

BRANCH COUNTY 4TH CONSERVATION EXPO & 62ND ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 13, 2010 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

BRANCH AREA CAREER CENTER
366 MORSE STREET COLDWATER, MI 49036
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8:30 am– Registration Open, Vendor Exhibits Open, Voter Registration and Ballot Casting Open

9:00 am– Welcome, John Mitchell, Chairman of the Branch County Conservation District

• **9:20 am—10:10 am**

1. **Rainwater Management** – Stu Kogge, J.F. New (Water Room)
2. **Agricultural Easements** – Geoff Cripe, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (Land Room)
3. **Wildlife Habitat** – Rod Bassage, Peasants Forever (Wildlife/Forestry Room)
4. **Home Energy** – Paul Beckhusen, CBPU (Energy Room)
5. **Special Kids Session: Conservation Poster Contest**, Branch Conservation District Staff (Mall)

• **10:15 am—11:05 am**

1. **Wind Generation** – Dr. John Patten, Western Michigan University (Energy Room)
2. **Wetlands and Wetland Restorations**– Jim Marshall, USDA-NRCS (Water Room)
3. **Backyard Conservation for Winged Wildlife** – Chris Reidy, USDA– NRCS (Land Room)
4. **Chainsaw Care, Maintenance and Safety**– Dennis Worst, Dennis Worst Consulting Forester (Forestry Room)
5. **Special Kids Session: Animal Tracks**, Branch Area Career Center Envirothon Students (Mall)

• **11:15 pm—12:15 pm: Keynote Speaker (Mall)**

Dr. Doug Workman

“Invasive Species: Asian Carp & the Great Lakes Region”

(Dr. Workman -owner of Advanced Ecological and Adjunct Ferris State University Faculty Member)

12:20 pm—1:30 pm: Annual Meeting Luncheon and Election (Mall)

12:20 pm: Lunch: [*RSVP Required for Lunch](#)

\$5.00 Donation for Lunch

12:50-1:15: Business Meeting and Election Results (Mall)

1:20 pm—2:10 pm

1. **"Stream and Lake Monitoring"** – Dr. Paul Steen, Huron River Watershed Council (Water Room)
2. **Tips on Timber Sales**– Bill Botti, Michigan Forest Association (Wildlife/Forestry Room)
3. **Special Kids Session: The Wonders of Scats (Owl Pellets)** BACC Envirothon Students (Mall)

• **2:15 pm—3:05 pm**

1. **Urban Benefits of Water Stewardship** - Melanie Stoughton, Branch and St. Joseph County CD' & MWSP (Water Room)
2. **Wildflowers** - Dennis Worst, Consulting Forester (Land Room)
3. **Wildlife Interface; “The Total Package”**, Peter Klink, Progressive Forest Management (Forestry Room)
4. **Solar Power** - Trista Gregorski, Bureau of Energy Systems
5. **Special Kids Session: Native American Wildflower Uses**, Mary Ellen Newton, Branch Conservation District Vice Chair

• **3:10 pm—4:00 pm**

1. **2008 Farm Bill Opportunities** - Rebekah DeWind, USDA-NRCS (Land Room)
2. **Wolf Lake Fisheries** - Shanna McMillan, Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery (Water Room)
3. **Connecting Communities and People with Trails**- Suzann Flowers (Southwest Michigan Planning commission)
4. **Special Kids Session: Forestry Fun with Uncle Bill** - A fun forestry program with song, Smokey the Bear Stories and much more. Bill Botti, MFA Poster contest winners announced (Mall)

Kids Sessions available to Children 7-12 years old. Children under 7 are allowed with adult supervision only.

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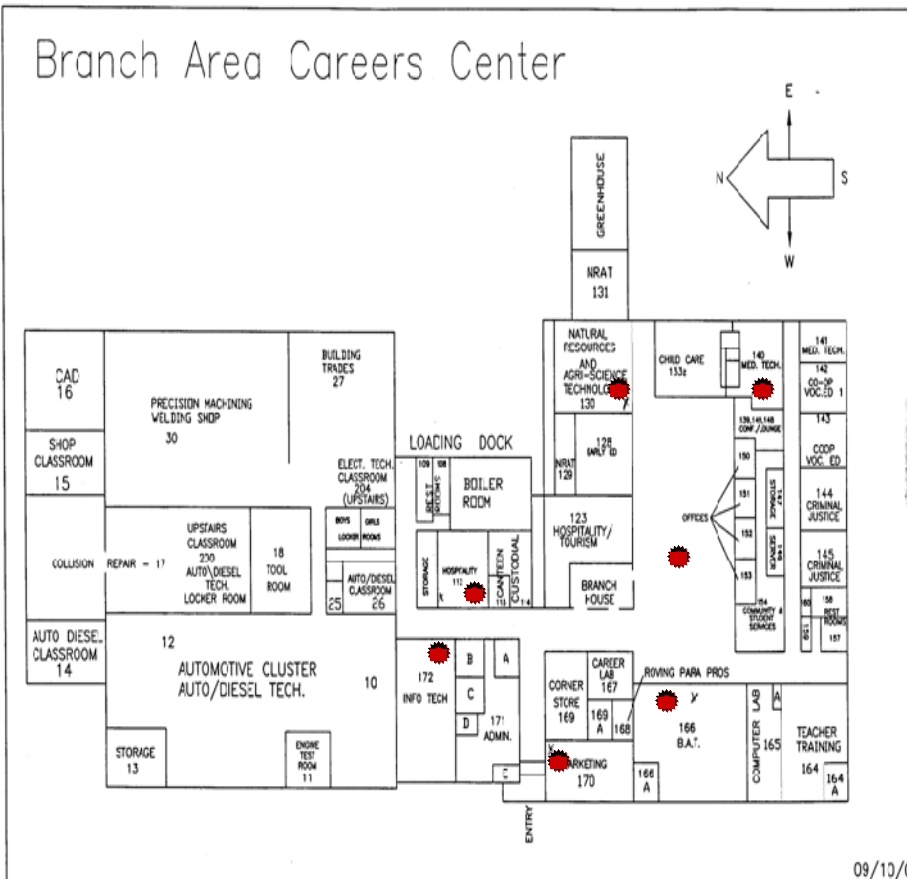
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 517-278-8008 ext 5.



Directions to Branch Area Career Center:

From I-69: Take the Coldwater/Quincy Exit (Exit 13) and turn West onto US-12. Follow US-12 to Morse Street.

Head North onto Morse Street. Branch Area Career Center will be on the East side of Morse Street.

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