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# December



**December Birthdays**  
12 – 25 Carol Ferris



**TMRC Daylight**  
**Chapter #1145**  
Next Stated meeting  
- January 23rd at  
1:30 pm

**December:**

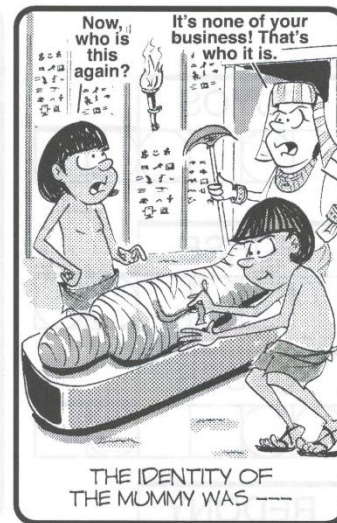
**Flower:** Narcissus/Paperwhite  
**Birthstone:** Turquoise  
**Zodiac Signs:** Sagittarius (Archer):  
November 22–December 21  
Capricorn (Goat): December 22–  
January 19

Grab a pencil and piece of paper. How many words can you make using the letters in "Pony Express" We found 43!



Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CEYDA  
LEPSL  
TRRIWE  
GNURHY



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here

**The Pony Express** operated from April 3, 1860 to October 26, 1861. The 2,000 mile long system had 190 'relay stations' where fresh horses, food and often different riders would take over the next leg. It ran through all sorts of weather – snow, wind, cold, hot and cut 10 days off the time to get mail to CA and back. Before THE Pony Express, mail went by sailing ship around the tip of South America - months. Or went to Panama where it was transported across the isthmus to the opposite side and then by ship to CA. Pony Express riders changed horses every 10-15 miles and each would ride 75 to 100 miles a day. The mail bag carried 10-15 lbs of mail. The system was reliable with loss of only one bag in the entire time that it operated. During its operating time, the system made 308 runs to CA. It delivered 34,753 letters.

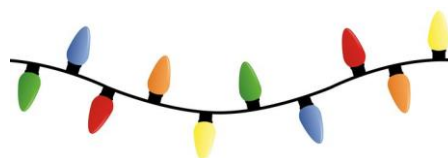


From MO, the system went across , KS, following the Oregon trail for quite a while, then diverging and going through Utand NV to reach CA. The Pony Express was not a financial success and went bankrupt in 1861. The completion of the transcontinental telegraph line in October 1861, and soon the transcontinental railroad, plus the Civil War, was the end of the Pony Express. (...cont'd pg 2)

## PONY EXPRESS

J F E R U L U D R O U T E N G  
U J I U A U R O K Q M A E F A  
T Y R S W O L L T C U W I O L  
E S I H C T D A O R S Q A N L  
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RUSHED  
RECORD  
GALLOP  
WEST  
NEWS  
RIDER  
TRAIL  
FAST



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The company lost \$10 on each delivered letter. However, it became an icon of the American West and was romanticized heavily. It also served to keep California connected to the rest of the country, and kept it on the Union side which was significant.

A competing system, the Butterfield Stagecoach system, also operated at this time. It took a southerly route. It too went bankrupt and as it's route crossed Confederate territory, it was shut down by the Union government at the start of the Civil War. The government tried to combine both systems, but that didn't work out. The railroads quickly expanded routes all over the west, ending all of that. What wasn't connected were served by many private stage coach systems which connected with railroad points to other destinations.

There were movies – Pony Express (1953) and TV shows.

Pony Express is an American western television series about the adventures of an agent.

In the 1860s of the Central Overland Express Company, better known as the Pony Express. The half-hour program starring Grant Sullivan and Don Dorrell was created by California National Productions. Pony Express ran for thirty-five episodes in syndication from the fall of October 1959 until May 1960. I've never seen a TV re-run of this show.

You can watch a few TV episodes on YouTube

at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUvK3xgmyyM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P1lhG6YwBg>

Beginning at St. Joseph, Missouri, the approximately 1,900-mile-long (3,100 km) route roughly followed the Oregon and California Trails to Fort Bridger in Wyoming, and then the Mormon Trail to Salt Lake City, Utah. From there, it followed the Central Nevada Route to Carson City, Nevada Territory, before passing over the Sierra and reaching to Sacramento, California. From there mail was transferred to boats to go downriver to San Francisco.



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### Merry Christmas to all!

**Christmas** is an annual holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25th as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.

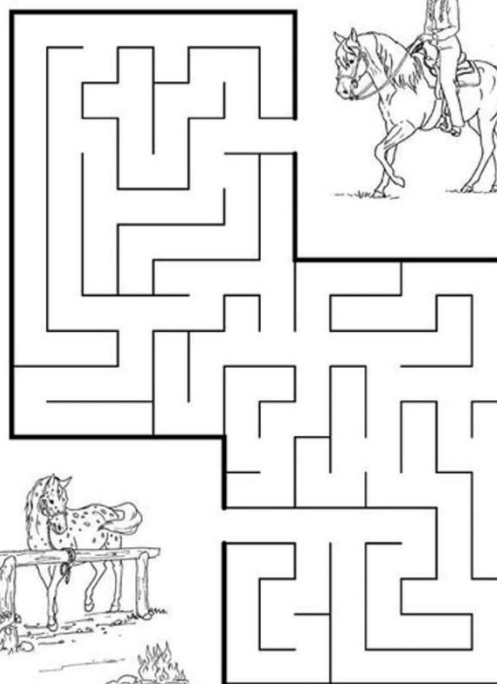
Happy Hanukkah



### Happy Hanukkah!

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE

Help the rider get back to camp



**Jumble answers: DECAY, SPELL, WRITER, HUNGRY**  
UNDER WRAPS

