,300 more than would be expected for that three-month period. That's

where the 1,300 figure comes from, although some of the excess cases may not be tied to this outbreak.

The number is likely to grow since it can take weeks for reports to be filed.

Q: Has anyone died in this outbreak?

A: No deaths have been reported. The most common symptoms of salmonella are diarrhea, abdominal cramps and fever within eight hours to 72 hours of eating a contaminated product. It can be life-threatening, especially to those with weakened immune systems.

Salmonella is the most common form of food poisoning from bacteria, and the strain involved in the outbreak is the most common kind, accounting for about 20 percent of all such food poisonings.

Q: Are the eggs sold at my grocery store safe?

A: Recalled eggs should have been removed from store shelves. But you can check the FDA website <http://bit.ly/9yambn> for the brands involved and double-check the egg carton.

Q: Can you tell by looking at the shell or egg if there's salmonella?

A: No, there's no way to tell. But consumers shouldn't buy dirty or cracked eggs.

Q: Then should I just skip eggs to be safe?

A: As long as they're not on the recall list, eggs should be OK. And thoroughly cooking them can kill the bacteria. But while federal investigators continue their work, the FDA's Hamburg said consumers should strictly avoid "runny egg yolks for mopping up with toast."

Q: How do eggs get infected with salmonella?

A: Salmonella bacteria can get on the outside of the shell from fecal matter. Or it can be inside the egg if the chicken is infected. Eggs are washed and disinfected to deal with the dirt and germs on shells, and some producers vaccinate chicks against salmonella.

Infected hens, rodents or tainted feed could be the source of the outbreaks, according to Patrick McDonough, a food safety expert at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Salmonella is not

passed from hen to hen, but usually from rodent droppings to chickens, he said.

The two Iowa farms share suppliers of young chickens and feed. On Monday, an FDA official said the hatchery that supplies the farms has been certified salmonella-free. That suggests that the contamination may have occurred at the farms.

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A brief program and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 5:30 pm in front of the bus garage.