- **Happy 2012**- The DHPA staff members wish all of the readers of *Archaeology News* a happy, healthy, and positive New Year. May it be a year of discoveries for us all!

- **Archaeology site of the Month**- Beginning in the early 1990s, the 19th century Zachariah Cicott Trading Post site (12Wa59) in western Indiana has been investigated archaeologically because it provides great opportunities to learn about French Canadian adaptations, material culture, and more (Mann and Jones 1994). Off and on for years over almost a decade, various archaeologists have identified the location of the trading post (and investigated other nearby areas), and learned about artifacts, architecture, and people (Mann 1994a,b, 1999; Helmkamp 2000).

In the illustration to the right, fragments of clay pipes which were recovered from the site are shown. These items have helped us “explore both the active/symbolic and utilitarian (functional) aspects of one type of material culture recovered at the site” (Mann 1999a:104, 120). To learn more, go to http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/abstracts/92/mann_92.html and http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/abstracts/92/kline_92.html.

- **The 2012 Statewide Preservation Conference** - This year’s meeting is planned for April 11-13, 2012 in Whiting and will celebrate preservation and archaeology through three days of Preserving Historic Places: Indiana’s Statewide Preservation Conference. With three sponsors–
Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, Indiana University, and Indiana Landmarks – and many local and state partners, we will once again come together to learn more, meet new friends, and celebrate our long-held friendships. To learn more, go to www.in.gov/dnr/historic/5905.htm.

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