

Easter Seals campaign kicks off

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RUSSELL - The Easter Seals campaign kicked off Tuesday night at the Legion Hall as the Russell Lions Club began their 1991 fundraising efforts with a hot turkey dinner and good company.

About 24 people attended the event designed to raise money and promote greater public awareness within the community about the Easter Seals campaign for physically disabled children.

The evening began with drinks, and the buffet-style dinner was served around 8pm. The Legion provided the food and cooks who served a wonderful meal of turkey, many hot vegetables, a colorful salad, and fruit cocktail for dessert.

After dinner guest speakers included Xavier Plaus, the father of this year's Russell Township "Tammy", seven year old Jalynn Plaus.

Plaus and his family have lived in Russell for six years, and received aid from the Easter Seals Society when Jalynn needed transportation fees to physiotherapy sessions.

The Lions Club of Russell raised the funds for the Easter Seals and were able to provide gasoline so that Jalynn and Patrick and Timmy Jackson from the Russell area could go to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa twice a week for the sessions.

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Xavier Plaus holds daughter Jalynn in front of the Russell Lions Club's Easter Seals flag after the annual kick-off dinner on March 5. Seven year old Jalynn was

chosen as Russell Township's "Tammy" for the 1991 local campaign in which the Lions hope to collect between \$10-\$15,000 for Easter Seals children.

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