



Willits Economic Localization The WELL Bucket

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Schedule of Events

July & August 2009

July 16 – 7:00 pm

Film – “The American Southwest:
Are We Running Dry?”
Little Lake Health Center
45 Hazel Street in Willits

July 25 – 2:15 pm

2009 Farm Tour & Potluck
Brookside Elementary for
Carpools

July 29 – 10:30 am

Coordinating Committee Meeting
Willits Library
390 E. Commercial in Willits

August 20 – 7:00 pm

Film - Grapes of Wrath
Little Lake Grange
291 School Street in Willits



WISC Community Garden Composting

Grange Breakfast

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast 2009
Calendar:

{NOTE: Price is \$6.00 for pancakes, eggs,
ham or bacon, coffee, tea, & juice. Real
maple syrup and Thanksgiving Coffee are
now available!}

4th Sunday of every month:
July 26 August 23
September 27 October 25

8am - 11 am

291 School Street, Willits

WELL Farm & Garden Tour & Potluck Picnic, Sat. July 25

You've probably been hearing about gardens, or perhaps dabbled with a few edible plants. Now here's your chance to see small-scale farms first-hand and to learn from master-gardeners in our own community.

WELL's 4th annual farm tour on Sat., July 25th shows how good food can be grown right here in Willits. Whether you're already gardening or would like to, you can learn what grows here, when and how to plant, and some of the challenges farmers face. View farms in progress (they're always in process), and ask your own garden questions.

This year's tour also celebrates the unveiling of two brand new water catchment and storage projects, at WISC and Brookside.

The day will finish with a community potluck picnic, featuring guest speaker Sheriff Tom Allman and music by Madge & Tom. The new garden director at the County jail will also be on hand.

This tour is sponsored by Willits Economic Localization as part of this year's focus on local food. It's free (but donations are gratefully accepted) and open to all; we especially encourage families and youth to attend.

Here's the schedule:

- 2:15 Meet at Brookside School to carpool
- 2:30 Willits High School Farm
- 3:30 WISC Community Garden
- 4:30 Green Uprising Farm
- 5:30 Brookside Farm
- 6:15 Potluck Picnic at Brookside Farm

Now here are directions and information about each farm. You can also get details at the WELL website, www.well95490.org, or call 459-7076.

At 2:15 meet at Brookside School (north end of Spruce Street, just off W. Mendocino Ave.), where we'll have some large ice chests for you to drop off potluck items, and where you can form carpools. We recommend bringing some water, shade hat or parasol for the tour, and your own tableware and blanket or lawn chairs for the picnic.

Farm #1: Willits High School Farm

The first garden will be at Willits High School: going north on Main St. (Hwy 101), turn right on the driveway under a billboard just past the old Gaia Solar building (1/2 block past State St.), and stay on the driveway to the left of the old rail tracks.

The school agriculture program has been established for years with a focus on livestock, but this is the first year for gardening at the three acre High School Farm. In the fall, the new garden will supply fruits and vegetables to the cafeterias at Willits schools and hopes to open a farm stand selling pumpkins, sweet corn, and cut flowers to raise funds for the garden program. A large green house is being refurbished after years of disuse which will help the garden be even more productive in future years. Garden plots are available to community members interested in growing their own fruits and vegetables. The expansion of the high school agriculture program is due in large part to funding from North Coast Opportunities and the hard work of agriculture teacher, Becky Bowlds, and Farm Manager, Antonia Partridge.

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Recent Links & Blogs

High altitude wind power II: the reactions

By Ugo Bardi, The Oil Drum

Already at the time of the sailing ships, it was recognized that it was important to catch the wind at the maximum possible height. So, the main mast of a tall ship could go up to 30 meters. Modern wind turbines reach heights of a hundred meters or more. But Airborne Wind Energy (AWE) can tap winds at heights up to thousands of meters.

Read More at <http://europe.theoil Drum.com/node/5554>

Purity of Federal 'Organic' Label Is Questioned

By Kimberly Kindy and Lyndsey Layton, Washington Post

July 3, 2009 -- Three years ago, U.S. Department of Agriculture employees determined that synthetic additives in organic baby formula violated federal standards and should be banned from a product carrying the federal organic label. Today the same additives, purported to boost brainpower and vision, can be found in 90 percent of organic baby formula.

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/lfc8u>

It's Now Legal to Catch a Raindrop in Colorado

By Kirk Johnson, New York Times

June 28, 2009 -- For the first time since territorial days, rain will be free for the catching here, as more and more thirsty states part ways with one of the most entrenched codes of the West.

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/ko4aup>

Oil Weakens as Recovery Hopes Dim

By Jad Mouawad, New York Times

July 9, 2009 -- Oil prices briefly fell under \$60 a barrel on Thursday after nearly two weeks of uninterrupted declines, as traders and investors acknowledged that a global economic recovery would take longer than hoped.

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/lh87gc>

Help Stop the Masonite Rezone

By Richard Shoemaker of SOLE

We need your help!

The SOLE (Save Our Local Economy) campaign against November's Countywide Ballot "MEASURE A" has begun.

SOLE is local people from all walks of life who have organized to defeat the Masonite Re-Zone Initiative, deceptively qualified by and paid for by Diversified Developers Realty of Ohio. We will be outspent enormously but we intend to wage a person to person, grass roots effort. We will make our point with people, not money.

We need volunteers to help from now until November 3rd. Some of the tasks we will need help with are:

Mailings – We will be doing a number of mailings with many of them requiring "stuffing and stamping".

Fund Raising - by individual asks to friends and colleagues using letters, email and phone calling.

Identifying Supporters – by phone calling, door to door, and "tabling" at local grocery stores. This is important and people power will make it work.

Please join the "The Home Team" and make time to help, ASAP. Contact SOLE at sole@pacific.net or go to NoMegaMall.com and use our sign up form.

Donations to "SOLE" are gratefully accepted at:

Save Our Local Economy, P.O. Box 1530, Ukiah, CA 95482.

You can also donate using "PayPal" at www.NoMegaMall.com.

WELL has endorsed the SOLE campaign and will be working with them to defeat Ballot Measure A.

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Farm #2: Willits Community Garden

Next is the Willits Community Garden at the north-east corner of the Willits Integrated Service Center (WISC), 221 South Lenore Street – just south of Recreation Grove Park. (From the High School, go south on Hwy 101, turn left at East Commercial Street, then right at S. Lenore.)

According to voluntary garden coordinators, David and Ursula Partch, "We are growing a variety of perennial and annual plants, including vegetables, kitchen herbs, flowers and other plants that attract bees and other beneficial insects, fruit trees, medicinal plants, grains, as well as cover crops to nourish the soil. The garden provides an educational opportunity in gardening techniques; a healthy and stimulating way for people to perform community services hours; and surplus food for the needy." To volunteer, call David & Ursula at 459-7054.

This garden will also benefit from the newly completed water catchment system at the WISC. The tour will serve as the ceremonial unveiling of this state-of-the-art system

Farm #3: Green Uprising Farm

This third stop is at 2301 East Hill Road. From the WISC, the most direct route is to go ½ block south on Lenore, turn left on E. Valley Street, which becomes Center Valley Road. Follow it through a right, left, and right turns. When it T's into East Hill Road, turn left, go over the metal bridge at Davis Creek, and park off the first drive to the right after you come off the bridge, before the redwood tree; you'll see the greenhouse on your right. (If you come from Hwy 101 instead, go left on Baechtel Road – just past Burger King – then left on East Hill Road.)

Green Uprising farmers Michael and Sara describe their extended-family farm as: "...five acres of old and new orchard, berry patch, and market gardens. Our passive solar greenhouse will supply fresh greens throughout the winter. Though not 'certified organic,' we use traditional organic methods – no chemical fertilizers or pesticides, care for the soil and the larger environment, and nurture that works with nature, not against her. We've been selling at the Willits Farmers Market for the last year. We've also started marketing salad mix at Mariposa Market. In addition,

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Mendocino Organics Winter CSA

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<http://MendoOrganicsCSA.wordpress.com>

Sign up now to lock in your half or full share!



Brookside Farm
People-Powered Produce
...would like to thank WELL for its support.
All our shares are now sold.
Brookside Farm welcomes volunteers to work in a beautiful setting and learn how to garden in Willits. Low income volunteers can earn up to \$20 per week in Farmers' Market credits.

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459-3094

WELL Coordinating Committee Briefs

Co-Com Meeting of 6/10/09 - Summary

The Coordinating Committee discussed plans for tabling at Hometown Celebration, our contingent at the 4th of July parade, the July 25 Farm Tour, and Oct. 5-6 Harvest Festival. Volunteers are working (and more are always welcome) on various tasks.

The new website design was reviewed and enthusiastically received. Kudos (and free ad space) are preferred to volunteer designer Harry Maurer of brainbelly@gmail.com. CC members will need to continue fine-tuning and adding content.

It's noted that the City is considering W. Commercial St. and Central Ave. plans at its June 10th meeting, and also a Bike & Pedestrian Specific Plan on the June 24th agenda. Many WELL members have been involved in these issues.

The CC voted to cosponsor a grant application for Ann Weller to teach cooking classes using granary and garden ingredients. Ann is also still trying to establish a Willits flea market (co-sponsored at previous meeting).

Other details: We're working to update check-signing, and decided to void several uncashed checks from 2007; We will try to distribute remaining items and close our storage unit; We'll do membership & fund drive in September. It's reported sadly that the Contra dances (started with help from a WELL seed grant) have been discontinued.

Co-Com Meeting of 7/8/09 - Summary

The CC voted to oppose Measure A – the Masonite rezoning initiative which will be on the Nov. 3rd ballot - with a letter to Willits City Council (for their possible agenda item on July 22) and a copy to TWN, based on our previous position and stressing what we are FOR (maintaining industrial use zoning at this suitable site, and local planning and environmental review process). The No on Measure A petitions and literature will be at our WELL tabling and events.

The CC also voted to co-sponsor the WHAT Walk 350 on Oct. 24, which will coincide with an International Day of Climate Action, calling for reducing carbon levels to 350 ppm (which most scientists agree is needed to avert drastic global impacts). Sign-ups for this walk – seeking 350 walkers - will be available at upcoming events.

The plans and many logistical details regarding the upcoming July 25 Farm Tour were discussed. The next big WELL event will be the Oct. 2 Harvest Festival, and initial plans for the feast were reviewed. Details will be covered in the Aug. and Sept. newsletters.

A note from a member objecting to paying extra for mailed newsletters spurred some discussion: consensus of the CC is that (a) email is encouraged IF people have email; and (b) if not, donating extra to cover our costs is encouraged but not required. We don't want to discourage members from getting the newsletter! It's suggested the MendoBB be sent a short version of the newsletter – just upcoming events info and a website link – rather than the whole thing. The CC will review newsletter finances at next meeting.

The CC greatly appreciated a \$500 donation to WELL made by a very supportive member!

The CC was also delighted that the Grange received a USDA grant that now provides enough funds for the commercial kitchen project!

Complete minutes of meetings will be posted to the website.

Planning for Winter Vegetables?

By Liam UiCearbhaill

A wonderful addition to the CSA's available to us is entering its second year. Mendocino Organics, collaborating with Live Power Community Farm and Golden Vineyard provides winter vegetables for a 20 week season starting the first week of December and running through the last week of April. Greens, beets, carrots, parsnips, garlic, potatoes and all of your favorite winter produce will be available and certified Biodynamic® by Demeter of USA.

Adam Gaska and Paula Manalo are the farmers in this endeavor and they have found a hillside location (above the soggy fields) on Laughlin Ridge in Redwood Valley to grow the veggies. The price is \$900 for a full share and half shares are also available. They want to sell shares now as they start planting the winter crops.

Find the registration form and more information at <http://MendoOrganicsCSA.wordpress.com>.

The quality and quantity of locally grown produce and other local foods is made possible, in part, through the CSA model because farmers can concentrate on growing the best foods possible for their shareholders and don't have to worry about price volatility undercutting their income after the season is done. Supporting these CSA's is a delicious way to support local food.



Winter Squash

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Dairyshares available for milk and cheese

We have several openings in our dairyshare. Goat milk and various cheeses (chevre, ricotta, kefir cheese) are available and in September (after our cow, Lilly, has her calf) we will have cow milk again. Doorstep delivery and drop off points in town. Buy a share or barter. For more information call Sara at 216-5549 or write homesteadingsara@gmail.com.



Lilly

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we have a small herd of milk goats and one milk cow. We're plagued by insufficient water, deer, aging trees, a lack of pasture, and an occasional gopher; but we're learning to cope with each of these." Michael is responsible for the gardens, Sara for the animals; but work is widely shared, and they enjoy the help of a series of Willing Workers on Organic Farms, volunteers who exchange work for room, board, and learning.

Farm #4: Brookside Farm

Now we head back to Brookside for our fourth and final farm. Just go west on East Hill Road (about 1-1/2 miles) to the T with Baechtel Road; turn right; and when you get to Hwy 101, turn right again, into town, left on W. Mendocino Ave., right on Spruce, and park at the school. Walk to the Farm at the north-west corner of the school playground.

Brookside Farm is a one acre, certified organic, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and education site at Brookside Elementary School. It is in its third year operating as a CSA, and is co-managed by Jason Bradford and Antonia Partridge. The farm distributes fresh produce to area residents and school cafeterias. Additionally, the Farm incorporates hands-on activities for the K-2 grades at the elementary school and through after school and summer programs. Brookside Farm has specialized in reducing the fossil energy inputs to the food system. Farmers use primarily hand tools, some of which are custom made, and renewable/solar energy. Produce is made available year-round by growing storage crops and solar drying abundant summer vegetables.

This site will also feature the unveiling a newly completed water project, which will be explained and celebrated on the tour.

Picnic Time!

After this afternoon of enjoying farms, it will be time to EAT! The potluck picnic will start at about 6:15. After everyone has settled in with their yummy food, we'll have a few songs with Madge & Tom and a talk from Sheriff Tom Allman about how important local food is to our security. There will also be a silent auction of vintage USDA farm posters and opportunities to network and to learn more about Willits Economic Localization.

[Not yet known: We may have lemonade for sale at the farms as a fundraiser for the Kids Program. Details to be provided later.]

Now & Then Film Series*Presents***The American Southwest:
Are We Running Dry?**

Featuring narration from Emmy® Award-winning actress Jane Seymour, "The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?" is a definitive look at how the water crisis affects the American Southwest states and its escalating economic toll.

From the White House to the House of Representatives, Jim Thebaut interviews key thought leaders for an intelligent and informed discussion about the evolving water crisis. Thebaut filmed at diverse locations including the Navajo and Hopi reservations, on Capitol Hill and in Las Vegas for an absorbing and contemplative discussion about conservation, water reuse, desalination, unprecedented population growth and future water policies. Interviews with key members of Congress include Sens. Jon Kyl (Ariz.), Ken Salazar (Colo.), and Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman (N.M.), and U.S. Reps. Mary Bono (Palm Springs) and Jim Costa (Fresno). An interview with Dr. Gene Whitney, science advisor to President Bush, also is featured in this impartial and balanced documentary.

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**7:00 pm, Thursday, July 16**  
**Little Lake Health Center**  
**45 Hazel St.**

**Enter by back door in parking lot**

***Free Admission! Everyone Welcome!***

**Suggested Donation of \$5 to Help Build  
 WELL Film Library**



Greens at Brookside Farm

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**Harvest Feast Needs Helpers**  
**Harvest Festival Needs Leadership**

For the past three years WELL and the Little Lake Grange have produced the twin events of the Willits Harvest Festival and the Willits Harvest Feast.

The festival consists of classes, demonstrations and informational booths using the Grange to educate the public about food; local, organic, wild, and raw food proponents tell us all what we need to know. We have traditionally had a solar cook-off, juices pressed from local grapes and apples, classes on acorns and on food preservation, a seed and scion exchange, and children's activities.

The feast, which has in past years been held on the evening following the festival, is a community celebration focused on local food. Last year even the bread was made from grains grown locally.

This year the calendar has changed. The Feast will be held on the evening of Friday, October 2 while the Festival will be on Saturday, October 3. The Feast has a committee planning it, though they need helpers for setup, food preparation, serving, and clean-up. To volunteer, call Ann Waters at 459-2418.

The Festival, though scheduled, does not currently have a planning committee. If this event is going to happen this year we need people willing to take charge and make it happen. If you are interested please call any of the Coordinating Committee Members (see list on page 5 of this newsletter) or leave a message at the WELL phone number 459-7076.

**WELL Approaches Five Years**  
**By Liam UiCearbhaill**

This October, as we sit down to the Willits Harvest Feast, we will be marking the fifth anniversary of WELL. In 2004 Jason Bradford and others started showing the film, The End of Suburbia, which galvanized our community and set us on the path to localization. Peak Oil and human induced Climate Change were the focus of our concerns and the response we promoted was to make our community sustainable and self sustaining to the greatest degree possible.

So, how have we done? There are a number of commercial farms and community gardens in Willits that were not here five years ago. Grain storage is becoming a reality. A commercial kitchen at the Grange, available to the community, is in process. Water conservation is a real and budgeted concern of our City Council. Solar power is now being generated at our reservoir to offset the power used for pumping the City Water. Last year's Harvest Fest successfully fed more than 150 people with food produced within 100 miles of our town. The Bank of Willits is solar powered. Our City is paying to assist residents to conserve home energy through the HELP program.

These accomplishments have not been just the result of WELL. Many individuals and organizations in our town have been active and leading the way. Local First, part of our Chamber of Commerce, has concentrated on Buying Local. Local experts developed an Energy Element for our County General Plan. Though it was not adopted as written, it gained attention from around the country. Willits Action Group, the Little Lake Grange, the Willits City Council, the Mendocino County Sheriff, and many others have contributed to our efforts.

We aren't there yet. If the trucks stop tomorrow, we are still facing severe problems. We cannot become complacent. Peak Oil has already happened according to many experts, including the International Energy Commission. Global Climate Change is already taking its toll and is proceeding faster than even the most pessimistic scientists predicted. The financial system that brought us to the current set of crises is itself in severe crisis.

Take stock of what you are doing to help make Willits sustainable and self sustaining. If you are doing it, keep up the good work. If you are just watching, it is time to get to work.

**Egg Cartons**

Do you have extra egg cartons? Don't throw them away, drop them off at the WAG office (shared by WELL), 221 D S. Lenore. That is the blue log cabin next to the community garden in the WISC center. To arrange a time for drop off, call Cyndee Logan at 45-9005.

**Beekeeper's Guild Meeting**

**When:** June Meeting: Wednesday, July 15th 6pm  
**Where:** Willits Library Meeting Room, 390 East Commercial

This is an open meeting, bring a friend. We will base our meeting on honey tasting and seasonal discussions. Please bring some honey to taste and a finger food dish to share, plus your own plates, utensils, etc.  
 Bee Happy Pollinating,  
 Annie Weller - 459-1002

**Links & Blogs - Continued from Page 2****[Arctic] Melt season in high gear**

National Snow & Ice Data Center

July 6, 2009 -- The Arctic is now in the midst of the summer melt season. Through most of June, ice extent tracked below the 1979 to 2000 average, and slightly above the levels recorded during June 2007. Warm temperatures and southerly winds led to quickly declining ice concentration in some regions, such as the Laptev Sea.

Read More at:

<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>

**All the Carbon Counts**

NASA Earth Observatory

May 28, 2009 -- Cutting down forests for agriculture vents excess carbon dioxide into the air just as industrial activities and the burning of fossil fuels do. But whether policies to stabilize greenhouse gases in the atmosphere should include this terrestrial source of carbon dioxide is under debate. According to a new study this week in Science, failing to include land use changes in such policies could lead to massive deforestation and higher costs for limiting carbon emissions.

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/nlra6q>

**Fire authorities urged to act fast on controlled burns**

By Nicky Phillips, ABC Science Online

The window of time to prepare for bushfires using prescribed burning will shrink due to climate change, according to a new Australian study. And, the study's authors warn, fire authorities should expect a more intense and severe fire season in the future.

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/njsnev>

**CO2 Levels Highest in Two Million Years**

By Maggie Koerth-Baker, National Geographic News

June 18, 2009 -- What happens when carbon dioxide levels skyrocket? Most climate scientists think they know the answer: global warming. But to determine just how high temperatures may climb and how climate patterns may shift, researchers may need to pinpoint, for comparison, a time in our planet's past when a similar carbon dioxide jump happened.

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/mtb48x>

**Boiling the Frog**

By Paul Krugman, New York Times

Is America on its way to becoming a boiled frog? I'm referring, of course, to the proverbial frog that, placed in a pot of cold water that is gradually heated, never realizes the danger it's in and is boiled alive. Real frogs will, in fact, jump out of the pot — but never mind. The hypothetical boiled frog is a useful metaphor for a very real problem: the difficulty of responding to disasters that creep up on you a bit at a time.

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/nypt8r>

**The planet's future: Climate change 'will cause civilization to collapse'**

By Jonathan Owen, The Independent

July 12, 2009 -- This is the stark warning from the biggest single report to look at the future of the planet – obtained by The Independent on Sunday ahead of its official publication next month. Backed by a diverse range of leading organisations such as Unesco, the World Bank, the US army and the Rockefeller Foundation, the 2009 State of the Future report runs to 6,700 pages and draws on contributions from 2,700 experts around the globe. Its findings are described by Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the UN, as providing "invaluable insights into the future for the United Nations, its member states, and civil society".

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/mmsf3n>

**Just 96 months to save world, says Prince Charles**

By Robert Verkaik, The Independent

July 9, 2009 -- Capitalism and consumerism have brought the world to the brink of economic and environmental collapse, the Prince of Wales has warned in a grandstand speech which set out his concerns for the future of the planet. The heir to the throne told an audience of industrialists and environmentalists at St James's Palace last night that he had calculated that we have just 96 months left to save the world. And in a searing indictment on capitalist society, Charles said we can no longer afford consumerism and that the "age of convenience" was over.

Read More at <http://tinyurl.com/mnyd42>

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Where Willits Is Today



Where WELL Wants Willits To Be

Art by Linda MacDonald

But for all its achievements, our consumerist society comes at an enormous cost to the Earth and we must face up to the fact that the Earth cannot afford to support it. Just as our banking sector is struggling with its debts – and paradoxically also facing calls for a return to so-called 'old-fashioned', traditional banking – so Nature's life-support systems are failing to cope with the debts we have built up there too. If we don't face up to this, then Nature, the biggest bank of all, could go bust. And no amount of quantitative easing will revive it.

*Prince Charles of England – July 8, 2009*

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