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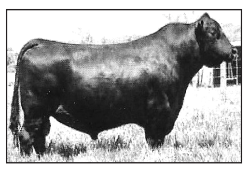
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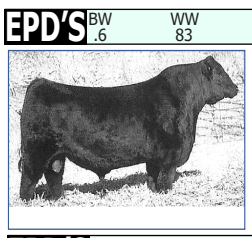
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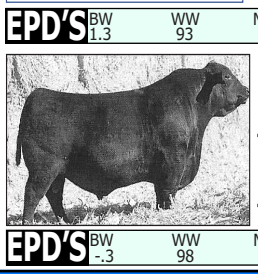
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# Morning Meanderings of Gator Bob

Good Morning Folkses!

One of my younger friends (he's younger by at least 30 years) asked me the other night what changes I had made now that I was pushing ever closer to 70. After pondering on that for several minutes, I opened my notebook and began to write. When I finished I handed the notebook to Caleb.

1 After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have finally started loving myself.

2 I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

3 I have stopped bargaining with the vendors at the farmers market. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.

4 I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.

5 I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.

6 I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

7 I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."

8 I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

9 I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.

10 I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.

11 I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.

12 I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.

13 I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.

14 I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

I decided to share this for all of you because you don't have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80. You can practice this at any stage of this precious thing we call life!

Have a great rest of your week and remember to always

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## Blessings and basketball

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

We experienced our first season of organized school basketball with my son this year while he played on his junior high team. My daughter has kept us driving rural roads on Saturdays for elementary recreation league game matchups.

We've experienced many years of Saturday rec league basketball with the kids. We knew going into this season, we'd probably have one or two practices a week, games always on Saturday, parents taking turns providing snacks and drinks after every game and a possible tournament to end the season.

Junior high basketball was a whole new world for our family this year, but one we all truly enjoyed. Aside from a lot of freezing, dark mornings getting my son to town for his 6 a.m. practices five days a week, we saw a lot of community culture and pride while driving down many smalltown Main Streets or while sitting inside a lot of gymnasiums.

We discovered that like our town, sometimes the only place to stop and grab some food after late games was at a gas station. This is, if the town we were in had a gas station.

We also discovered that many of the schools that are part of the league that our school is a member of have a fantastic base of supporters. These supporters show up to the home games and make the trips to the away games as well.

One of the standout supporters for my son's team attended as many home and away games as he could this year. When he was younger, he and his family dedicated their summers to chasing wheat to harvest. Later, he chased his kids and grandkids at many sporting events.

Now that his grandkids have graduated, he dedicates much of his time attending games to watch local kids play. During the home games, I can glance down to the front row of the seatback bleachers and spot him near midcourt. During away games, I can scan the gymnasium to find him sitting courtside either on the front row or at the end of the bench with the boys keeping the books.

He's always there providing words of encouragement, on-point stats for the team and a presence that beams with pride for the kids from his hometown.

His presence isn't just seen or felt at the junior high games either. You'll see him at all the high school games and he will even be in the gym many Saturdays to cheer on our town's kids during the elementary rec league games.

By all accounts, he's their biggest fan, and the kids see him and love him for it.

As a parent, I see him and appreciate the continuous support that he provides, and I love how the kids interact with him and recognize that he comes to see them play for their little town's school.

If you ask me, there's a lot of blessings being part of a small community, and the support that's provided to our kids is one of the greatest.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| **Oakley VFW Auxiliary Stag/Stagette** *January 21, 2026* Menu: Bull Fries, Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll and Dessert. Dine in, Drive thru or Carry out *Serving from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm* | | | 11 | Get On the Bus! Babies & Toddlers Story time 10:00 am 12 | 13 | Happy Valentine's Day 14 |
| 15 | 16 | Preschool Story Time 10:00 am<br>Afterschool Story Time 4:30 pm 17 | Parkinsons of NW Kansas Meeting @ LCHS Comm Rm from 10am-12pm 18 | *Oakley VFW Auxiliary Stag/Stagette* *6:00 pm - 7:30 pm* 19 | 20 | 21 |