• UGA Archway Partnership graduate student from Lamar Dodd School of Art, Brittany Lauback, traveled to Habersham twice last month to assist with an on-going project to redesign the county’s website. Lauback assisted in photographing county officials and department heads for the county directory, and also photographed a number of local sites and attractions to be used in the site redesign.

• Staff from UGA’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC) traveled to Cornelia on July 18 to present data compiled in a market analysis done for the city of Cornelia. The research represented an assessment of retail capacity and opportunity in the Cornelia market as compared to other markets of similar size. The study showed Cornelia’s market to be generally healthy with considerable potential for growth and recovery.

• UGA graduate student D.H. Bathon presented a streetscape and land-use design plan for the city of Baldwin. The presentation was given during the city’s July 22 council meeting and included six main design elements. Recommendations call for the construction of an open-air farmer’s market near downtown, a restoration of the historic old jail, streetscape improvements and the eventual construction of a new “city center.”

• UGA graduate student Emily Hunt continues to work with Alto Mayor Audrey Turner and city council members to create a “Vision and Growth Plan” for the city. Preliminary design concepts include new signage, a proposal for downtown commercial development as well as an expansion and repurposing of the existing city hall.