

# Local man elected to national office

Alan Russ, St. Francis, was elected to a three-year term of office as national secretary for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on Aug. 10, at the organization's 132nd annual meeting held in Brookfield, Wis. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a federal chartered organization dedicated to honoring the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all who served to preserve the Union during the American Civil War of 1861 to 1865.

The organization was originally founded in 1881. Membership is comprised of descendants of those who served as Union soldiers, sailors, marines, and with the revenue cutter service between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865. Membership may be through direct or collateral descent.

Alan had two ancestors in the Civil War—his great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather. His great-grandfather, George Henry Russ, was 15 years old when he joined the 28th New Jersey Infantry Regiment. He fought in the Battle of Fredricksburg and

Chancellorsville.

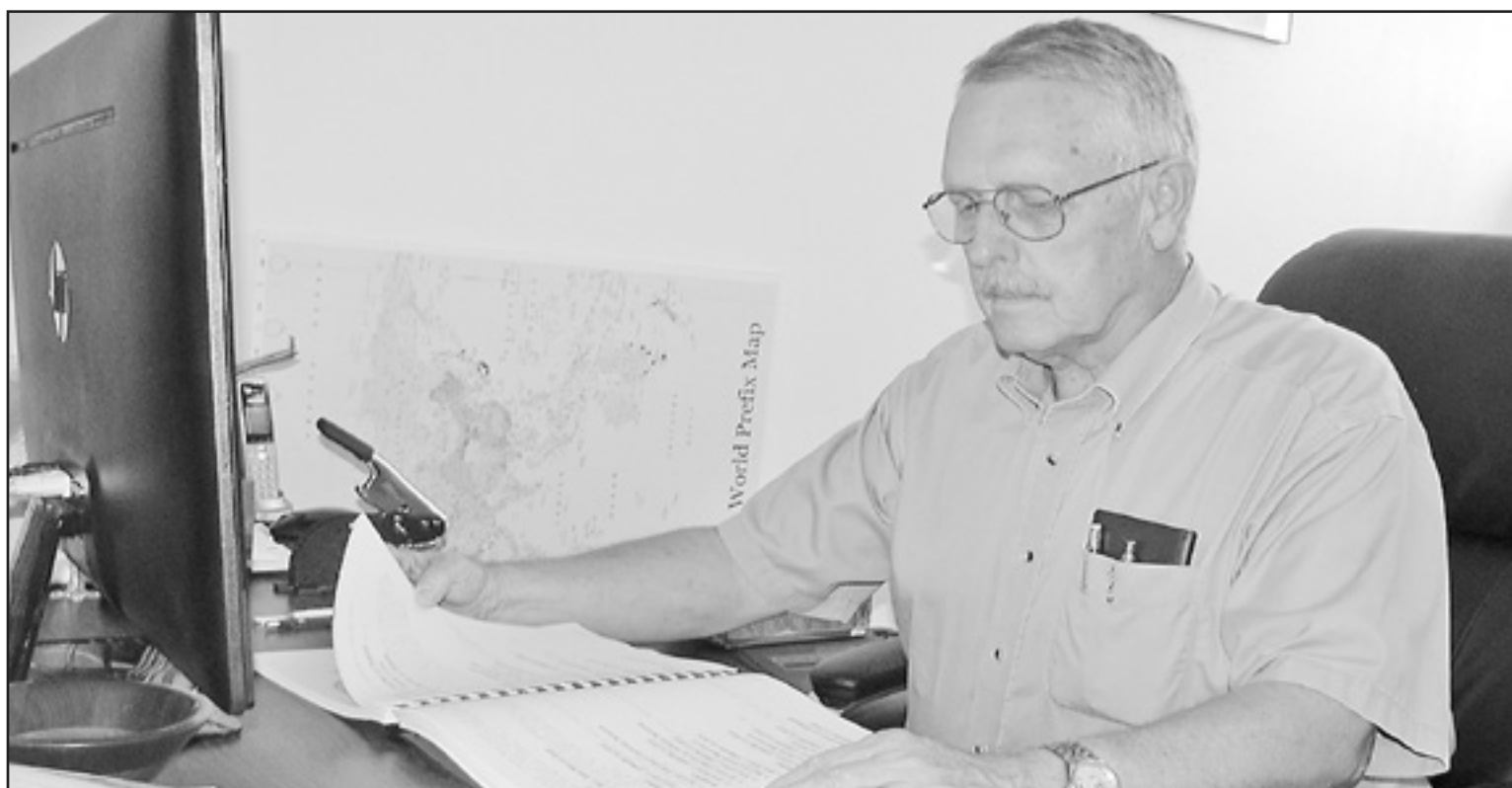
Alan's great-great-grandfather was in Company A of the 71st New York State Militia and fought in the Battle of Bull Run. George's father-in-law, Henry Kamp, was also in the military.

In 1990, Alan became involved with genealogy and he went to hear a speaker in Topeka and that is when he became interested in the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mr. Russ joined the organization in 1998 when he became a member of Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka. He continues his membership with this camp.

While in Topeka, he helped identify Civil War veterans buried in the Topeka Cemetery. There are a little more than 1,000 Civil War veterans buried there, he said.

He held most of the elected offices of Old Abe Camp, including camp commander and camp secretary-treasurer. He has also held numerous offices with the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, including department command-



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er, and he has served as the department secretary-treasurer for the last nine years.

Mr. Russ has been active at the national level of the organization since 2000. He served eight years on the National Programs and Policies Committee and two years on the National Constitu-

tion and Regulations Committee. He was appointed as the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator in 2005 and continues to hold that position. In August 2010, he was elected to a one-year term on the National Council of Administration and served as the National Chief of

Staff from 2010 to 2011.

Mr. Russ said that a number of Union Civil War veterans had settled in Cheyenne County after the Civil War. So far, he has identified 99 veterans who lived in the county for a period of time. There is not a local camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

located in this area; however, he said, there should be more than enough descendants in the area to form a camp.

For additional information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and becoming a member, contact Alan Russ at 785-332-2118.

## Senior Menu

Senior Center September menu  
Sept. 3, Tuesday: Breakfast casserole, tropical fruit, bread, rhubarb coffee cake.

Sept. 5, Thursday: Baked spaghetti, tossed salad with carrots and tomatoes, garlic bread, hot cinnamon apple slices, corn.

Sept. 6, Friday: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, peaches.

Sept. 10, Monday: Ham and beans, cucumber tomato salad, cornbread, apricots.

Sept. 12, Thursday: Meat loaf, baked potato, california blend vegetables, roll, fruit crisp.

Sept. 13, Friday: Closed for training.

Sept. 17, Monday: Macaroni and cheese, spinach salad, roll, gelatin with fruit.

Sept. 19, Thursday: Taco salad, cottage cheese with cucumber, cantaloupe, chips, bread pudding.

Sept. 20, Friday: Pizza burger, baked beans, pea salad, bun, mixed fruit with banana.

Sept. 24, Monday: Beef and rice casserole, italian blend vegetables, pears, muffin, pudding.

Sept. 26 Thursday: Hamburger gravy, stewed tomatoes, orange pineapple salad, biscuit, brownie.

Sept. 27, Friday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw with carrots, bread, applesauce.

## Fun Facts

Although not all have affected Kansas, La Niñas have occurred this century in 1904, 1908, 1910, 1916, 1917, 1924, 1928, 1938, 1950, 1955, 1964, 1970, 1973, 1975, 1988, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010.

La Niña and El Niño both tend to peak during the Northern Hemisphere's winter. La Niña and El Niño affect the position and intensity of atmospheric jet streams and thus the intensity and movement of storms.

El Niño tends to change

normal weather patterns. La Niña tends to enhance normal.

That's why La Niñas tend to increase the chances for Atlantic basin hurricanes and help areas with wet winters get even wetter.

Average spring-summer effects of this century's La Niñas have brought moisture deficits of around 4 inches in northeast and north central Kansas, about 2 inches in the southern third, and 3 inches elsewhere.

Individually, however, some La Niñas brought excess rain and some, drought.

# Summer fun ends for avid readers

The library programs "Dig Into Reading" have concluded for the summer. We had 63 children enroll in our summer fun sessions. Amy Busse did a super job with the sessions and we thank her for all the time she spent.

There were 26 enrolled in the reading program. In this program a child earns a prize for every 10 books they read. Our top reader was Rhonald Neitzel, who read 83 books. He had the opportunity to select a new book. The top boy was Jayce Landers, who read 42 books. Kyla Hicks was the top girl, who read 43 books. Kyla and Jayce both received Pizza Hut certificates.

In addition to the fun sessions and the reading program, we gave away three books. The winners were Hailey Robbins, Aeronna Hicks and Shannon Semler.

Congratulations to all who participated in the summer activities.



## Red Hat Mamas

By: Linda Carroll  
Annie Antholz, Rita Officer, Bethel Goltl, Florence Antholz, Phyllis Wingfield, Joan Tongish, Betty Lewis, Marlene Young, Teresa Knapp, Vernetta Haack, Bonnie Burr, Edna Roesener, Lois Morelock, Queen Mother Margaret Voorhies, and Linda Carroll gathered at the Bird City

Diner. They were seated at a beautifully decorated Red Hat themed table for lunch together for the celebration of August birthdays.

The Red Hat Mamas spent the afternoon at the Bird City Senior Center enjoying Red Hat Mama Phyllis Wingfield's witticisms, comedian Anita Renfroe's DVD

and playing dominoes Red Hatter style.

Thank You to our Red Hat friend Rod Klepper. We appreciate you and all you do for us.



## You Don't Want To Miss

Sat., Aug. 31 - 5 p.m.  
at the Bird City Park

5 p.m. - Gospel Quartet - The Down East Boys  
7 p.m. - Pastor Todd Burpo, author of "Heaven Is For Real"  
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