Habersham County

Monthly Key Accomplishments – January 2014

**UGA College of Environment and Design grad student presents NGTC Designs**
On December 18, UGA graduate student Craig Bieseker presented Phase One of a redesign plan for the North Georgia Technical College. The plan focused mainly on a redesign of the central campus and quad area, including suggestions for landscaping, preservation and water management.

**Great Promise Partnership Presentation**
Former Georgia DCA Commissioner, Mike Beatty, attended Habersham Archway’s January Executive Committee meeting on January 8th, and provided a presentation on the Great Promise Partnership Program. Mr. Beatty outlined the Great Promise Partnership (GPP), noting that the program helps at-risk students complete their high school education while gaining real-world job skills, thus gaining the ability to build successful lives. GPP facilitates public/private partnerships in communities across Georgia, and presents opportunity for reaching Habersham’s at-risk youth, as several local companies have already expressed an interest in partnering with the program through Archway.

**The State of Habersham Archway**
Archway Executive Committee Chairman Mike Mixon provided a “State of Archway” report at this month’s meeting, noting program accomplishments in 2013 as well as discussing new goals and priorities for the upcoming year. Of specific note, the Chairman stressed that 2013 saw Archway facilitate conversations between key community leaders who were able to sit at a common table and address countywide issues relevant to all. The Chairman noted these same leaders then sought higher education resources through Archway that allowed them to address those concerns. He labeled 2013 as “a good year” for Archway, and noted he feels the program is “positively and permanently impacting Habersham.” Mixon further stated he hopes to expand Archway work deeper into the Habersham community in 2014, and hopes more people will become involved in the Archway program.