

COMMUNITY

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Kansas FB: Elpers Recognized

Pat and Lori Elpers, along with their daughters, will be recognized as one of Kansas Farm Bureau Farm Families of the Year for 2025. The Elpers family will be recognized formally at the Kingman County Annual Meeting in December for their contributions to agriculture and their service to the community.

Coming Back

By Bernie Sheahan

“The Wizard of Oz was released 86 years ago today.”

What? This news pops up on my computer the very minute I’m typing a story about my life in Kansas. (Sometimes the Internet scares me, as does my laptop and my phone. They’re all in it together.)

So I’m writing about standing in a sunflower field last weekend and suddenly I’m thinking about that movie. The one every Kansan loves but is good-naturedly tired of hearing about whenever they leave the state. You know: people calling you “Dorothy,” asking if you have a dog named “Toto” and reminding you that you’re not in Kansas anymore. (Like you’ve never heard that before.)

But I am in Kansas. The Sunflower State. I took a “selfie” in that golden field and made a teeny, tiny movie that the Internet calls a “reel.” You load a photo, write a caption, and choose a snippet of music. Suddenly you’re the director,

producer and star of your own film.

Through the wonders of technology, half a thousand people or so have viewed my production. Here’s the caption I wrote, which overlays a picture of me, looking pensively to the West, wearing a contented smile:

Standing in a field of sunflowers/Just before sunset/No filter/No AI/Just my real, beautiful, blessed Kansas life.

And the lyrics to the song snippet, which has a cool groove for your summer roadtrip, wherever it may take you:

So go chase the sunset/Give life a reset/Let all your worries drift away

Feel the warm breeze/The sand on your feet/These are the moments...for feeling at home...It’s heaven to me...

I have indeed felt the sand on my feet, so many times in my life, in so many places I’ve called home. At Old Hickory Lake in Tennessee. Here, along

the Ninnescah River. And the best sand of all, at the Pacific Ocean, 35 miles from my California home.

The day after my sunflower field reverie, I sat in our theater and watched a fun film set in Los Angeles, where I worked before my record company moved me to Nashville. This movie is not only set in LA, with locations I recognize and love, but also involves a recording artist character and the entertainment industry that feels rather familiar to me. (They get a lot of stuff wrong about it in the movie, but, hey, it’s a movie.)

In a good story, in a film or a novel, you can get so caught up in the setting and storyline that you forget where you are. For 110 minutes, I was on the West Coast, soaking up the sun and feeling the cool ocean breeze. There’s a scene where the main character goes surfing and gets hit by a wave; I swear I could taste the salt water. (When I first moved to Nash-

ville, long before it was invaded by West Coasters, I was the first Californian some of my new colleagues and Tennessee neighbors had known. I was an exotic creature back then, and they wanted to know if I was a surfer. “Do I surf? I’m from California, aren’t I?” I don’t. But it’s on my to-do list.)

Surf, sand, LA traffic—I know it well. Love it all. (Maybe not the traffic.) I was lost in it, apparently, for almost an hour and a half. I didn’t know just how much I’d absorbed the Southern California vibe until I opened the theater door to a blast of hot prairie air, not ocean breeze. All of sudden, I’m back in Kansas. Like Dorothy. But it wasn’t Auntie Em’s house, it was Main Street. It took me a minute, and I must have looked a little dazed. And then I was fine.

I’m not in California anymore, but California is in me. So is Tennessee. And so is Kansas. Home. You know what they say about “home”. There’s no place like it.

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LEGAL NOTICES

(First published in the Kingman Leader-Courier on Thursday, August 21, 2025) 3t

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
BRETT ROBERT MOORE, Deceased  
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)  
Case No. KM-2025-PR-000033

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on August 18, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Patricia Anne Moore, the heir, devisee and legatee of the Estate, and proposing Patricia Anne Moore as Administrator of the Estate of the deceased.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Patricia Anne Moore  
Patricia Anne Moore  
Petitioner

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