

Poland

continued from page 1 would work as a consultant with Synektek, a Polish company specializing in medical and IT (robotic) healthcare solutions, as soon as he obtained a work permit. They flew to Warsaw to search for a house and found a nice home, close to the girls’ school. Then they came home to set about preparing for the move. Once settled in the new location, they discovered that the landlord had not lived in the house for 20 years, so he had no idea of the repairs needed. As Stafford related, one has to wait a long time in Warsaw to get a repairperson, so he used the time while waiting for a permit to fix various problems in the house. Don’t get the idea that there are no adjustments to living in a foreign country. There are customs, laws, and procedures, all different. The language is equally a challenge. The way the government works is equally a test of patience and endurance. “We have experienced some weird times over the past year with the Polish bureaucracy, which remains deeply ingrained in the country’s authority system. It has taken a year for me, so far, to try to get a work permit there, and the company, Synektik, has been working their tails off trying to get it done.” Stafford explained the complex government red tape. ”The people in power now were raised in communism, so they tend to make everything difficult, but the younger generation was not raised under the communist system. When they are in charge in the next twenty years, the country will resemble Western Europe and the United States. The Poles are a strong ally; they love America.” How do they get around? Kelly has a company car, and Stafford has a rental car for now, until the work permit problem is resolved. During the past year, they drove with an international license issued by Triple A, but after that time, they had to apply for a Polish driving license. The test was not easy. It was a written test, in English, but

according to Poland’s rules and regulations. The Eastern Europeans are aggressive drivers. Stafford added, “They drive like maniacs,” and said that he and Kelly take their time going from here to there. “No way do Kelly or I want to risk a car accident in a foreign country!” During the first days in Poland, Kelly and I adjusted to our new Polish life as if we were “quasi” okay, but our girls hit the ground running from day one! We walked them to school the first day, and literally, they didn’t want us to walk them home. If they had been unhappy, and we were happy, it still would have been a no-go. For that reason, not knowing how this would turn out, we kept our home in Indianapolis. We were shocked by how well they have adjusted. In fact, our oldest daughter, Daya, doesn’t ever want to move back, but we have said, “Well, you are!” Stafford added, “Neither of our two jobs is the same pace as they were in the U.S. We have more time for family and for each other. We spend more time together now as a family than we ever have before. You don’t realize you have been on a Hamster wheel until you aren’t on it anymore. There are many Ukrainian refugees in Poland, and the Poles and the Ukrainians are united in their hatred for Russia. The country is very pro-Ukrainian, and their languages are not that different from each other. Stafford remarked that these refugees do not come to live off the government, but rather are hardworking individuals who contribute to the economy. Because Poland had been part of the past “Iron Curtain” and was shut off from the world not too long ago, we in America are only now becoming aware of this growing and energetic country. A nation of 38 million, it is catching up and surpassing many of its neighbors with a fresh zeal for democracy and freedom. Its economy is exceeding Russia’s. Next week: the Redding children and their opinions of living in Poland.

How Much Horsepower Does One Horse Actually Have? One horse can have up to 15 horsepower

Interesting Facts Horsepower, a common unit of power typically referring to the sustained output of an engine, was developed in the late 18th century by Scottish engineer James Watt (after whom the watt is named) as a way to demonstrate the power of steam engines. Watt calculated that in an average day’s work, a horse could turn a 24-foot mill wheel roughly 2.5 times per minute. This amount of energy worked out to 33,000 foot-pounds (approximately 746 watts) per minute, which Watt deemed a new unit of measurement called horsepower. Logic would suggest the power of a solitary horse should equal one horse-

power, but the measurement is meant to represent a horse’s continuous output over a full workday, not what horses are capable of in short bursts of extreme effort. In 1993, biologists R.D. Stevenson and R.J. Wassersug used data from the 1925 Iowa State Fair horse-pulling contest to calculate the maximum output of a horse over a short period of time, ultimately finding that one horse can exert up to 14.9 horsepower. Humans, by



Trail Talk New Exhibit Celebrates Milburn Stone, Kansas-Born Star of Gunsmoke

By Katie Norman, Executive Director, SFTC The Santa Fe Trail Center Museum is proud to unveil a brand-new exhibit honoring Milburn Stone—beloved actor, Kansas native, and best known for his role as “Doc Adams” on the long-running television series Gunsmoke. Beginning Tuesday, July 8, visitors are invited to explore this exciting new addition during regular museum hours. The exhibit highlights Stone’s connection to our region—he spent 10 years of his youth living in the Frizell area—and showcases his journey from small-town Kansas to national television fame. On display is one of Doc Adams’ iconic costumes from Gunsmoke, along with a special collection of photographs taken during a memorable visit Stone made to the area with fellow cast members. This glimpse into his personal connection to our community brings a hometown warmth to the Hollywood story. While you’re here, be sure to explore the rest of the museum as well. From pioneer homesteads and early settlement life to the lasting impact of the Santa Fe Trail, the museum offers something for everyone—whether you’re a history buff, a casual visitor, or just curious. The Milburn Stone exhibit is included with regular museum admission, and no reservations are required. Plan your visit and celebrate the legacy of a Kansas native whose roots ran deep—and whose story still resonates. For museum hours, directions, or more information, visit [museum website] or give us a call. We look forward to welcoming you!

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” --John Lubbock

FHSU announces Spring 2025 Deans’ Honor Roll Recipients

HAYS - Fort Hays State University has named 1,841 students to the Deans’ Honor Roll for the Spring 2025 semester. The Deans’ Honor Roll includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and FHSU Virtual College students are eligible.

Area students include: Burdett Jaden VanMeter Larned Akielah Collins Logan Erway Jayme Hagerman Madeline Hamrick Arianna Hemken Breanna Hemken Sarah Manry Kaylee Mead Robert Oller Mason Perez Aidan Smyth Rozel Madison Polson

DID YOU KNOW That many years ago farm laborers would come into Larned on trains to work in the harvest fields in surrounding farms? Harvest was a more tedious, long-lasting event in those days before modern combines made quick work of a field.

DID YOU KNOW.....That though we celebrate Independence Day of 1776 on July 4th, the Treaty that ended the Revolutionary War between England and the American colonists was not signed until September 3, 1783, and is known as the Treaty of Paris (1783).

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

Plaintiff,

vs.

Estate of Wesley J Johnson (Deceased), Kathleen S Brown fka Kathleen S. Johnson, both individually and in her capacity as Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Wesley J Johnson (Deceased), Abigail Brown, Aimee Johnson, Alex Brown aka Alexandra Brown, Anjoelina Johnson, Brandon Johnson, Linda Hughes, Peyton Johnson, and Unknown Heirs of Wesley J Johnson (Deceased), et al.,

Defendants

Case No. PN-2025-CV-000011
Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Pawnee County, Kansas by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT TWO (2) AND THE EAST HALF (E/2) OF LOT FOUR (4), IN BLOCK NINE (9), ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF THE CITY OF LARNED, PAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS, INCLUDING EASEMENT FOR GARAGE EAVE AND RETAINING WALL PURPOSES AS SET FORTH IN EASEMENT FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF PAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS, JUNE 1, 1995 AT 2:45 P.M., IN BOOK M/SS, PAGE 571 AND CORRECTION RECORDED IN JUNE 9, 1995 AT 11:50 A.M., IN BOOK M/SS, PAGE 590. Parcel ID No. 073-109-32-0-40-09-001.00-0. Commonly known as 403 W 7th St., Larned, KS 67550 ("the Property") MS 226182

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before August 13, 2025 in the District Court of Pawnee County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

CITY OF LARNED. KANSAS

Fireworks in The City

City Ordinance allows for the lighting of fireworks between the hours of
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. July 1st through July 3rd
and between the hours of
8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 4th

CELEBRATE SMART, CELEBRATE SAFE!

☒ Only light fireworks during approved hours per City Ordinance

☒ Use fireworks only in open outdoor spaces

☒ Keep a water source nearby in case of fire or burns

☒ Do not light fireworks if you have been drinking or are under the influence

☒ Keep children under a sober adult's supervision

☒ Do NOT block roadways with fireworks. do not put out cones or barriers unless you have a block party permit.

QUESTIONS? 620-285-8500