Pulaski County

Monthly Key Accomplishments – May 2015

Accomplishments

Pulaski County Youth Leadership Class Graduates
On April 28, 24 high school students graduated from the “Youth Leadership in Action” program. This marks the first year that the program utilized a brand new curriculum developed by the Fanning Institute for Leadership Development. Students participated in eight modules facilitated by community members that were trained by Fanning in December. They also went to the Georgia Capitol to meet with the local legislative delegation, toured Robins Air Force Base to learn about career opportunities and took a special challenge trip to Callaway Gardens, where they zip- lined and climbed rope bridges. In the fall, the group will sponsor a book drive for preschool children. The books will be distributed by a local pediatrician and the students will host a reading session.

Warner Robins Officials attend “Critique Week” at College of Environment and Design
Warner Robins City Councilman Mike Davis led a group of Warner Robins officials who attended “Critique Week” at the UGA College of Environment and Design on April 22. The group traveled to Athens to view seven design proposals for a new recreation complex by Professor Shelley Cannady’s graduate design class. The group will refine its plan with a class led by Brian La Haie this summer and hopes to begin construction on the site in early 2016.

Hawkinsville “Pecan Cracker” Project featured in College of Engineering Design Showcase
Two projects highlighted the first phase of design work on a prototype pecan cracker in this year’s College of Engineering Senior Design Showcase held on April 24 at the Georgia Museum of Art. The teams were led by Dr. Bill Tollner and Dr. Chi Thai. The purpose of this project was to analyze and evaluate current methods for unconventionally cracking pecans. Lamar Pecan approached UGA with the...
hope of increasing the efficiency of its method for partially cracking pecans for Asian markets. This senior design group broke down Lamar’s current process into discrete steps of sorting, treating and cracking the pecans. They designed experiments to determine each step’s effect on cracking efficiency. They have prepared recommendations for further research for either Lamar Pecan or UGA to continue work on this project.