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Just So You Know
 by: Sergeant Ryan Lewis of the Smith Co. Sheriff's Department



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- (1) Knowingly damaging, destroying, defacing or substantially impairing the use of any property in which another has an interest without the consent of such other person; or
- (2) damaging, destroying, defacing or substantially impairing the use of any property with intent to injure or defraud an insurer or lienholder.

(b) Criminal damage to property if the property:

- (1) Is damaged to the extent of \$25,000 or more is a severity level 7, non-person felony;
- (2) is damaged to the extent of at least \$1,000 but less than \$25,000 is a severity level 9, nonperson felony; and
- (3) damaged is of the value of less than \$1,000 or is of the value of \$1,000 or more and is damaged to the extent of less than \$1,000 is a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

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OBITUARIES

Betty Befort

Betty Louise Befort, 82, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2026, at her home in Lebanon, KS. Betty was born on December 21, 1943, at the Ingelboro Hospital in Smith Center KS, the daughter of Frank and Lavona (Manchester) Emery. Her parents put her under the Christmas Tree since she was born so close to Christmas and was one of the best gifts they could have received. She was the youngest of 5 children, she attended Chalk Mound School through the 5th grade, then started school in Lebanon thereafter.

During high school, Betty was the Homecoming Queen in her senior year. Later in school, Betty met the love of her life, Joe Befort. Betty and Joe were married on August 10, 1963, and moved to the farm where they raised their family and spent 62 years together.

Betty and Joe became parents of Bryan in 1964, Dan in 1967, AJ in 1970 and Scott in 1975. She was the consummate wife, mother and homemaker. Betty worked as a nurse's aide for 15 years at Smith County Memorial Hospital, bringing the same energy and attention to detail to her work as she did to running her household, retiring in 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and

Lavona Emery, and a brother Dean Emery.

Betty is survived by her husband Joe of the home; four sons, Bryan (Janeen) Befort of Lebanon, Dan (Melissa) Befort of Longview, TX, AJ (Angie) Befort of Cedar and Scott (Penny) Befort of Deshler, NE; two sisters, Alice French of Osborne, Phyllis Miller of Grand Island, NE; a brother Howard Emery of Mount Vernon, TX. Betty adored her seven grandchildren, Dustin Befort, Dayton Kessler (Dale), Hayden Befort, Grayson Befort, Blake Befort, Stella Befort and Jessi Benn (Jordie) and five great-grandchildren, Connor and Liam Befort and Billie, Boone and Bradlie Benn.

A graveside service was held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2026, at North Oak Creek Cemetery, Lebanon, KS, with Father's Charles Oppong and Daryl Olmstead officiating. Memorials may be given to the Betty L. Befort Memorial Fund and can be sent in care of All Faiths Funeral Chapel, 113 S. Madison St., Smith Center, KS. 66967.

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 Pd. obit

Dennis Lamont

Phillipsburg resident, Dennis Ray Lamont, passed away on March 24, 2026, peacefully at home, at the age of 78.

Dennis Ray Lamont was born on July 21, 1947, in Smith Center, Kansas to his parents Cecil Laverne and Carmen Coralee Lamont.

Dennis was united in marriage to Elaine Gail Lamont on July 28, 2016.

Dennis had a passion for horses and animals that started at a young age. Guns were a hobby that he loved and enjoyed. He was a founding member of the Deer Creek Regulators Kansas Draw.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents Cecil and Carmen, second wife Lois, third wife Donna, sister Jo Ann Caldwell and husband Curtis, nieces Samantha Caldwell and Raquel Pennington, and great niece Jade Elliott.

Survivors include wife Elaine Lamont of Phillipsburg,



Kansas, step daughters Melissa Adams and husband Steven of Almena, Kansas, and Lacey Hansen and husband Joshua of Almena, Kansas, brother Steven Lamont and wife Deb of Kensington, Kansas, sisters Connie Pennington and husband Robert of Downs, Kansas, and Mary Smith of Lyons, Kansas, as well as numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

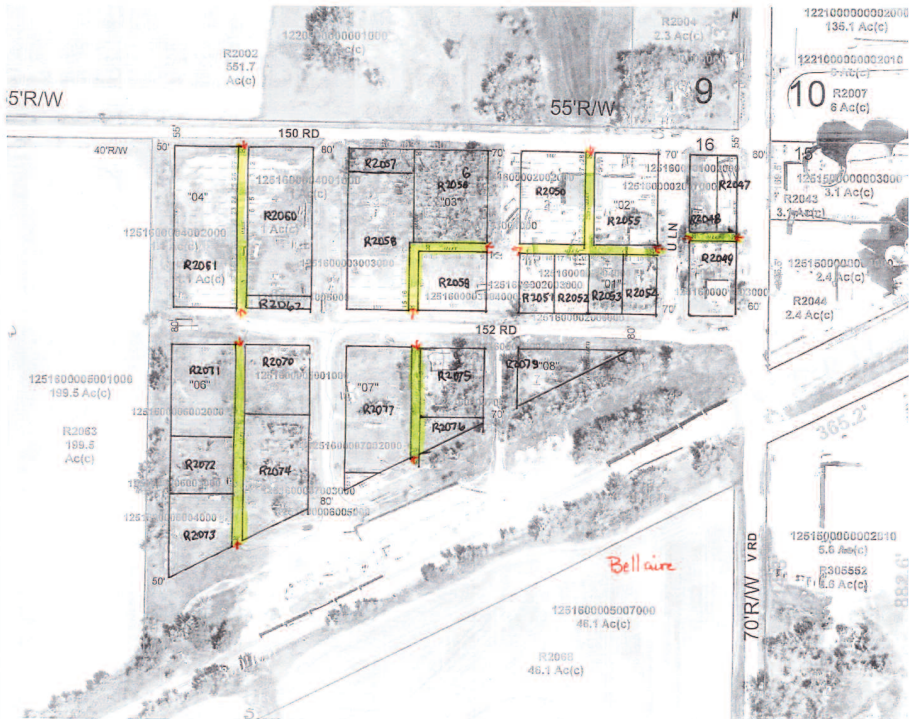
A funeral service for Dennis Lamont was held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in Phillipsburg, Kansas. Dennis was laid to rest at the Cedar Cemetery, North of Cedar, Kansas.

Arrangements were entrusted to Hugunin Family Funeral Homes, Phillipsburg, Kansas.
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 Pd. obit

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Smith Co. Pioneer Thursday, March 26, 2026.)

ALLEY NOTICE STATE OF KANSAS, SMITH COUNTY, ss.
To Whom It May Concern:
 TAKE NOTICE, The Board of County Commissioners, will consider the vacation of alley ways in the unincorporated city of Bellaire KS. That are no longer of utility or use to the public, described as follows:




SEE ATTACHED MAP:
 and that said the Board has appointed themselves as viewers. This alley ways will be vacated by resolution to be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Smith County Courthouse, Smith Center, Kansas, unless reasonable objections are presented at said meeting by interested persons. Any interested person my appear at the hearing to present evidence or testimony to the board.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said County this 17th of March, 2026.

Ashley Maxwell, County Clerk
 April 16

It's due time you "checked out" the SMITH CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Container Gardening Program
 Presented by K-State Post Rock Horticulture Extension Agent Cassie Thiessen
Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 PM
LIMITED SEATING - Call the library to register by 5 PM Monday, April 13 to reserve your "spot"

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 Saturday, April 11th from 5:30-8:00 PM @ The Srader Center

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