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Pony Express Re-Ride Begins Monday

(KMZA)--The 155th Anniversary of the Pony Express will be celebrated by a re-run of the famed mail service, beginning Monday through June 25th. The National Pony Express Association will conduct the Ride for the 36th consecutive year.

More than 600 riders and horses will carry personal mail and commemorative letters by relay over the original more than 19-hundred mile trail through 8 states.

The first rider will depart from the Patee House, in St. Joseph, at 10 Monday morning, and the last rider will ride into Pony Express Plaza, in Old Sacramento, California at 11:30 the morning of June 25th.

The riders will make stops Monday in Horton and Seneca, and the following morning in Marysville.

The Central Overland California and Pikes Peak Express Company carried letters and telegrams over the Central Route from April 1860 to November 1861. It was a short-lived mail service, but it proved the route passable year-round.

In 1992, Congress added the trail to the National Trails System as a Historic Trail, administered by the National Park Service.

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