Youth Leadership Academy Travels to State Capital
The Pulaski Youth Leadership Academy class traveled to the State Capital on Tuesday, Feb. 24 to visit with the Governor and other state officials. The group was hosted by Representative Buddy Harden and joined for lunch by Wilcox County native Melvin Everson, who serves as the Executive Director for the Department of Equal Opportunity. While in Atlanta, students were able to meet the Governor and were recognized on the floor of the House by Rep. Harden. The trip was planned by Donovan Head, field representative for Congressman Scott and made possible by the generous support of local sponsors and Pulaski County Schools.

UGA Works With Local Organization to Assess Feasibility of National Park Along the Ocmulgee River
As part of the Pulaski County Archway Partnership’s continuing regional effort to support economic development along the Ocmulgee River, UGA College of Engineering student Natalia Shim has been working on land owner identification and asset identification for the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership (OWTP). By partnering with the Ocmulgee National Monument and the Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve Initiative (ONPPI), Shim and other students will play a role in assessing the unique character
along the Ocmulgee and contribute to efforts to establish a National Park between Macon and Hawkinsville.

UGA College of Pharmacy and Taylor Regional Hospital collaborate to Improve Patient Care
Dr. Henry Young and the UGA College of Pharmacy are partnering with Taylor Regional Hospital staff in Hawkinsville to improve patient outcomes in the disease states of heart failure, pneumonia and COPD. These diseases often affect the elderly and lead to re-admission penalties for the hospital. It is hoped that this prospective study will identify ways to improve health outcomes in the rural hospital setting. Staff participants in the study will be identified and trained to follow up with patients at three key intervals in their care plan.