Public Education

– Mr. Lee Wagner, President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Central Georgia spoke to the Archway Education committee in March about the process for starting a club in Hawkinsville. The committee has requested some examples of established clubs in similar communities so that they might better understand the funding structure and community requirements. Also, Archway will be engaging Dublin, Eastman and Cordele to find out how their similar organizations operate.

– Georgia College Professor Min Kim donated his time to work with Hawkinsville High School students as they prepare for the SAT. This effort was part of the Communities of Opportunity initiative to provide students with mentoring opportunities and a wider variety of out of school activities. Tyler Duncan, Cody Gordon, Alec Mays, Kristin McDaniel and Devin Wiggins participated from Hawkinsville High School.

– Archway Professional Michelle Elliott participated in “Reality Check” on Wednesday, March 27 with members of Pulaski Tomorrow. This event was coordinated by Family Connection Director Vonnie Berryhill. “Reality Check” is an interactive financial learning experience designed to help Hawkinsville High School students understand household budgets.

Leadership Development

– If you know anyone interested in participating in the 2013 Pulaski Tomorrow class, please have them contact Pulaski Tomorrow at (478) 783 - LEAD or visit the Pulaski Tomorrow Facebook page.

– Welcome to new Pulaski Tomorrow Chairman Robert Herman. Robert replaces outgoing Chair Harley Lawson. Harley was the first Pulaski Tomorrow chair and has served for three years. Thank you for your service and leadership, Harley.

– Faculty members from the UGA Masters of Arts in Nonprofit Organizations (MNPO) are currently working with Pulaski Tomorrow to establish independent non-profit status.

– Sonya Jones, our Pulaski County 4-H agent and a member of Pulaski Tomorrow, is leading a local team to develop a leadership skills curriculum for Pulaski County Youth. She will be working with Dr. Carolina Darbisi and Dr. Matt Bishop from UGA’s Fanning Institute for Leadership Development on this project.
– County Clerk Sara Myers served as a volunteer coordinator with “Reality Check” in March.

– Pulaski Tomorrow Class of 2012 has purchased the first defibrillator with funds raised by the grill raffle. This life saving equipment will be placed at the Hawkinsville High School Football field.

**Community Health**

– Taylor Regional Hospital and the Community Health Issue work group met to begin creating a strategic plan to improve community health. Taylor Regional is working with Georgia Southern and Archway to create and implement this plan.

– Training on childhood obesity will be available in the community through a partnership between the Archway Community Health Committee and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. CE credits will be available to providers. The training will be held Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 in the Sam Way Learning Center. Please call the Archway office at 783-9220 to attend or find out more.

**Economic Development**

– Archway and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted a breakfast for local business on Wednesday, March 20. Over 20 people participated to learn about the free services offered by SBDC. Our local SBDC representative, Josh Walton, also visited several area businesses. We plan to host this event quarterly to provide support for the local business community.

– Archway is currently working to support two exciting April events in Pulaski County— the Heart and Soul Bus Tour hosted by Better Home Town on April 4 and the Annual Harness Festival hosted by the Chamber on Saturday, April 6.

**Government Service Delivery**

– Revisions to the Uchee Shoals Interpretive Trail Map have been completed and submitted to the city.

– UGA Landscape architect student, Mario Cambardella, recently completed a site plan for the fire house museum that will be included in a grant submission for the project.

**Housing**

– Archway will continue to support the Housing efforts of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County.