

# Just the Facts

WYNN HOSPITAL

Each week, "Just the Facts" provides information about a key aspect of the Wynn Hospital being built by Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS). It is designed to keep our medical staff, employees and volunteers updated and to share with family, friends and neighbors so we keep our community informed about how we're transforming healthcare in our region.



## TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022:

### ***Has MVHS found anything interesting during the archeological digs/studies being done as part of site preparation for the Wynn Hospital project?***

Yes! Recently, the Commonwealth Heritage Group found a 1816-1835 Liberty Head Large Cent while working at 442 Lafayette Street.

As part of acquiring properties for the Wynn Hospital project, MVHS is working closely with New York's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to conduct archaeological digs prior to construction. The Commonwealth Heritage Group was hired through our civil engineer, Ramboll, to conduct the required archeological digs.

The 1816 Liberty Head Large Cent is an important coin in the eyes of many collectors primarily because it is the first edition of a new coin design. On the obverse side of the Liberty Head Large Cent, there is a leftward facing image of Lady Liberty in the center. Inscribed in a band upon her head is the word "Liberty," while the 1816 year of minting is listed toward the bottom of the coin. Finally, around the outer edge of the obverse there are 13 stars representing the 13 original colonies. On the reverse side of the coin, the one cent face value is inscribed in the center. Surrounding the inscription is a very detailed, regal wreath that is continuous and unbroken. Arching around most of the outer edges of the reverse is a phrase which reads "United States of America."

Although this coin is rare, the value of it is determined by its grading. Because there are so many counterfeit coins out there, it is necessary now that collectors only purchase those coins that have been officially graded and certified as being authentic. The grading scale starts at "Good" which is the grade given to coins that have been extremely heavily circulated and damaged. These are only valued at around \$35. At the top of the grading is "Uncirculated" which is mint condition and never made it out into the open market. These can value up to \$750.

