



**Times Remembered**  
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## Colton

Will this rain ever stop? The last of Colton's baseball games are over. His last tournament game was supposed to be played Saturday at Gibson Bay but was canceled due to rain. This summer has been filled with baseball and now Colton is getting ready for league football. He moves from one sport to the next, non-stop. He sure has a lot of energy.

His team, the Red Storm Traveling Baseball Team, achieved a successful season this year, winning six tournaments and

runner-up in two tournaments. They played approximately 25-30 games and won four out of six tournaments.

They won the London I-75 Tournament, Cave Run Muskies Tournament, Jackson County Tournament, and the Montgomery County Tournament and was runner-up in the Stanton Tournament and the Lawrenceburg Tournament. They faced strong opponents such as the: Louisville Sting, Louisville Predators, Shelbyville Stix, Elizabethtown Sox, Central Kentucky Sliders and the Richmond Jinx to name a few.

Colton plays third base and first base, and he also pitches. He has a strong arm and his throws are accurate, but his speed needs to be faster; but that comes with age. He struck out over 50 players this season.

Now it is FOOTBALL time. This weekend his mom took him to get new football cleats, football gear; and school clothes. He needed a 7 1/2 size in men's shoes. That child is growing like a weed! He's 9 years old and weighs 106 pounds and is 5'0 tall. He plays Quarterback on

Falcons League Team. It is time for football practice now. He keeps his mom and dad hopping just to get him to all his practices and their practices.

It sure keeps us busy going to all his ball games. As I said, he plays some type of sport year-around. But it's good for him. At least he's not sitting inside on the couch playing video games constantly. Yes, his Mother limits his time playing on the computer, tablet, and X-Box. He doesn't have a phone yet; Mom said no phone till middle school. He begins fourth grade August 8. He's got a couple of years to go before the Smart Phone.

He also excels academically, he had very high scores on his reading and math map testing, and he's been identified for the enrichment program because of his high scores in math and reading. He had all A's for the year. He also received the 3rd Grade Class Citizenship Award that is based on being a great leader; having good manners, being compassionate, and being a good student. I have to say I'm very proud of him!

## The wonder years - "Wonder where my car is parked?"



### America's Heartland

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You've no doubt heard about the older lady who was convinced she had finally entered her wonder years.

"Wonder where my car is parked. Wonder where I left my phone. Wonder where my glasses are. Wonder what day it is."

You know, the Bible says God is forgetful regarding the wrongdoing of believers who have had their sins forgiven.

"I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more" (He-

brews 8:12).

Not only does he forgive and forget, He also cleanses people of their sins. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). And, in Micah 7:19, the Bible says God "will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

That's all possible because of the blood Jesus shed on the cross at Calvary. I love the old hymn of the church that proclaims: "There is a foundation filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains."

I heard a preacher once tell about a man who dropped a mouse into a cage with his pet snake, which was snoozing on a bed of sawdust.

That little mouse knew he was in a terrible fix because that snake could swallow him easily. The mouse, not knowing what else to do, covered the snake with sawdust chips un-

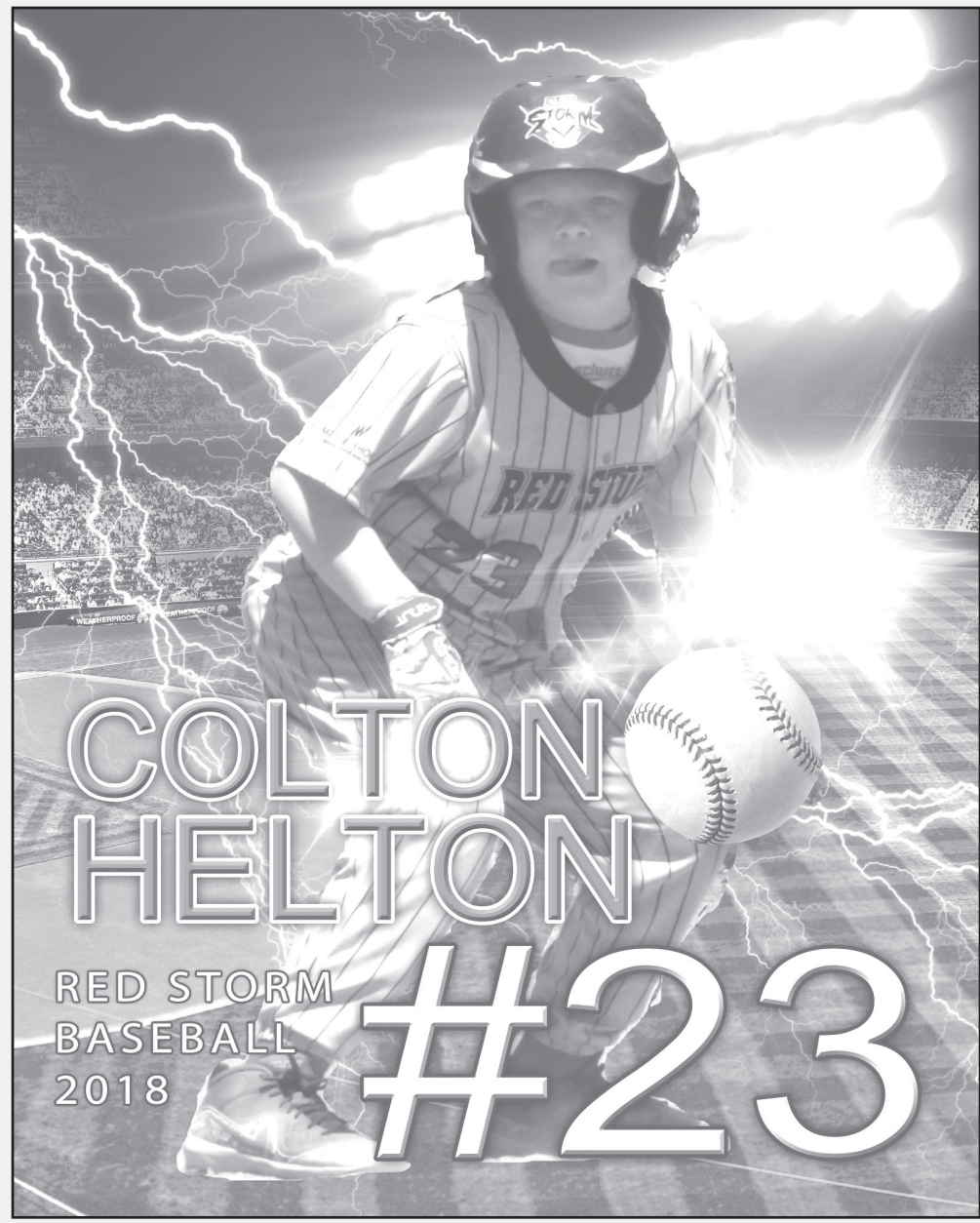
til it was completely out of sight. But that didn't solve the mouse's snake problem.

The point the preacher was making was that ignoring the sin problem isn't the answer either, because sooner or later, it will awaken.

The preacher went on to say the little mouse was saved because the man took pity on it and lifted it out of the snake's cage. That's what Jesus does for us. The psalmist said: "He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock" (Psalm 40:2).

We may have made it into our wonder years, wondering where our car keys are or what we walked into the kitchen for. But we should never forget what Jesus has done for us in showing us mercy and grace in forgiving our sins and forgetting them.

**Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.**



## Bledsoe Receives BS from Western Governors

David Bledsoe of Irvine recently received his Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university held its 64th (Orlando, Florida); 65th

(Seattle, Washington); and 66th (Las Vegas, Nevada) commencement ceremonies earlier this year to celebrate the recent graduation of more than 15,000 students from across the country.

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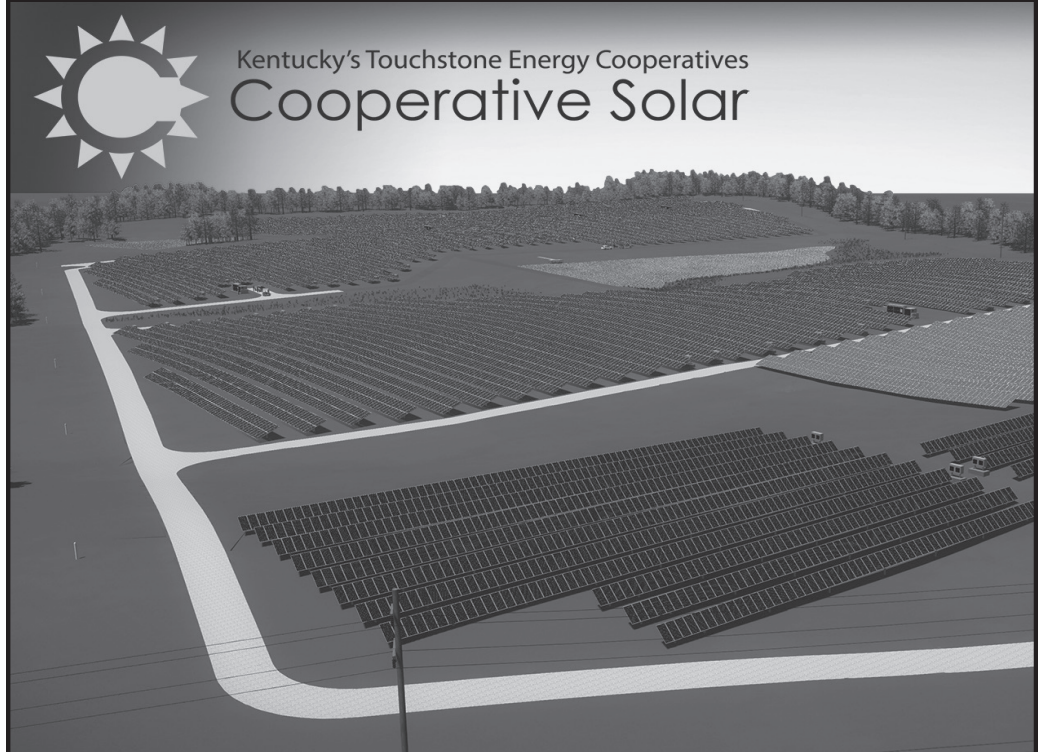
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