

# Ricebelt Wrap-Up

**OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:**

**Catherine Till, Reporter**

**Chapter:** Dayton

**Hobbies & Interests:**

Swimming, watching movies, talking on the phone with Ms. Oldham, tennis, and showing

**Favorite Food:**

Macaroni and cheese

**Favorite TV Show:**

The Real Housewives of Orange County

**Favorite Movie:**

Forrest Gump

**Favorite Sport:** Football

**Favorite Music:** any kind

**Famous person you'd**

**love to meet:**

Michael Phelps

**Favorite Quote:**

"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get." - Forrest Gump

**Favorite CDE:**

Dairy Foods

**Favorite LDE:**

Creed Speaking

**Favorite SAE:**

Rabbit Production

**W E M U S T B E C A U S E W E C A N**

Will you be there when 2,300 FFA members converge on our nation's capitol? Will you be there when 11,000 hours community service are dedicated to help those less fortunate? Will you be there when the sun goes down and the night tour of Washington, D.C. begins? Will you be there when FFA members become authentic leaders?

The Washington Monument, the Arlington National Cemetery, and the Lincoln Memorial were just a few of the sights that six Ricebelt FFA members witnessed this summer at the 2009 Washington Leadership Conference. Located in our nation's capitol, the Washington Leadership Conference is a five-day event that trains FFA members to make a positive impact in their local community, state and country.

DJ Melancon, Jacob Brock, Rylee Hobbs, Alexis Mitchell, Catherine Till, and Kelli Neuman were among 130 members present

from across the country that attended the conference during week 6 of WLC. The group was also fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with congressman Ted Poe as seen below.

"It was a life changing experience for me," Melancon said. "I wish every FFA member would take advantage of this great opportunity of a lifetime."

The 2010 Washington Leadership Conference dates are posted on [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org). It is not too early to start planning your trip! Registration for the upcoming WLC will open on March 1, 2010.



**R I C E F E S T B O O T H I N F O R M S P U B L I C A B O U T F F A**

On October 2-3, Ricebelt District officers and members educated the public at the Texas Rice Festival in Winnie, Texas about the largest student led organization in America: the FFA. Past and present members, parents of interested students,

tourist from overseas countries and curious community members visited the FFA booth. Each individual was encouraged to enter the drawing for the FFA blanket that was later given away to winner Lexi Meche from the Liberty FFA chapter. Past FFA members shared memories with the district officers of such as judging dairy cattle in the old Astrodome of Houston and being a state-qualifying FFA Sweetheart. It was a great experience for both past and present FFA members to witness the evolution of the organization. Thank you to all who visited the Ricebelt District booth at the Texas Rice Festival!



**SCHEDULE:**

4 Regional Wildlife Contest

10 Cleveland market steer and commercial heifer tag-in

14 District LDE Contest in Dayton

18 Area LDE Contest at SFA University

12 Dayton FFA Livestock Show tag-in

15 Multiple Sclerosis Walk with Area IX FFA (Contact Vidor FFA)

21 State Maine-Anjou Show in Navasota, TX

\* Major livestock show entries and Junior FFA dues are due December 1 for advisors, so check your chapter entry deadline this month

\*Reminder: FFA dates can be found on our [areaixffa.com](http://areaixffa.com) website

**AG HUMOR**

HOW DO YOU COUNT COWS?

ANSWER: WITH A COW-CULATOR!