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STATE WINNERS IN HOME AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL RECORD BOOK COMPETITION RECOGNIZED AT THE 98th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Home/Community Development Middle School Record Book Competition were recognized at the 98th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 22-25, 2026.

The Area 1 winner was Mattieson Cochran of Rossville Middle. Maggie Sailors of Commerce Middle took honors in Area 2. The winner in Area 3 was Addyson DeFoe of Northside Middle. The Area 4 winner was Mary Grace Byington of Southeast Bulloch Middle. Josie Golden of Eighth Street Middle was the winner in Area 5. Macie Goddard of Pine Grove Middle took honors in Area 6.

Josie Golden of Eighth Street Middle was the state winner in the competition.

The Middle School Record Book award program encourages students to begin and maintain a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project and keep accurate, detailed records. In the area of Home/Community Development, students own an enterprise or work for a business that involves improving and protecting the local school or community. The area promotes community development activities such as volunteerism, community development and community betterment. The area could also include projects related to agricultural communications and agriculture education within school and community.

Each area winner received a plaque and a \$50 cash award. The state winner received a plaque and an additional \$100 cash award. The advisor of the state winner also received a \$100 cash award.

The Middle School Record Book Award in the area of Home/Community Development was sponsored by Georgia FFA Foundation.

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 over 1 Million FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 80,000 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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