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enjoy the change of seasons and the opportunities each one reveals. Some opportunities require us to spring into action—like your electric co-op's director elections.

Democratic member control is one of the seven cooperative principles. And, by casting your vote in the director elections, you are putting this principle into action. Democratic control is what makes electric co-ops different from other electric utilities. Cloverland Electric is a consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric utility where members have a voice through their elected board of directors.

Every spring, you elect a member from your district to Cloverland's Board of Directors. There are three districts, and each district is represented by three directors elected to a three-year term. The directors are accountable to you. They actively participate in setting policies, strategic planning, and establishing co-op goals. District directors bring your thoughts and concerns to the full board and Cloverland's management for discussion and action, as necessary. The board of directors represents you. We encourage you to contact them with your concerns and ideas.

Wrapped around this edition of *Country Lines* is your election ballot. Please review the instructions carefully. Ballots are mailed directly to an independent accounting firm that will count the votes and validate the results. A postage-paid return envelope is included between pages 8–9 for your convenience. Ballots must be received by *May 30, 2014*. All voting and member information is kept confidential. Election results will be announced at the annual meeting of members at 7 p.m. on June 11 at the Dafter Township Hall. I encourage you to participate in the election process and attend this meeting, as this is your electric co-op.

Your Help Is Needed

Your co-op also needs you to get involved in a grassroots effort by contacting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington, D. C. Our energy future is at risk, once again, by proposed EPA regulations. Our current energy sources include coal, nuclear, hydro, wind and energy efficiency. We have, and need, an *all-of-the-above* approach to our energy needs. But the EPA has adopted an *all-but-one* approach—no coal. This unrealistic approach will impact all of our energy bills by increasing costs dramatically. Electric co-ops are working hard to keep electric bills affordable and need elected and appointed officials to keep this in mind when debating energy legislation. While some bash coal, protest fracking, and fear nuclear energy, your co-op believes each energy source has a role in an affordable, reliable and environmentally-responsible future. We make no apologies for this belief, because this is our business. Tell the EPA to keep our electricity affordable. Visit Action.coop today and send a message to the EPA. ■

NOTE WORTHY

Cloverland Electric offices will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. For your convenience, you can make a payment even when our office is closed at cloverland.com or by calling our after-hours member services team at 1-800-562-4953.

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GIVE YOUR TASTEBUDS A HAWAIIAN VACATION

These island-inspired recipes are perfect for any Hawaiian luau or just for fun.

Hawaiian Sweet & Sour Meatballs

3/4 lb. ground beef
3/4 c. fine bread crumbs
1/8 c. sesame seeds, toasted
1 small can pineapple chunks
1 small onion, minced
1 egg, beaten
1 t. salt
dash pepper
1 T. salad oil

Sweet and Sour sauce

2 T. cornstarch
1/2 c. sugar
2 T. shoyu sauce (soy sauce)
1/4 c. white vinegar
1/4 c. pineapple juice
1/4 c. water



Combine beef, bread crumbs, onion, egg, sesame seeds, salt and pepper. Shape meat mixture into balls and put a chunk of pineapple in center of each meatball. Heat oil in skillet; sauté meatballs a few at a time, browning well on all

sides. Cover and cook on low heat until meatballs are done. Combine ingredients for Sweet and Sour sauce in small pan. Cook about 5 minutes, stirring constantly till thickened. Pineapple chunks may be added to sauce, if desired. Pour sauce over meatballs and serve. Serves 4. This is a traditional Hawaiian recipe given to me by my daughter-in-law, who is Hawaiian.

Tanya Blackmer, Atlanta

Hawaiian Refrigerator Cake

1 1/3 c. sweetened condensed milk
10 maraschino cherries, quartered
1/4 c. fresh lemon juice
1/2 c. heavy cream, whipped
1 c. miniature marshmallows
Ladyfingers cookies, about 3 dozen
1/2 c. crushed pineapple, undrained



Combine milk and lemon juice; stir until thickened. Add marshmallows, pineapple, maraschino cherries and whipped cream. Line large loaf pan with separated ladyfingers, standing halves around edge and laying them across the pan bottom. Pour in filling and cover with ladyfingers. Chill at least 6 hours. Garnish with additional whipped cream and maraschino cherries, if desired. Serves 8–10. I received this recipe from friends who had just returned from Hawaii.

Janice Harvey, Charlevoix

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE!

Thanks to all who send in recipes. Please send in your favorite "All About Snacks" recipes by **June 10**.

Mail (handwritten or typed on one side, please) to: *Country Lines* Recipes, 2859 W. Jolly Rd., Okemos, MI 48864; or email recipes@countrylines.com.

Contributors whose recipes we print in 2014 will be entered in a drawing and *Country Lines* will pay the winner's January 2015 electric bill (up to \$200)!

Find more of our readers' recipes at countrylines.com

Cool Energy Bills with Metal Roofing

A **sphalt shingles** are still the norm in most regions, but the next roof over your head could be an energy-saving metal one made of stainless steel and painted to reflect hot sun rays. Thomas Jefferson chose metal roofing to shelter Monticello, his Virginia estate. Centuries later, historians say, Jefferson's "tin" roof "is in fine shape."

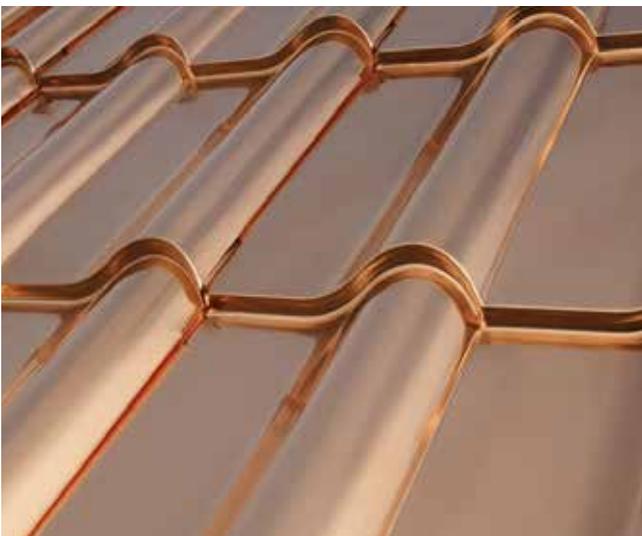
That kind of durability, say metal roofing retailers and manufacturers, is a strong selling point to a growing band of homeowners who want a building material that is not only sustainable, energy efficient, and cost-effective, but more aesthetically pleasing than asphalt. Today, consumers can select metals from copper to zinc, and roofing styles ranging from traditional vertical seams to those resembling wood shake, slate, shingles, and clay tiles. A multi-year study conducted by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Building Technology Center suggests that replacing conventional asphalt roofs with metal ones can reduce air conditioning energy use by up to 25 percent.



The metal roof on this log home features a standing seam design that reflects the sun's rays, making it both easier to cool in summer and great for shedding snow.

If you're wondering whether your house should be clad with a metal roof, ENERGY STAR® offers this guidance: homes that are hampered with high air-conditioning bills, have large roof surfaces, lower insulation levels, or located in hot, sunny climates benefit the most from metal roofing. Painted metal roofs, also known as "cool metal roofs," are designed to reflect more sunlight and absorb less heat than a standard roof. Special reflective color pigments make this possible. Whether white or a darker paint color is used, heat will still reflect well and help reduce cooling loads in summer and insulate homes in winter.

With metal roofs, there are additional ways for homeowners to save money over time, but the initial purchase price can be a factor. The cost for using metal roofing systems in home renovations or new residential construction is higher than most other materials, manufacturers say. But compared to traditional, dark gray asphalt shingles and other non-metal roofs that last an average of 17 years and require replacing about every decade or two, metal roofs last longer. A metal roof lifespan is about two to three times longer, says William "Bill" Hippard, chair of the nonprofit Metal Roofing Alliance, a coalition that educates consumers about the benefits of modern metal roofing, and the product is virtually maintenance-free. ■



Gleaming copper that is shaped like barrel tile forms this home's new roof.

Photos – Metal Roofing Alliance

DISTRICT B



John Sawruk
Sault Ste. Marie

John Sawruk, 59, lifelong Sault Ste. Marie resident.

LSSU, BS in industrial arts, 1977. Post-graduate studies Public Utility Reports training for managers, accounting, engineering, budgeting, operations in the electric utility industry. University of Wisconsin, electrical systems design; mapping and geographic information systems; utility pole maintenance and design.

Sault Area Skill Center, instructor; 1977-80, Edison Sault Electric Company, purchasing manager, supervisor Stores, Garage, Cloverland Electric (2010-2014).

Board experience: Chippewa County EUP Mental Health; United Way campaign co-chair; City of Sault Ste. Marie Seal Estate Bd.; Building Board of Appeals; president, Nativity Catholic Church.

My primary goal in running for the board is to push for open, monthly public meetings. Public attendance and press coverage encouraged, minutes published. A democratic organization owned by the members should not conduct the people's business behind closed doors. Unless we elect board members with the education, experience needed, rates will continue to rise. Questions, call 906-748-7919.

DISTRICT C



Alfred W. LeMaire
Newberry

I would like to serve the citizens as director of District C on the Cloverland board of directors. I share the commitment of protecting our land, air and water. I take living in the Upper Peninsula and preserving our Great Lakes very seriously. I champion renewable hydroelectric power.

I have a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana State University and a degree in accounting from Ohio State University and Indiana University. I have over 40 years of finance and accounting management experience of which over 20 years is in health care financial management.

I have served in a fiscal management role since 1999 with the Department of Human Services for the Bureau of Accounting. I have served as chief financial officer for Helen Newberry Joy Hospital and Allegan General Hospital, and as the Tribal Health Center accountant for Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians.

DISTRICT C



Virgil Monroe
Manistique

It has been my privilege to serve the members of Cloverland Electric Cooperative's District C for the past three years, and I am again seeking your support.

I was born and raised in Curtis, graduated from Newberry High School, earned a degree from North Central Michigan College, and obtained my Credentialed Cooperative Director certification. I am a master electrician and have been an electrical contractor, electrical inspector and senior electrical inspector.

I retired as the chief electrical inspector for the State of Michigan/Bureau of Construction Codes. As its chief enforcement officer, I was responsible for all the laws, rules and codes governing Michigan's electrical industry. I also worked closely with local government officials, state senators and representatives, and the state Attorney General's office.

Currently, I serve on the board of directors of Lighthouse.Net and my church, and as the board president of the Indian Lake Golf and Country Club.

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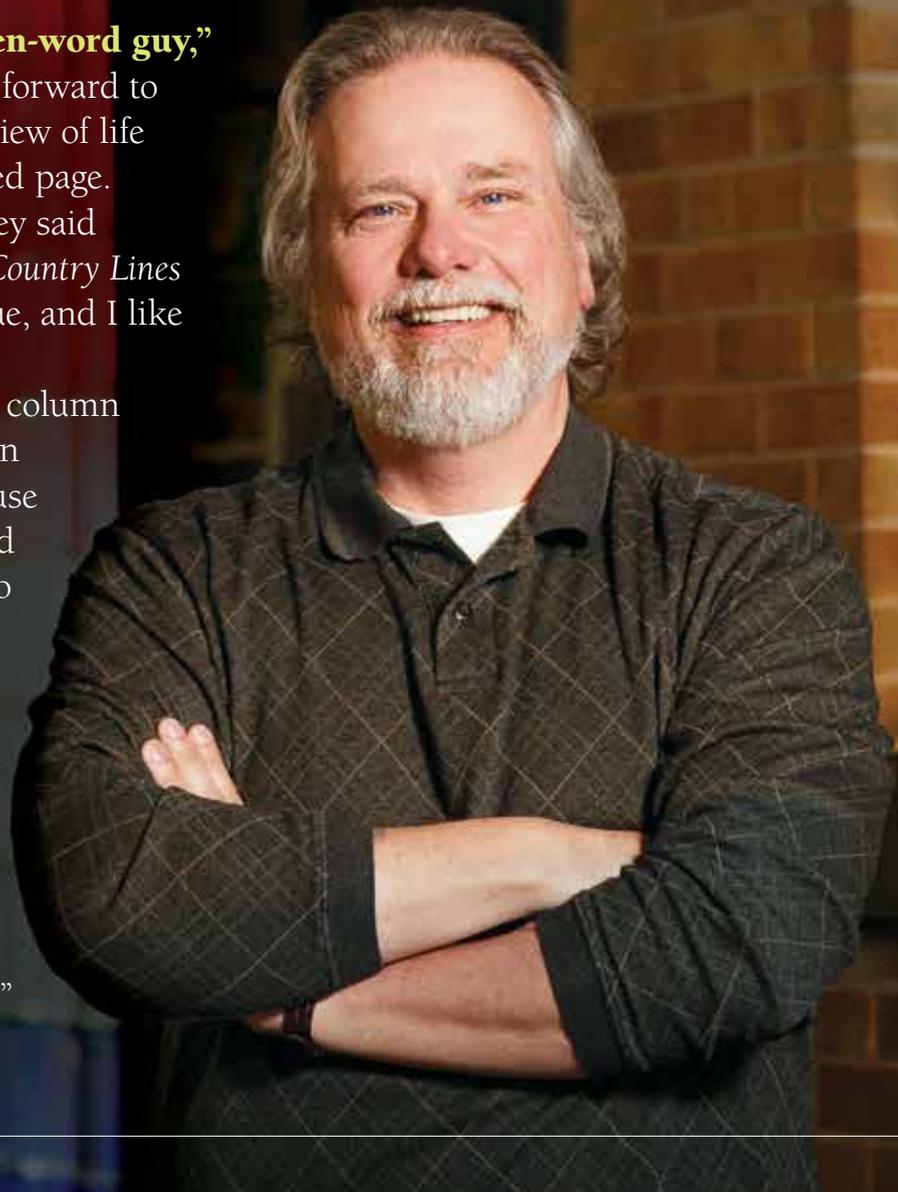
Media-Man O'MALLEY Joins *Country Lines*

A self-proclaimed “spoken-word guy,” Jack O'Malley is looking forward to transferring his upbeat view of life in Michigan to the printed page.

“I’m thrilled about this,” O'Malley said about his new gig with *Michigan Country Lines* magazine. “It’s a whole new avenue, and I like a challenge.”

Beginning with this edition, his column on the Readers’ Page will appear in alternating issues. O'Malley will use the hallowed space, once occupied by Jim Hough, then Mike Buda, to expand on what he already does on northern Michigan radio and TV: celebrate the great and quirky people and places of his home state, filtering the stories through the lens of his buoyant personality.

“People get enough bad news,” he says. “They want a little good news.”



O'Malley, 54, relishes the role of good-news messenger. To Traverse City area people, his voice is as familiar as cherry pie. He's hosted the WTCM Radio Morning Show since 1984, making it the longest-running morning radio show in northern Michigan. O'Malley describes the program, which airs from 5 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday as "full-service," meaning a complete package of music (country), news, weather, traffic reports—everything listeners need to start their day, except the coffee.

"People waking up want to know the world is still here and that all is well," O'Malley explains. "The idea is to be happy and fun, and keep people informed."

Brief interviews with various guests are also part of his routine—a local librarian offering a glimpse of what Traverse City folks are reading, an outdoor writer discussing what's biting in the Bay, or a city official discussing a development project.

A true multi-media man, O'Malley also turns up every Monday on the northern Michigan CBS affiliate WWTV (TV 9&10), in the form of "Jack's Journal," a 2-minute human-interest feature that airs during the 6 p.m. news.

The subjects?

"Gosh, it's everybody and everything," O'Malley says, tossing out a few recent examples—a hidden gem known as the Manton Military Museum, a one-man band, a funky little "Up North" tavern...

O'Malley describes the drill: "I get a cameraman and travel all over northern Michigan—from Alpena to the eastern Upper Peninsula, to the Ludington area—I follow the subject around, do an interview, put it all together."

Now and then O'Malley spends the 2 minutes musing about one of modern life's marvels—the overwhelming number of options, for example, in a supermarket cookie aisle.

O'Malley gleans ideas from his viewers and listeners, production team members, and his own observations. For *Country Lines*, O'Malley, who grew up in Detroit, will continue working Michigan's fertile human-interest soil, but on a broader, statewide field.



Jack O'Malley says his WTCM Radio Morning Show is a complete package of music, news, weather and everything listeners need to start their day, except the coffee.

"I'm a Michigan boy," he says. "My heart is in Michigan." O'Malley and his wife Robin are, by the way, Cherryland Electric Co-op members. O'Malley has two grown daughters and a 12-year-old son. As this *Country Lines* edition went to press, a first grandchild was also expected.

A veteran hunter of human-interest stories, O'Malley knows that the eyes and ears of his listeners, viewers, and now, readers, are his best bush-beaters. If you have an idea for a column, he wants to hear from you.

"I'm always open to ideas and suggestions," he says.

On column writing, as well as on grandfathering. ■

That Old Fridge or Freezer is Too Costly to Keep

Recycle now and get a \$50 rebate.

Do you have an old refrigerator or chest freezer taking up valuable space in your basement or garage? While you may not think much about these secondary appliances that are typically out of sight, refrigerators or freezers that are over 10 years old are most likely costing you hundreds of dollars per year.

You can eliminate unnecessary energy use and costs by recycling old appliances with the help of Cloverland Electric Cooperative and the Energy Optimization (EO) Appliance Recycling program! Simply call us at 877-296-4319 and we will come and pick up your old refrigerator or freezer—and you will earn a \$50 rebate! (Rebates are limited to two refrigerators or freezers per home.)

What qualifies for a recycling rebate?

The appliance(s) must be in your home or garage and in working order. Sorry, but rounding up trashed or curbside refrigerators or freezers won't earn you rebates.

A few other things to note:

- To be eligible for pick up and a rebate, the refrigerator or freezer must be a secondary unit.
- The refrigerator or freezer must be between 10 and 30 cubic feet.
- Side-by-side refrigerators count as one appliance for recycling.

Have any other old appliances lying around?

While we're at your home, we can also pick up your outdated (yet functioning) air conditioning units or dehumidifiers for free recycling. By acting now, you can receive a \$15 bonus rebate for each!

With these EO rebates, you now have a great reason to finally get rid of your old appliances. If you have any questions about appliance recycling or residential, business or farm rebates, call 877-296-4319 or visit michigan-energy.org. ■



Get \$50 for your old refrigerator or freezer.
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ENERGY TIP: Turn in your old room air conditioner or dehumidifier with your refrigerator or freezer and get a \$15 bonus rebate per unit.

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Got Toast? Trenary Toast is a Beloved Treat

“**M**y grandmother always had **Trenary Toast** in her house—my brothers and sisters and I grew up on it,” said the woman on the phone, as she ordered bags of the toast for her brother and sister-in-law’s 70th wedding anniversary. As she hangs up the phone, Maureen Webber, owner of the Trenary Home Bakery, laughs and says, “I hear these stories from people all the time.” And, even though Webber bought the shop back in 2011, the U.P. native still loves being what she calls the “new face” behind Trenary Toast, Inc.

The bakery, located just moments off U.S.-41 on M-67 in Trenary, specializes in “from scratch” traditional Finnish breads from original family recipes passed down over the last century. Old Country Rye, a dense Scandinavian bread, is especially popular.

Their best seller, however, is the iconic Trenary Toast, which is distributed regionally and has been shipped to every state. Trenary Toast starts out as a sweet bread which is baked, sliced, coated, then baked again.

“That’s what gives it that famous ‘crunch’ and dunk-a-bility,” Maureen explains. “Trenary Toast is unique because we’re the only toast that has the cinnamon sugar on the top—we hand-coat it.”



Next door to the bakery is the Trenary Toast Café, which serves breakfast sandwiches, subs, pizza bread, coffee, and, in the summer, hand-dipped Jilbert’s ice cream. Their giant cinnamon rolls and cinnamon bread are available exclusively in the Café. Webber also stocks local gift items, such as maple syrup, “Yooper” shirts, sweatshirts, and Saykly’s candy, which is homemade in Escanaba, Mich.

“Last summer, a lady came from Washington State to see where Trenary Toast was made because it was on her bucket list,” Maureen smiles. “How great is that?” ■

— Linda Sirois

Names & Faces



Mike Metrish

Cloverland Electric is pleased to welcome Mike Metrish to our co-op family of employees. Mike works in machine maintenance at the hydroelectric plant.



Jim Mackie

Congratulations to Cloverland Electric’s Safety and Loss Prevention Coordinator Jim Mackie, who has achieved the designation of Certified Loss Control Professional from the University of Wisconsin School of Business and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Why We Send You Country Lines

Sure, *Michigan Country Lines* is full of great articles, valuable energy-saving tips, and—of course—delicious recipes. But why does Cloverland Electric send you this magazine?

We send you *Country Lines* because it is the most economical and convenient way to share information with you, our member-owners. It takes the place of many mailings we would otherwise need to make to share information with you about our services, director elections, member meetings and management decisions you should know about as a member-owner of the co-op. It also carries legal notices that would otherwise have to be placed in local media at a substantial cost.

Sending this magazine to you also helps the co-op fulfill one of its basic principles—to educate and communicate openly with its members. The board of directors authorizes Cloverland to subscribe to *Country Lines* on behalf of its members at a cost of \$3.54 per year. The magazine is published at-cost, and the current cost is just 59 cents per copy—a little more than a postage stamp.

Winter's in the Rear View

Whew! Winter is finally in our rear view mirrors. All of Michigan's 83 counties experienced a humdinger, didn't they? Persistent cold, high accumulations without a traditional mid-season thaw, an abundance of snow days, and the Great Lakes nearing an ice-cover record made the Winter of 2013 one for the books! Yowsers!

I'm as ready for spring as the next guy, but let's be honest about winter in Michigan, too. We all love it! Winter is as much a part of who we are as the DNA that determines our eye and hair color.

We love seeing how southern towns react when hit with an inch or two of snow. Schools close, YouTube videos of garbage trucks pirouetting down the interstate are circulated, and news crews are on the scene! Why do we find such humor in our southern neighbors' response to what we consider a "light dusting"?

Bragging rights, pure and simple. We Michiganians are a tough bunch—enduring months of snow and frigid cold, driving to and from work (uphill both ways), and sending kids to the bus stop on days when the slightest breeze can leave cheeks raw and chapped. And, when warm weather friends call to complain about an inch of snow or temperatures below freezing, we can let loose! "Heck, we got a foot last night! It's minus 8 with wind chills at 35 below and schools have been closed all week!"

Not for the faint of heart, winter gives folks true grit, an identity. Anybody can do sunny and 75, but it takes seasoned Michiganians to handle negative temperatures and snow up to their backsides! Floridians have lawn mowers. A rake or two. But look in any Michigan garage and you will find all that plus an assortment of snow blowers, shovels, ice choppers, snow scoops...an arsenal for the war with winter we secretly enjoy waging year after year.



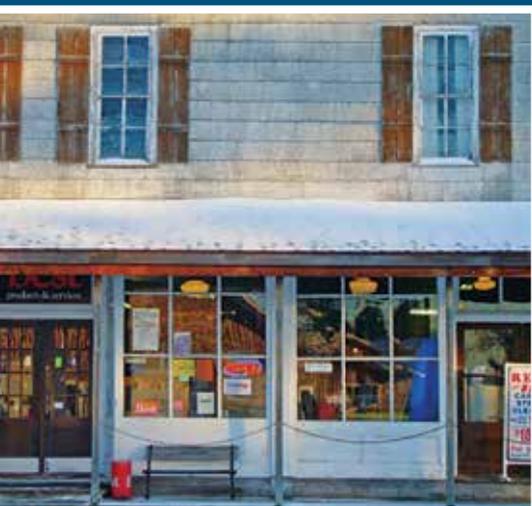
"Winter gives folks true grit... Anybody can do sunny and 75."

Jack O'Malley pictured using a snowblower during this infamous "Winter of 2013."

Enjoy the warm months ahead. You've earned 'em! And while boating, camping or lazing on the beach this summer, pay attention to the number of times you catch yourself bragging about how you survived the infamous "Winter of 2013." Because you will. And, you should. The seasons make us who we are. And we are from Michigan, home of the real winter!



P.S. I am looking forward to talking with you through this column (every other issue), so if you have a topic idea to share about unique Michigan people, places and things, give me a shout to jack@countrylines.com or write: J. O'Malley, 2859 W. Jolly Rd., Okemos, MI. ■



«« Do You Know Where This Is?

Every co-op member who identifies the correct location of the photo at the left by **June 10** will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 credit for electricity from their electric cooperative.

We do not accept Mystery Photo guesses by phone. Enter your guess at countrylines.com; or send by mail to *Country Lines Mystery Photo*, 2859 W. Jolly Rd., Okemos, 48864. Include your name, address, phone number and the name of your co-op. Only those sending complete information

will be entered in the drawing. The winner will be announced in the July–August 2014 issue.

The March contest winner is **Deborah Dunlap**, a Cherryland Electric Cooperative member from Traverse City, who correctly identified the photo as Lakenenland Sculpture Park in Marquette.



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