Community Health

- Congratulations to everyone involved in Hawkinsville’s first Teen Maze! Vonnie Berryhill, who serves as the chair of the Teenage Pregnancy Reduction Committee, worked with hundreds of volunteers to educate nearly 700 students about making good personal decisions on March 22nd. This was the first event in the 3 year plan to reduce teen pregnancy in Pulaski County.

- UGA Public Health Archway Professional, Laura Gillman, has concluded her interviews on health in Pulaski County. Laura and her team will present the results of the needs assessment, focus groups and one-on-one interviews on Wednesday, May 16 to the Archway Executive Committee and Community Health Chair Skip McDannald. A local Community health group will meet afterwards to discuss the presentation.

Economic Development

- Terry College of Business students are finishing up work on a Pulaski County Economic Development Plan that will focus on ways to capitalize on unique assets of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County.

- University of Georgia MPA students are finalizing a survey of Chamber of Commerce Web Sites. The study is part of the “Communities of Opportunity” web enhancement initiative. The goal of the project is to improve the efficiency of the Chamber site and maximize value to Chamber members.

- UGA Journalism students are writing new content for the newly designed United Pulaski website based on the recommendations of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. The site is changing to meet the needs of economic development consultants. These consultants now account for over 60% of site selection in Georgia. New print materials will be part of a coordinated economic development strategy in this plan.

- Archway Professional Sharon Liggett (Cairo) was in town Thursday, March 29, 2012 to kick off an Agri-tourism meeting with interested parties. Ms. Liggett has an extensive tourism background, and will be working with state Tourism rep Lori Hennesy, UGA Director of Agribusiness and Economic Development Kent
Wolfe, and interested community members to compose local agri-tourism itineraries.

Government Service Delivery

- UGA Grad Student Mario Cambardella presented preliminary site plans to the Rec Department Committee on February 21 for the newly acquired property adjacent to the rec department.

Housing

- Since the community has graduated from the GICH program, Archway will continue to support community housing initiatives through HURA. The last meeting was held on December 6, 2011 and it was reported that 5 locations are currently in the process of being cleared with the appropriated funds.

Leadership Development

- Recruitment is now underway for the 2012 Pulaski Tomorrow Class. The Planning and Steering committee meets again Thursday, April 26th at 8:30 in the Annex. Applications for the 2012 class will be accepted through May 11th and are available from the Archway Office, the Chamber of Commerce, Kimberly’s, or any Pulaski Tomorrow Member.

- 2011 Pulaski Tomorrow members will be selling raffle tickets in April to raise money for a community gateway sign. The tickets are $5 and the winner will receive a charcoal grill and stand from Ace hardware.

Public Education

- Archway has announced two new partners from the College of Education to work with the Education committee in the areas of Parental Involvement and Student Technology.

- The Archway Education Committee toured Pulaski County Schools on March 6th. Thanks to the schools for hosting the tours.