

The 2013 Oktoberfest Medallion Hunt Clues and Their Meanings

<p>Clue #1 – Monday, Sept. 16 — Leaves of green turning to a yellow and orange hue, The breezes of summer begin taking their northern cue; Celebrating Generations is this year's Oktoberfest theme, Head out for the hunt early so you're not swimming upstream.</p>	<p>The hunt has officially begun. An area known for trees and where there's always a breeze will lead you to the site. Also, images of swimming and the river will help in the pursuit.</p>
<p>Clue #2 — Tuesday, Sept. 17 The big winds won't blow here, they say, Let's hope the rivers won't lead you astray; The Mississippi, Black and La Crosse easily in view, Read carefully so you drift less as you pursue.</p>	<p>Again, the wind is a key to the site, as is the Driftless area. The three major rivers in La Crosse — where legend has it no big winds should blow — are visible from the area of the site.</p>
<p>Clue #3 — Wednesday, Sept. 18 Look attentively and you're apt to see an old, decrepit path, Despite its importance little remains in the aftermath; A swingless thruway became the modern-day route, Decades later gained another just to help out.</p>	<p>A view of the area where the old swing Bridge that connected Pettibone Park and the city shoreline is helpful in the search. Both the Cass Street bridge and the new bridge over the Mississippi River, built decades later, are prominent as you look from the site.</p>
<p>Clue #4 — Thursday, Sept. 19 His vision during four-plus decades on the city board, helped plow through and bridge traffic away and toward; Today, part of the "reserve" does much the same, A rolling view that welcomes travelers and bears his name.</p>	<p>City Council member William P. Roellig, who founded the La Crosse Plow Co., was a key player in getting a new bridge built across the Mississippi River. A small, triangular park at Hwy 16 and La Crosse Street, an entrance to Hixon Forest reserve was named for him. These "visions" can be seen from the site, along with a "rolling view."</p>
<p>Clue #5 — Friday, Sept. 20 He oversaw the platting of an addition totaling one-four-oh, The foundations of his homes came from the limestone chateau; Looking north, neglected land became a final resting place of honor, A lasting tribute to friends, military heroes and neighbors of yore.</p>	<p>William M. Crowley platted a 140-lot expansion of the city, adjacent to Roellig Park. Also nearby is Oak Grove Cemetery. The areas are overseen from the site of the medallion's location. Reference to the limestone chateau points to Grandad Bluff.</p>
<p>Clue #6 — Saturday, Sept. 21 Along with pioneers like Gund, Easton and Colman, The great preservation of city green began; A native of the Green Mountain State, Settled in La Crosse and became great.</p>	<p>Gideon Hixon, among the city's four founding park board members, and his wife, Ellen, were key players in the area of the medallion's location.</p>
<p>Clue #7 — Sunday, Sept. 22 Every town has one it was thought, So, a name change in the '20s was sought; Honoring the first mayor or a prominent pioneer was an idea, Keeping it main-stream ended the panacea.</p>	<p>Discussion of changing the name of Main Street happened in the 1920s. Some options were Stoddard Avenue and Hixon Avenue. Main Street is a key in getting to the medallion location, along with being in view from the site.</p>
<p>Clue #8 — Monday, Sept. 23 Built by a family as more than just a path, It gave them an uphill edge in the aftermath; During the next century it suffered numerous washouts, Eventually became a scenic byway after various political fallouts.</p>	<p>The Bliss Family built the first road up Grandad Bluff, allowing them and others access to the area. Over the years, local municipalities have fought over who should pay for the cost of maintaining the road. The road has been plagued by washouts and erosion, and was recently named a state Scenic Byway to receive maintenance funding.</p>
<p>Clue #9 — Tuesday, Sept. 24 Nearly turned into a pile of rocks and a dusty blur, For more than a century now an official city moniker; Some called it a hill or even a mountain — but to most it's a bluff, The area is now a \$1.4 million diamond in the rough.</p>	<p>Grandad Bluff nearly became another quarry until the Hixon family took ownership of the area with support from others and eventually donated it to the city. The park recently had a \$1.4 million renovation.</p>
<p>Clue #10 — Wednesday, Sept. 25 Don't be early or late for Canadian wild rye and other native plant, Room for rest, relief and refreshment — but not to camp; With all the clues the site should be coming into full view, Between rock and other hard limestone you'll find your due.</p>	<p>The clues detailing many highlights from views from Grandad Bluff should lead you to the main park area with the posted times of 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m. You'll find the medallion in limestone rocks in the new wall area next to the restroom area with bubbler, amid the native plants.</p>