

## **Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency**

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### **Well Seasoned and Rare: Karen Griffith, B.S., R.E.H.S.**

**Coldwater.** The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency would like to congratulate Karen Griffith, B.S., R.E.H.S., Environmental Health Coordinator on her retirement and extend a big thank you! Karen has been with the Agency 39 years, having begun her career at the health department as a receptionist, back when the department was housed at the local hospital. She went on to become a registered sanitarian, one of the first standardized food trainers in the state and the Agency's Environmental Health Coordinator. In 2010, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Environmental Health Association for her outstanding contributions in the area of food sanitation.

"The thing I am going to miss the most about this job is the people that I work with," says Karen, "We are one big family back here in Environmental Health and they are my favorite part of my days here." After her retirement on March 30th, Karen plans to spend much of her time on the golf course and planting new flowers in her garden at home. The health department would like to thank Karen for all of the time she has spent here and for all her hard work and dedication. Steve Todd, Health Officer states "In this day and age it is unusual for an employee to start and finish her career in the same organization. We consider ourselves fortunate to have built such a long standing and outstanding team. We will miss her knowledge, her professionalism and the wealth of experience she brings to everything she does." An open-house is scheduled on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Coldwater Office to allow community members to stop in and thank her for her years of service and wish her good luck in her new adventures. The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency's Coldwater office is located on 570 N. Marshall, Coldwater, MI 49036.

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