



# WHAT'S THE HOLDUP?

# SOLUTION

## PUZZLE 1

It was a typical, bustling morning in Tenderfoot Falls when you heard the news: the town bank had just been robbed. A gang of masked bandits had jumped Mr. Westfield as he arrived to open the bank and forced him to let them into the vault. They shot the lock off a chest marked with the Sutton family brand and were searching it when customers arrived and scared them off. According to Mr. Westfield, the bandits took some papers from the Sutton family chest, but nothing else appears to be missing.

Only two of the bandits spoke, and Mr. Westfield didn't recognize them, but he is sure that the third accomplice was the sheriff's daughter, Adeline. Sheriff Garrett Sutton is, strangely, nowhere to be found, so it's up to you and your band of deputies to track down the robbers and bring them to justice, sheriff's daughter or not.

In their rush to get away, it seems the bandits left their saddle bags. The contents, along with information on known outlaws in the area, may help you determine the identity of the owners and what they were searching for.

If you can find where the robbers have been, perhaps you can figure out where else they should have looked.

*In your packet, you'll find either a Wanted poster or information on saddle bag contents. You'll need to find a match between a Wanted poster and items recovered by pairing up with another team. Each team will also find a coin in their envelope, another item found at the crime scene.*

*Once you have paired up a Wanted poster with a set of items, use those and the coin to solve this puzzle.*

Match wanted poster info with saddle bag contents:

- Boarding receipt includes horse color, shows a brand indicating the ranch it was stolen from.
- Jewelry matches part of the picture (cameo, bolo tie).

Twelve city names can be found in the letter grid in the saddle bag. They are listed:

- One from the coin (Riverside).
- Two from the saddle bag (stables, coach ticket).
- Nine from the wanted poster (including the robbery and "last seen" locations).

The unused letters in the grid, read left to right, top to bottom, reveal the answer:

**FALSE BOTTOM**