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**CHAPTER LEADERSHIP REPORTER AWARD RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE 89th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Chapter Leadership Reporter Award were recognized at the 89th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 27-29, 2017.

In the high school division, Hayden Maxwell of the Miller County FFA Chapter was the state winner of the Chapter Reporter Award, followed by Sloan Rowland of the Franklin County FFA Chapter and Kristen Palmer of the Pelham FFA Chapter placing second and third, respectively.

In the middle school division, Savannah Page of the West Jackson Middle FFA Chapter was the state winner, followed by Savannah Teate of the Franklin County Middle FFA Chapter and Joshua Waldron of the Brantley County Middle FFA Chapter placing second and third, respectively.

The Chapter Leadership Reporter Award program recognizes chapter reporters keeping a scrapbook of written news and feature articles. The high school Chapter Leadership Reporter awards are sponsored by Oglethorpe Power Corporation, while the middle school awards are sponsored by Titan/Goodyear Farm Tires.

All winners received a plaque and a cash award. State winners receive a $100 cash award. Additionally, the advisor of the state winner received $100 cash. Second place winners received $50, while third place winners received $25.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, changed its name in 1988 to reflect the growth and diversity of agriculture. There are more than 600,000 FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 40,000 members, making it the third largest Association in the nation. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success, through agricultural education.

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