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## Campion Pathfinders Gear Up For New Season

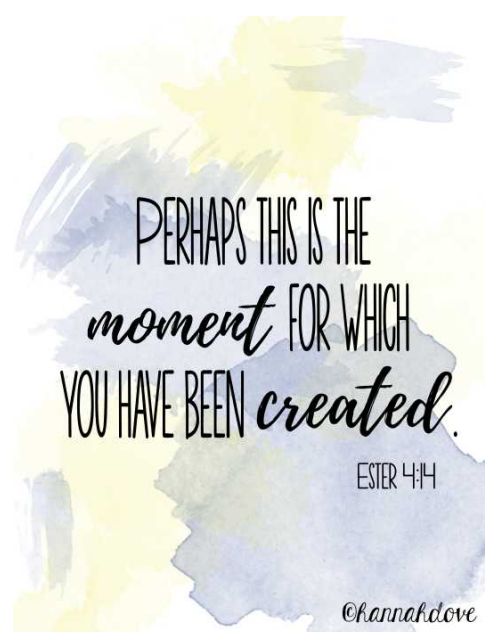
» The 2019 Pathfinder Bible Experience season, a Bible memorization challenge, has begun. Teams of up to six club members study a book of the Bible each year, along with the coordinating Seventh-day Adventist Bible commentary on that book. The book under study this year is Luke. Teams scoring at least 90 percent of the highest score at their testing site receive first place and are invited to go to the next level.



Our PBE season kicked off on January 5 with a friendly practice testing between 13 church elders and our five-member PBE team consisting of Chase, Carissa, and Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Perez, and Amelia Zimmerman. This practice testing was a great way to work out nerves and team dynamics for the season ahead.

On January 12, the Northern Colorado Area team testing took place in Greeley with seven teams. They were presented with 100 questions during a two-hour testing period. The hard work and Spirit-led studying done by our PBE team paid off with a first-place finish. They also achieved first-place in the Rocky Mountain Conference level testing held in Denver on January 26. Now, the Campion team moves on to the Mid-American Union level in Lincoln, Nebraska on February 16.

The Pathfinder Bible Experience is an opportunity for



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young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus as they learn about God's amazing Word. Each member develops strong study habits, improved mental focus, discipline, commitment, and teamwork skills. But the most important part of the experience is growing in their relationship with Jesus.

Please pray for our team and all Pathfinders across the nation who are participating in the Pathfinder Bible Experience. May they not just glean information, but have a revelation of their Friend and Savior, Jesus.-- Phyllis Zimmerman, text and photo

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## **RMC Youth Department Leaders Recruit For Summer Camp »**

Although the Youth Department encountered sub zero temperatures and multiple flight cancellations last week, they set their sights on the warm and sunny months of summer. Beginning at Union College and wrapping up at Southern Adventist University, Kiefer Dooley, Jessyka Dooley, and Brent Learned connected with dozens of incredible applicants for summer camp staff at Glacier View Ranch. Camp staff alumni from each school were invited to dinner to connect and catch up with old and new friends.



We had an incredibly successful trip connecting with returning staff and new applicants. Our list is filling up quickly, but we still have some slots open! If you're interested in being a part of Glacier View Summer Camp staff, fill out an [application](#).

-- Jessyka Dooley, text and photo

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## **Montrose Women Equip Themselves to Fight »**

Sixteen women from the Montrose Church are meeting each Thursday afternoon to study "The Armor of God," a Bible study by best-selling author Priscilla Shiree. Based on Ephesians 6:10-19, the study's seven session video series presents a way for women to equip themselves to fight the havoc the devil can create in their world by preparing a



## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wyoming Taskforce Meeting**

*February 10*

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### **RMC Staff Meeting**

*February 12*

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### **President's Day -- Office Closed**

*January 18*

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### **GVR Board**

*February 19*

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### **RMC Property and Trust**

*February 20*

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### **Executive Committee**

*February 26*

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### **Staff Meeting**

*March 5*

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### **NAD Treasurers Council**

*March 27 - 28*

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### **Town Hall Meeting -- Casper Church**

*March 30*

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### **Town Hall Meeting -- Denver South Church**

*March 31*

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### **Wyoming Taskforce Meeting**

*March 31*

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### **Staff Meeting**

*April 2*

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### **RMC Women's Retreat Wyoming**

*April 6-7*

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### **Town Hall Meeting -- Grand Junction**



strategy to fight the adversary head on. They plan to be prepared before they are attacked.



"This series is being well received by the women at the Montrose Church," comments Judy Kelley." Study leader Pam Dupper says the women are getting a lot out of the study and are really enjoying it.

-- RMCNews with Zane Berry; photo by Zane Berry

### **Former Member Takes Part in Baptism of Four**

» Olathe Church was blessed to witness a baptism of four believers, February 2. Among them was Karina. A former member of the Grand Junction church, she left to join a different congregation. She had been a leader of the church and a faithful missionary, bringing souls to Christ. She ran a home church in her own home where several people attended each week, including relatives.



One day, someone visited her house, bringing a different gospel that confused her and finally led her away from our church, Pastor Ruben Balaguer explained.

Her family, several members of the church and Pastor Balaguer encouraged her on many occasions to help her return to the church. Initially, she did not react positively and would avoid her former church members. Many prayers ascended to God on her behalf.

In her testimony before her baptism, she said: "I do not understand how I could have gotten away ... but I am really happy to be back with my brothers and sisters who did so

*April 6*

### **Town Hall Meeting -- Pinon Hills Church**

*April 7*

### **Executive Committee**

*April 9*

### **Town Hall Meeting -- Campion Church**

*April 13*

### **Town Hall Meeting -- Colorado Spr Central Church**

*April 14*

### **GVR Board**

*April 16*

### **MAUC Presidents Council Board**

*April 17-18*

### **Property & Trust Committee**

*April 17*

### **NAD Human Resource and Secretariat Conference**

*April 21-23*

### **Native American Camp Meeting**

*April 27-28*

### **RMC Women's Retreat -- GVR**

*April 26-28*



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much for me." Two of her children, Debany and Jesus, were baptized along with her.

In the baptismal tank Pastor Balaguer invited Karina to pray with him for those who were invited to come forward, responding to a call to accept Jesus. Soon she will reopen her home church, and is already engaged in two Bible studies.

-- Ruben Balaguer; photo supplied

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## **Spiritual Leaders Hold Round-Table Discussion at MHA »**

Chapel day at Mile High Academy usually means there is a guest speaker on campus. On this day, they are privileged to have Pastor Nash from LifeSource Adventist Fellowship leading the chapel. This means that four ministry leaders are roaming the halls.



After chapel Agape Hammond, director of marketing, gathers them for an impromptu discussion. Seated are Andy Nash, pastor of LifeSource Fellowship; Mikey Archibeque, associate pastor at Denver South Church; Tony Parrish, pastoral assistant from Littleton Church; and MHA teacher and chaplain, Mrs. Rebecca Berg.

The question presented is, "Why do ministry leaders from all over the Denver area take time to visit the MHA campus? What benefits do they see in partnering churches, community, and schools?"

Mrs. Berg: "The kids see the churches that support our school. They recognize the pastors that come onto campus and they start calling them by name. This is huge for our youth. It personalizes the message."

Mr. Parrish: "Ministry is all about relationship. Pastors need to know the names of the kids before we teach them anything else."

Pastor Mikey: "Being with people, sitting down with them, talking with them, eating with them--this is ministry." Pastor Mikey is often seen in the Upper School commons sitting at a table with a group of kids. He's not preaching; he's being.

Pastor Nash: "Kids need loving adults in their lives besides

expressing our church

life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org) so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. **Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.**

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their parents who will show them Christ. Teachers, chaplains, members of the church, yes, even pastors, that's the family they need surrounding them." He adds, "Youth don't leave because their parents didn't tell them about Jesus. They leave because no other adults around them showed them Jesus."

RMCNews with Agape Hammond; photo by Agape Hammond

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## **Preparations Started for Journey to the Cross and Beyond**

» Though Easter is still months ahead, the Champion Church and its community is getting ready with preparations for an April 20 event. This Easter will mark the fifth year the Champion Church, with assistance from other congregations, will host the Journey to the Cross and Beyond. "It is a major outreach for the community," commented Dick Stenbakken, originator of the concept.

This year the Journey to the Cross and Beyond will take place on Sabbath afternoon April 20 from 2 - 6. Put it on your schedule. Invite others. Join in the event and help our congregation reach out to our community with the greatest news: Jesus has risen from the grave, and He is coming back again. That is Good News!



Every year there are changes in the event to keep things fresh and new. The three major elements of the event are: the program held in the church, interactions in the village held in the gym, and the drama on the main gym stage. Tours will leave the church every hour, on the hour. We are hoping to make the last tour of the day in Spanish, but need help for this as well. We will also be inviting guests to bring non-perishable food for the House of Neighborly Service, Loveland's community services agency.

"It is a perfect opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and fellow-workers," said Pastor Goetz. Because people are thinking of Easter and the events around it, Journey to the Cross and Beyond offers a unique and non-threatening opportunity to invite guests and draw in the community. And



it is fun besides."

"We need help, lots of it!" said Stenbakken. "There are places in the village for people to have shops; we need guides to get groups from point to point; we need people willing to be on stage for the drama; and we need folks with trucks to help with set-up and take-down." If you can help in any way, call Dick at 970-667-0866, or send an email to: [dickardis@comcast.net](mailto:dickardis@comcast.net)

Booth spaces and costumes are provided. What is needed most is participation. "Dollar for dollar, it's the most effective outreach we have," says Phil Jones, Campion member, who has been deeply involved with Journey to the Cross and Beyond.

Start thinking about whom you can invite and how you can be involved. "There is no other event that we do, outside of our worship services, that involves more church members and Academy students working together as does this event," commented Pastor Goetz.

— Ardis Stenbakken; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski

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## IN MEMORIAM

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John Thurber, father of former Rocky Mountain Conference president Gary Thurber, died on Sunday, February 3 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Thurber's life also connects with RMC through the Voice of Prophecy, (now located in Loveland, Colorado) where he sang with the King's Heralds quartet from 1961 to 1967.

John W. Thurber, best known as second tenor of the King's Heralds quartet with the Voice of Prophecy from 1961–1967, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2019, in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the age of 87.



John was also widely known for his ground-breaking youth work during the years he served as a teacher, pastor, conference and union youth director, family life educator, and conference president.

John was preceded in death by his daughter Sherry (Thurber) Juhasz. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patsy (Fogg); sons Mic and Gary Thurber; their spouses Jana and Diane; son-in-law Gary Juhasz; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of John's life and ministry will take place at

the College View Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 2, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorial gifts to the Voice of Prophecy, a ministry that was dear to John's heart. Cards of condolence may be mailed to The Thurber Family, c/o the Mid-America Union Conference, P.O. Box 6128, Lincoln, NE, 68506.

-- RMCNews

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## UPCOMING ORDINATIONS/COMMISSIONING

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Don Reeder	February 23	Campion Church
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Daniel Birai	March 23	Fort Collins

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## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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Casper Church	Sabbath, March 30
Denver South Church	Sunday, March 31 (new)

Grand Junction Church	Sabbath, April 6
Pinon Hills Church	Sunday, April 7

Campion Church	Sabbath, April 13 (new)
Colorado Springs Central Church	Sunday, April 14

**All Town Hall meetings begin at 6 p.m.**

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## CAMP MEETINGS

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**Native American** -- La Vida Mission, April 26-28, Speaker: Ed Barnett

**NE Colorado** -- June 7-8, Speaker: Dan Jackson

**Cowboy** -- Location TBA, July 10-14, Speaker: Ed Barnett

**Wyoming** -- Casper, July 16-20; Speakers: Ron Halvorsen Jr. (adults); Joe Martin (youth).

**Western Slope** -- Montrose -- July 31-August 4, Speaker: Pastor Rodney Palmer, undergrad teacher at Andrews University

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Franktown Church** » John Bradshaw, host of It Is Written, will present Revelation Today at the Franktown Church beginning at 7 p.m., **February 15**. Find biblical answers to life's most perplexing questions each night, including "Can God be Trusted?," "Seeing the Signs," and "Hope for a Planet in Crisis." Everyone is welcome, admission is free, and childcare is provided for ages 2-8. The church is located at 905 CO-83, Franktown

**Denver South Church »** "Fully Alive: A Practical Approach with Jesus as the Catalyst" is coming to Denver South Church starting **February 15** with Daniel and Patsy Towar, RN, BSN. Dan is a retired evangelist and pastor and loves sharing the Good News with his audiences. Patsy will present practical health nuggets each evening. Enjoy inspiring music with every presentation from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.. The schedule follows:

Friday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. - "Who You? Never Called to Rule"

Saturday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m. - "Why Testing? Always a Test" *\*luncheon to follow*

Saturday, Feb. 16, 3 p.m. - "99% Good Enough?"

Sunday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m. - "Set Your Mind"

Monday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. - "Victory Minute by Minute"

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. - "The Upward Gaze"

Friday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. - "Addicted to the Wrong Movie"

Saturday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m. - "Battle Ready"

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**Children's Ministries Training »** Children's Ministries training and certification, offered in English and Spanish, will take place **March 15-16** at Westminster Hispanic Church. Friday's meeting runs from 7 - 8:45 p.m.; Saturday's training runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Norma Rocio Rojas is the guest speaker for the English class. Ana Maria Benzaquen is the guest speaker for the Spanish class. Both are official trainers from the North American Division of Children's Ministries. Register at <https://www.rmcsda.org/childrens-ministries>. Registration deadline is March 4.

For more information, email Patty Rivera at [patty@rmcsda.org](mailto:patty@rmcsda.org).

The church is located at 7979 Meade Street, Westminster CO 80030.

**Vacation Bible School Training »** A free VBS training will take place on **March 16** at Westminster Hispanic Church from 5-6:30 p.m. *Jamit Kingdom* will give kids the opportunity to have fun exploring an African savanna while making friends and learning how we are all part of God's big family. Register by visiting <https://www.rmcsda.org/childrens-ministries>. Westminster Hispanic Church is located at 7979 Meade Street, Westminster 80030.

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**Dwayne Lemon to Preach in Area Churches »**

Dwayne Lemon, director of Bible-based ministry, Preaching, Teaching, and Healing, will speak at three churches in



Denver February 22 and 23. Helping people have a real, dynamic, and fully-consecrated life in Jesus is his greatest desire..

**Denver West Church:** 7 p.m., Friday, February 22. The church is located at 290 S. Quitman Street, Denver.

**Golden Church:** 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sabbath, February 23. Fellowship meal to follow. The church is located at 3101 S Golden Road, Golden.

**Lakewood Fellowship Church:** 4 p.m. Sabbath, February 23. Sale items available after sundown. The church is located at 8001 W. 23rd Avenue, Lakewood.

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**Discovery Mountain** is back with an all-new season called "Seeds of Change." It's election time in Discovery Mountain and a familiar face (and favorite character) is back!

This season highlights the Parable of the Sower from Luke, Chapter 8. For Pathfinders who are busy memorizing the book of Luke for Pathfinder Bible Experience, these episodes will be an engaging way to learn more about this beloved story—but you don't have to be a Pathfinder to enjoy it! Download free *Discovery Mountain* episodes from your favorite podcast platform or listen on [discoverymountain.com](http://discoverymountain.com).

And keep out for the debut *Discovery Mountain* Vacation Bible School, called *Rescued: Safe in Jesus*, coming in February! Get a sneak peek at [discoverymountainvbs.com](http://discoverymountainvbs.com).

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**AdventHealth University »** The Denver site of AdventHealth University seeks a Nursing faculty member to teach full-time. Qualified person with an MSN, DNP/PhD in Nursing preferred. Simulation experience and Med/Surg practice background preferred. To apply, visit [www.adventhealthcareersgreaterorlando.com](http://www.adventhealthcareersgreaterorlando.com) and search for Job #274310. This position is located in Denver adjacent to Porter Adventist Hospital.

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**Mile High Academy »** Immediate openings are available for substitute teachers for all grade levels at Mile High Academy. Applicants should have experience working with children and be able to maintain a positive classroom environment while carrying out the teacher's lesson plans in classrooms as assigned. High school diploma required. Bachelors or some college preferred. Days/hours are on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact Brenda Rodie at 303-744-1069. For an application,

send an email request to [HR@rmcsda.org](mailto:HR@rmcsda.org).

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**HMS Richards Elementary »** Part-time preschool teacher needed at HMS. We are growing and looking for an enthusiastic teacher to lead our preschool program. Must be ECE teacher certified. Do not need to be director certified. Please contact Davin Hammond or Kari Lange for more information @ [\(970\) 667-2427](tel:(970)667-2427).

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**ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School China Campus »** Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - **ESL Teacher Needed**

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at [tvunileva@milehighacademy.org](mailto:tvunileva@milehighacademy.org) for questions or to submit your resume.

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## **FROM THE EDITOR**

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**We want to share your news --** Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday. Please send all your submissions to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an

efficient and effective way.

**NOTE:** Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines, see:<http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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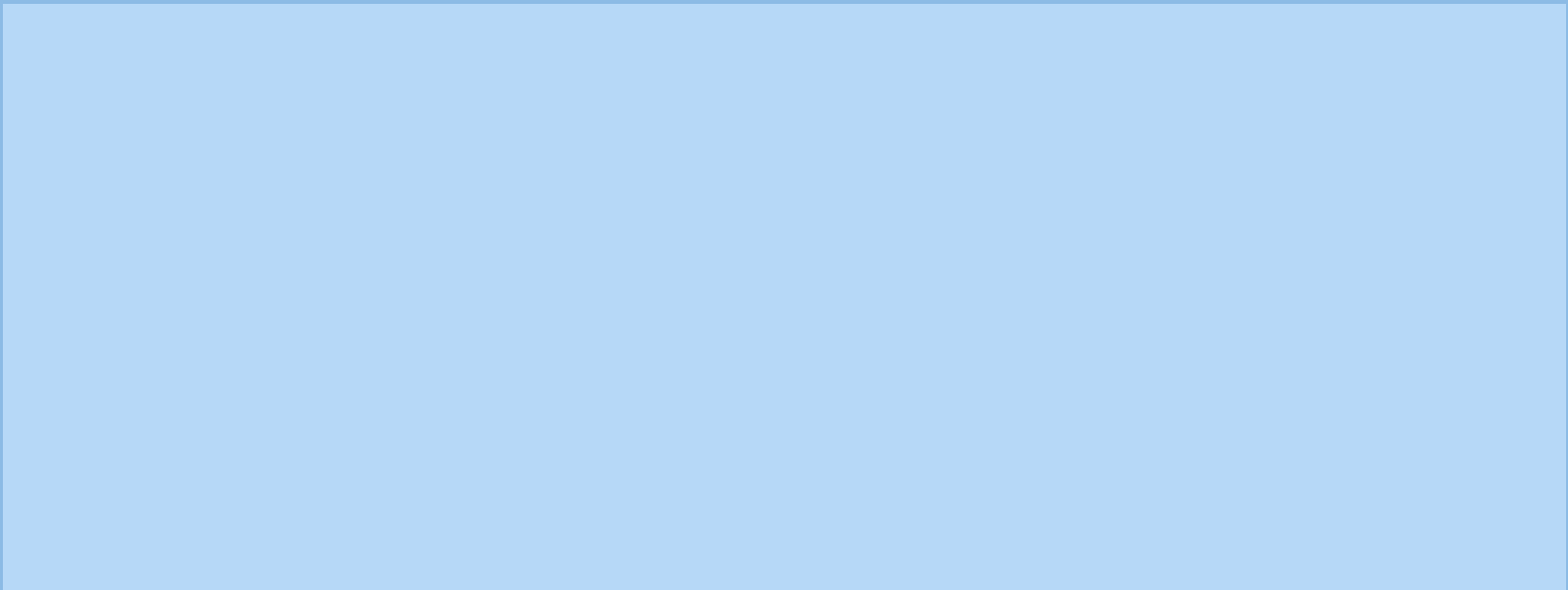
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