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Welty hosts interactive exhibit *Real People, Real Climate, Real Changes*

BELOIT, WI, August 24, 2022—Welty Environmental Center is bringing an interactive exhibit *Real People, Real Climate, Real Changes* to Big Hill Center from Tuesday, September 6 through Monday, November 21, 2022. The Center will be open to the public weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm, and on the weekends from noon to 4 pm while the exhibit is on display. There is no charge to visit. The exhibit includes panels that describe how climate data is gathered and what this information means. It also has several interactive stations where visitors can experiment with lowering their carbon footprint and measuring rising sea levels.

“We are excited to bring this educational opportunity to Beloit, because it does a really good job of explaining climate science and showing its relevance to our daily lives,” said Welty Executive Director Brenda Plakans. “The exhibit also demonstrates individual actions we each can take to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and save money, such as avoiding car travel, reusing plastic items, and making our homes more energy efficient.”

During the fall on the weekend from noon to 4pm, Welty will offer drop-in climate- and weather-themed activities designed for kids 5-12 yrs old, but everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The weekly themes for the fall are:

September 10 & 11 – Cloud Cover & Identification
September 17 & 18 – Cloud in a Jar Experiment
September 24 & 25 – Wind & Tornadoes
October 1 & 2 – Changing Seasons
October 8 & 9 – Precipitation
October 15 & 16 – Water Cycle
October 22 & 23 – Insect Rubbings
October 29 & 30 – Bird Watching & Migration
November 5 & 6 – Acorns & Pine Cones
November 12 & 13 – Turtles
November 19 & 20 – Fish Prints

This exhibit was developed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research and the UCAR Center for Science Education to help explain the science of climate change and how it impacts people’s lives. The exhibit is traveling around the country and its location at Welty is funded with generous support from UW’s Nelson Institute Center for Climatic Research.

Welty and CCR are planning an afternoon of information, demonstrations, and an expert panel discussing individual climate actions such as using more renewable energy, new gardening strategies, and home improvement grants. Details and the date are coming soon. For more information about the exhibit, panel, and other fall programs, see the event calendar on Welty’s website at www.weltycenter.org.