UGA African Studies Institute Visits Hart County Bull Pup Academy

On April 30, a group of 9 faculty and students from UGA’s African Studies Institute visited the Hart County Bull Pup Academy to share music, dance, storytelling, and information about the continent and cultures of Africa. The Bull Pup Academy is a grant-funded after-school program for students in grades 4-6 that offers support in reading/language and mathematics and provides recreation and cultural experiences. Africa is one of the cultural focus areas for the program. The visit was arranged by Bull Pup Academy Director Brenda Rouse, UGA ASI Director Dr. Akinloye Ojo, and Hart Co. Archway Partnership Director Ilka McConnell.

Hart County High School Forges Partnership to Pilot Innovative Science Learning Software

Through Archway Partnership initiatives, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine faculty Jim Moore and Tom Robertson met with Hart County Assistant Superintendent Kathy Leard and Hart County High School Principal Kevin Gaines to discuss interactive science learning software that they are involved in developing. Moore and Robertson’s efforts are funded by several federal grants and they have formed a company, IS3D (Interactive Science in 3-D), located in the Georgia BioBusiness Centers. The school system and Moore and Robertson have agreed to partner. Four biology and science teachers at Hart County High School will use the software with their students and provide feedback to IS3D beginning this Fall. Summer professional learning/training will familiarize the teachers with the software to integrate it with the biology curriculum.

Hart County Quilt Trail: First Quilt Block Installed

To promote a variety of local historical, tourism, culture, and agritourism treasures, the Hart County Quilt Trail installed its first quilt block on April 15 at the Cherokee Center of the World on U.S. Hwy 29. The traditional quilt pattern on the block is called "Indian Trails," which recognizes that the Center of the World was the meeting point of a number of Cherokee trails in the area. The block was co-sponsored by the Madora Garden Club and the John Benson Chapter of DAR while the Hart County Quilt Trail Committee is a joint effort of Quilters from the Hart, Hartwell DDA, Hart County Archway Partnership, Hart County Chamber and a number of local sponsors.