Community Health

- UGA Public Health Archway Professional Laura Gillman spoke to Taylor Regional Hospital and the Archway Executive Committee in May. She presented a “Community Health Needs Assessment” prepared by UGA College of Public Health graduate student, Rich Christiana, as well as the findings of community focus groups and interviews.

- A local Community health issue work group will meet soon to create a work plan to improve health in Pulaski County. The Teenage Pregnancy Reduction Committee that was formed as part of the Co-Op program will be part of this new group as well as representatives from the Hospital and the Health Department. Skip McDannald will chair the committee. If you are interested in being a part of the Community Health Committee, please contact the Archway Office.

Economic Development

- UGA MBA student, Brent Wetmore, completed the second phase of United Pulaski’s strategic plan. In this planning document Mr. Wetmore identified emerging industries, work skills that will be in demand, marketing opportunities and unique assets to be developed in Pulaski County. In the next few months, this work will be presented to community members, and input will be sought for the final phase of the United Pulaski strategic plan. If you are interested in being a part of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski Economic Development Committee, please contact the Archway Office.

- University of Georgia MPA student Megan Miller has completed 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. In the next couple of months, the Chamber will be working with UGA’s Small Business Development Center to seek input from the community on Chamber benefits and services. If you would like to participate in these meetings, please contact the Chamber.

- UGA Journalism student Casie Walker is writing new content for the 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. The site will have state of the art GIS data on the Spec Building and will feature an educational asset map of the area developed by UGA grad student Hillary de Jarnett from the School of Social Work. New print materials will be developed later as part of a coordinated economic development plan. The goal is to have new websites up and running for United Pulaski and the Chamber this fall.

- As part of the follow up to the visit of the tourism assessment team last year, a new group has formed to develop agritourism opportunities in Pulaski County. Organized by the Chamber and
Archway, this group is working with UGA Department of Agriculture Director of Economic Development and Agribusiness Kent Wolfe to identify, develop and market agritourism assets. A one day workshop in the community will take place on June 15 and community members will travel to Jaemor Farms in Lula, Georgia in mid-July for a workshop sponsored by the Georgia Agritourism Association (GAA).

- UGA Archway Professional Michelle Elliott and Kim Brown traveled to a one day Hotel/ Motel Tax Workshop in May. The workshop reviewed the proper use and management of Hotel/ Motel tax for tourism and was conducted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

**Government Service Delivery**

- UGA College of Environment and Design students have been in town to work on summer projects. Mapping the trails at the Uchee Shoals Boat Landing and beautification of the Technology Park entrance will be two of the projects they will be working on in Hawkinsville.

**Housing**

- Since the community has graduated from the GICH program, Archway will continue to support community housing initiatives through HURA. At the last meeting, it was reported that locations are currently in the process of being cleared as funds are available.

**Leadership Development**

- The 2012 Class of Pulaski Tomorrow starts Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 PM in the Sam Way Learning Center. This year’s class has 18 participants. All alumni and facilitators are invited to attend the kick-off class and low country boil. Please RSVP to pulaskitomorrow@comsouth.net or (478)783-LEAD.

- Pulaski Tomorrow will be hosting an “Opportunity Fair” on Tuesday, October 9. The purpose of the event is to educate class participants about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in the community. **If your club or civic group would like a table at the Opportunity Fair, please contact the Archway Office.**

**Public Education**

- Archway has announced two new partners from the College of Education to work with the Education committee in the areas of Parent Engagement and Instructional Technology. We will also have two grad students from the UGA College of Education that assist the community Education Committee on projects. **If you are interested in being a part of the Archway Education Committee, please contact the Archway Office.**

- UGA College of Education graduate student, Edward Joaquin, presented information on magnet schools, charter systems and international baccalaureate programs to school administrators in May. Archway will continue to provide research and support for Pulaski County Schools on the charter system process.
Archway Professional Michelle Elliott attended Parent Café training with Vonnie Berryhill in May. This facilitation training was sponsored by Family Connections and seeks to build and strengthen parent relationships in a supportive setting.