**Reality Check 2015**
Pulaski County Family Connections, Pulaski Tomorrow (Leadership Group) and Archway hosted Reality Check 2015 in the Hawkinsville High School Gym on March 26. “Reality Check” is a financial experience that teaches high school students about household budgeting, smart decision making and educational attainment in a fun and realistic way. Local businesses host booths that allow students to make budgeting decisions (some good, some bad). Over 50 local volunteers spent their day with high school students from Hawkinsville High School and Fullington Academy. This event alternates years with the Teen Maze, which teaches students about good personal decision making.

**Downtown Merchants Association formed**
In October, the Archway Partnership hosted a community wide listening session to update priorities and share recent accomplishments. At this event, support and interest for Hawkinsville’s downtown was the main priority to emerge. This resulted in the creation of a new merchants association in March. Jake Green, Archway’s graphic design student, has created a logo for the group, and efforts are now underway to work with Master Gardeners and the local women’s prison to spruce up and beautify the area. Next steps include new signage and maps.

**Pulaski Tomorrow and Hawkinsville Garden Club forage new partnership**
Pulaski Tomorrow, a local leadership group, and the Hawkinsville Garden Club have both made formal pledges to work together for the betterment of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County. The groups met in March to talk about the similarities in their interests and goals. They recognized that the organizations could benefit from greater collaboration and that their strengths complemented each other well. This further demonstrates the emergence of Pulaski Tomorrow as a leader in the community and an organization committed to working with diverse organizations. Last June, the organization entered into a partnership with the Charles Johnson Foundation to increase minority and female involvement in the leadership program.