Hero Packs awarded to 6

Nash (left) and Chandler Farmer show off the Hero Packs they received from Operation Military Kids. Nash and Chandler were among six children in Ben Hill County selected to receive the backpacks because they have a close family member in military service. Their uncle, Jake Carroll, is serving with the Georgia National Guard’s 48th Brigade in Iraq. Currently serving in Iraq. These backpacks are distributed as part of Georgia 4-H’ers participation with Operation Military Kids in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club, Army Child and Youth Services and the Military Child Education Coalition. The objective of Operation Military Kids (OMK) is to help support youth in military families, particularly those in “suddenly military” families. OMK provides this support in a variety of ways, including Hero Packs. Also, receiving the packs were Shelby and Kensly Smith and Taylor and Josie-Laine Brantley. For more information about Operation Military Kids, call the Ben Hill County 4-H office at 426-5175.