



## Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- **Changes to Indiana Code (IC) 14-21-1-** As was stated in a previous *Archaeology News*, changes were recently made by the Indiana General Assembly to IC 14-21-1 in House Enrolled Act 1129. To read about these amendments, signed into law by the Governor on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, go to <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/HE/HE1129.1.html>. These amendments take effect July 1, 2008.



A number of the changes directly affect those who conduct archaeological investigations in Indiana. The following provides some brief summary information:

- For qualified professional archaeologists, Phase 1a archaeological surveys on private property will not need to be conducted under an approved plan from our office. However, relevant reporting requirements, such as submitting an archaeological report and site forms, still apply. Conducting a field investigation or altering historic property within the boundaries of property owned or leased by the state still, under IC 14-21-1-16, requires an approved plan from our office.
- The definition of “artifact” has been expanded to protect artifacts and features formed before Dec. 31, 1870 rather than Dec. 11, 1816. This will greatly increase the number and types of archaeological resources that will be protected. The changes will affect professional and avocational archaeologists, hobbyists, as well as private landowners, who encounter artifacts.
- The division is authorized to create an archaeological preservation trust fund to assist private homeowners who have accidentally discovered an archaeological or burial site who need assistance to comply with an approved plan to excavate or secure the site from further disturbance.
- Other amendments, regarding confidentiality of archaeological records, selected cemetery issues, and more, have also been made.

We now have a draft temporary rule to interpret the changes made in the bill. The draft is under staff review and review by our attorneys. As soon as that review is completed, we will send out

the final draft to the Indiana Archaeology Council and other interested parties for a 30 day period and ask for comments. Final adjustments will then be made, and our agency head will issue the temporary rule for a year. If you have any questions regarding these amendments to the statute, do not hesitate to contact our archaeologists.

- **Archaeology Month Preparations-** Look for more information coming soon regarding this year's "theme," the designs for shirts and posters, and more. Also, we will shortly begin the process of finalizing this year's Calendar of Events. If you have not done so already, please contact Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator (ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov), if you or your organization is interested in hosting an event. She will be pleased to send you the event host confirmation form to complete and submit to our office. We are looking forward to a month of exciting and interesting archaeology events!



Some commemorative shirts from past Indiana archaeology celebrations.

- **Event in Zionsville-** On July 8th, Cathy Carson, Records Check Coordinator, will represent the DHPA at "Digging the Past," a program on archaeology and geology at the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library, Zionsville. From 11am- 1pm, Cathy will be available to answer questions about archaeology and geology in our state, including artifacts, rocks, and fossils. For further information, contact Marilyn Martin at 873-3149, ext. 12452.
- **Vigo County Public Library Presentation-** Cathy Draeger, DHPA archaeologist, presented Indiana's prehistory on June 10th at the North and South branches of the Vigo County Public Library in Terre Haute. This event is part of their youth program and geared for grades second through fifth. Individuals of all ages asked a lot of questions and enjoyed looking at the display of artifacts, examples of diet, and archaeologists' tools.
- **National Highway Institute (NHI) course-** Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, and Amy Johnson, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, will be attending the NHI course titled "Beyond Compliance: Historic Preservation in Transportation Project Development," July 30-August 1<sup>st</sup>. The NHI is a part of the Office of Professional and Corporate Development (OPCD) within the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This course, held in Indianapolis, will have a target audience of those involved in or affected by the Federal-Aid Highway Program, including staff of State DOTs, tribal governments, consultants, SHPO staff and others involved with transportation issues.
- **DHPA Website-** Many of you may have noticed that the look of our webpage has changed. The websites of all DNR divisions are being



reconfigured to have a uniform appearance. As a result, the information on the DHPA page may not currently be up-to-date. If you are looking for specific archaeological resources and have difficulty locating them on the webpage, do not hesitate to contact Amy Johnson, [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov), directly.

- **HPF Archaeology Grant Site Visit**- On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Amy Johnson, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, paid a site visit to the work being conducted by the Archaeological Resources Management Service (Ball State Univ.) at site 12H987 in Hamilton County. This archaeological excavation work is being conducted as part of the Historic Preservation Fund grant project which the University received, and the site is providing important information regarding prehistoric settlement in the area.



Principal Investigator Beth McCord, left, and excavation participants at the screen.

- **Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Project**- After years of research and collaboration, the “Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States” was completed and recently presented by the National Park Service to Congress. Staff members from the DHPA were part of the collaborative efforts that took place around the nation. Several of the sites we investigated for the NPS are now even discussed on the American Battlefield Protection Program’s website at [http://www.nps.gov/pub\\_aff/rev1812/preserve.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/rev1812/preserve.htm). Our staff were pleased to participate and to contribute to such an important project. For additional information, go to <http://home.nps.gov/applications/release/Detail.cfm?ID=799>.



Amy Johnson recording a site that was part of the Rev. War/War of 1812 study in Indiana.

This information is distributed via email by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). This is meant to provide information on current archaeological topics and issues in which the DHPA is involved. An archive of past *Archaeology News* issues is available at

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeonwsltr.html> . If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
[www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archemonth.html](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archemonth.html)

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- Reviews, evaluates and comments upon projects that may affect archaeological resources
- Maintains standards and guidelines for archaeology in Indiana and provides technical assistance
- Promotes public education about the science through publications, training and presentations
- Offers grant funds for archaeological projects
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