

# Ricebelt Wrap-Up

**OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:**

*Katie Hunter, Secretary*

**Chapter:** Tarkington

**Hobbies & Interests:**

Showing, barrel racing, muddin' and everything with FFA

**Favorite Food:** Italian

**Favorite TV Show:** House

**Favorite Movie:**

All the Pretty Horses

**Favorite Sport:** Football

**Favorite Music:** Country

**Famous person you'd**

**love to meet:** Eve. I want to know why she bit the apple and what was going on.

**Favorite Quote:**

"Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway."  
- John Wayne

**Favorite CDE:**

Poultry Judging

**Favorite LDE:**

Chapter Conducting

**Favorite SAE:** My goats

**Favorite FFA Memory:**

Winning with swine at a local livestock show

**A P P L Y Y O U R K N O W L E D G E  
I N C D E S**

Career Development Events answer the ever popular question, "When will I use this knowledge in the real world?" CDEs build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's

technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter. There will be a practice competition at Barbers Hill High School on the 23rd of January, and Area CDEs are at Sam Houston State University on the 7th of April. There is a CDE for everyone, so start recruiting team members and practicing!

**S T A R T T H E N E W Y E A R O F F  
B Y D A N C I N G**

On behalf of the Ricebelt District, the East Chambers FFA will be hosting a dance from 8PM - 11PM on Saturday, January 9, 2009 at the Winnie-Stowell Community Building. Admission will be free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Neuman at [neuman@eastchambers.net](mailto:neuman@eastchambers.net). The rules are as follows.

1. The dance is only open to FFA members from the Ricebelt District and the Area IX FFA officers.

2. The FFA members must be in 8th - 12th grade.
3. The advisor of FFA members must attend in order for students from their chapter to be able to attend (excluding Area IX FFA officers).
4. No student may enter or leave without their ag teacher.
5. A concession stand will be provided, so no outside drinks or food will be allowed.
6. All clothing must abide by public school dress code. We hope to see you there!

**S P E A K U P !**

There once was a girl who worked and worked until she one day found herself preparing for the District FFA Speaking Events. She had practiced her speech for months and could answer any question over her speech topic. Never had she felt more prepared for a contest. When it was her turn, she strolled confidently in front of the judges and began her introduction. Three sentences into her presentation, she dropped her note cards. Much to her own surprise, she took a deep breath and continued on with her speech from memory! Practice

really does pay off. This story is not told with the intentions of terrifying students interested in speech contests, but to remind you to press on if the unexpected happens. The Ricebelt District Degree Check will be held on April 13 at Barbers Hill High School. The four public speaking events are Greenhand Prepared, Senior Prepared, Soil Stewardship Prepared and Extemporaneous. Find a topic you are interested in, and express yourself through a speech you are passionate about! You may surprise yourself.

**SCHEDULE:**

- 8 Deadline for all swine ear notch corrections/replacements to Austin, TX
- 9 RB District dance
- 14 Deadline to register for Ag Day at the Capitol
- 15 Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show in Fort Worth begins
- 23 Barbers Hill FFA CDE Invitational hosting a Meats, Poultry, Nursery Landscape, Floriculture, Forages, Farm Business Management, Dairy Foods, and Tractor Tech. contest

**RICEBELT AT STATE  
LDE FINALS:**

- Senior Creed  
Speaking: 1st place—East Chambers, 8th place—Anahuac
- Greenhand Creed  
Speaking: 9th place—Anahuac
- Radio Broadcasting: 10th place—Hardin-Jefferson
- Senior Skills  
Demonstration: 10th place—Dayton