

2005 Medallion Hunt

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Kenny Wiens of Halstead called the Medallion number Monday, August 01, 2005 at 10:30am to report that he found the medallion in Scout Park.

1. Where's the medallion? You don't have a clue.
That's why I'm going to give them to you.
Listen close to this adventurous tale
Follow the clues to reveal the right trail.
Historically marked is the course that I plot
Remember on private land it is not.
No digging or climbing, no broken laws must I see
Or mine the treasure will continue to be.

*This clue mainly gives the rules for the hunt. It loosely refers to a trail. There is a walking trail by Riverside Park, a fitness trail in Scout Park, and if you ever look at the historical markers around town, they make a trail from Riverside Park down Main Street then over to Scout Park.

2. Picnic inspired me, yes this is true.
But that would have been too obvious a clue.
Historically laid out the trail I do see.
Follow the clues, to the treasure you'll be.
Walk over where Ralph Company in '67 did toil
Past Sweezy's first where today you find oil.
On by 93's floods "Neighbor helping Neighbor" is proclaimed
On to where a Protector is named.
Here is a memory surrounded by stone
Keep moving don't park or the path will be blown.

*The medallion is not in Riverside Park. Walk over the main street bridge which was built in 1967 by the Russel Ralph Company. Continue on to 2nd & Main which was the site of the first public building in Halstead. GW Sweezy erected a 2 story frame building in 1873 that was used as a commercial hotel known as the Sweezy House. It was torn down in 1932 and today Conoco One Stop sits on the site. Continue on to the library where a marker pays tribute to all the volunteers who helped in the 1993 floods. At 4th & Poplar is a small sitting area where there is a large sculpture called "The Protector". Keep moving don't park means that the medallion is not here either.

3. Private land is protected
Public land you must tread.
Do this and Paco will give you a nod.
Somewhere in Halstead the treasure does sit
Let the Spirit guide you to look for it.

A plague in the Bible
A cattleman's trail
The path to the treasure
Soon will unveil.

If the place your searching for
Still eludes thee
A gift from Town Company
Now I can see.

*Paco was the nickname of Bernard Frazier, the sculptor of The Protector. The sculpture has an arm pointing in the direction of Scout Park. The treasure sitting refers to a bench. The second half of this clue gives the streets that border Scout Park on the West and East sides. Locust and Sante Fe. Scout Park was originally owned by the Halstead Town Company and was officially designated a city park in 1891.

4. Pioneers cabins gave shelter to scouts
Close to the structure that history touts
Longstanding tradition and character's bred
The treasure lies close, though not over head.

From where I spy much can I see
A Valley of Hope is East of me
A jungle safari out to the West
This is the seat that I like the best.

Five act as one lighting your way
Look under the bench to make your day!

*The first part of this clue refers to Scout Cabin built for scout groups in 1941 by the Lion's with support of Dr. Hertzler. The treasure is not up high. The second part of this clue refers to a bench facing South near the Scout Cabin. If you sit on it and look to your left you can see Valley Hope. If you look to the right you see the public bathrooms with the jungle safari mural painted on it's side. Near this bench is also a lamp post with five globes. Look under the bench and the medallion is taped to the seat.