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Jack O'Malley, a Cherryland Electric Co-op member and host of a northern Michigan radio show and TV 9-10 broadcast called "Jack's Journal," is joining Michigan Country Lines magazine as a READERS' PAGE columnist.

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History Repeats Itself... in a Good Way!



Brian J. Burns
 President & CEO

On June 1, 1994, in a special meeting, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op members overwhelmingly approved (1,243 yeas; 101 nays) bylaw changes that allowed the co-op to provide natural gas service—not unlike 1937, when the cooperative was formed to provide electricity to rural areas. Once again, the co-op business model proved its worth when free markets were unable, and investor-owned utilities unwilling, to meet the demands of rural America.

Now, nearly 20 years later, about 9,000 members are receiving the economic benefits of this valuable commodity. For those not aware of the value natural gas brings, over the past 20 years it has generally been one-half the price of propane—the preferred fuel in this area when natural gas is not available.

Today, the co-op’s natural gas unit price of \$0.9158/ccf for residential members is equivalent to 81 cents per gallon for propane—a significant savings compared to the current price of propane (\$2–2.50 per gallon), and this past winter when the propane crisis saw price spikes of up to \$4 and \$5 per gallon, or more.

While we will never be able to make natural gas service available for all members of the co-op, all members do benefit from natural gas service because significant overhead expenses are paid for by those who take natural gas service. Without natural gas service, it is estimated that well in excess of \$500,000 per year would fall back to be paid for by those receiving electric service. In the 20 years since gas service has been available, several million dollars in expenses have been saved by members receiving electric service, too.

Our mission is to provide energy to sustain and improve the quality of life for our members through the use of a cooperative business model. Our natural gas service has delivered on that mission. I hope you regard us as a trusted energy and community partner. ■

Natural Gas Rates Reduced, Effective April 1

Effective April 1, natural gas rates have changed. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCR) **decreased** more than 8 cents, from \$0.5417/ccf to \$0.4614/ccf. Please refer to the table below for a review of charges.

	Residential	General Service	Industrial
	April 2014	April 2014	April 2014
Monthly	\$12	\$17	\$188
Distribution	\$0.4544/ccf	\$0.3203/ccf	\$0.2336/ccf
GCR	\$0.4614/ccf	\$0.4614/ccf	\$0.4614/ccf
Total, \$/ccf	\$0.9158/ccf	\$0.7817/ccf	\$0.6950/ccf

Get Involved In Your Co-op

It's time to nominate potential directors.

Electric co-ops are governed by seven principles, one of which is “Democratic Member Control” and means that co-ops are self-governing organizations controlled by their members who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. It also means that men and women serving as elected representatives on a cooperative's board of directors are accountable to all of its members. Since Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op (PIE&G) is a democracy, it works best when you participate in the organization.

Any qualified PIE&G member-owner can be elected to serve on the cooperative's board of directors, and the term of the office is three years. In 2014, one director from each of the following districts will be elected: Cheboygan, Montmorency and Presque Isle.

Potential nominees must meet the qualifications for the office of director as set forth in Article III, Section 2 of the PIE&G bylaws (available on our website at pieg.com). Any member interested in becoming a candidate is invited to visit the cooperative's office and learn about the duties performed by the directors. Board of directors meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

To place your name on the ballot as a candidate for election to the board of directors, nominations may be made by the Nominating Committee, by petition, or from the floor at the annual meeting. You may submit a letter of interest by June 30, 2014, to: Nominating Committee, c/o PIE&G, P.O. Box 308, Onaway, MI 49765. All letters will be given to the Nominating Committee for review and nominations will be made in July. Watch your Country Lines magazine for further information about the annual meeting to be held Friday, Oct. 24, in Posen.

**Any qualified member can be elected to serve.
The term of office is three years.**

Annual Meter Readings Begin in May

Over the next three months, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op (PIE&G) meter readers will begin reading electric and/or natural gas meters for our annual verification. Personnel will carry a PIE&G identification badge.

To help make this annual process easier, we ask that you:

- Please have animals leashed and away from the meter location.
- Make sure the meter is clear from obstructions and is easily accessible for our meter readers.

PIE&G Meter Reading Schedule

MAY Cheboygan, Emmet, Mackinac

JUNE Alpena, Alcona, Presque Isle

JULY Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego

Thank you for your cooperation!

Your Board in Action

At their February and March 2014 regular meetings, the Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Board of Directors:

- Listened to Ron Harris of the Harris Group give the 2013 audit report on the co-op's financial statements.
- Accepted management's electric and natural gas TIER (Times Interest Earned Ratio) analyses, which indicated no revenue adjustment is required.
- Approved a Gas Cost Recovery factor (GCR) for Home Rule entities for the period beginning April 1, 2014, of \$0.4614 per ccf for all natural gas rate classes, which is a decrease of more than 8 cents from the previous GCR of \$0.5417.
- Amended “Board Policy 202—Capital Credit Allocations”—clarifying how sales tax credits from the State of Michigan due to positive margins are to be equitably refunded to members of the Co-op.
- Accepted management's 2013 electric Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) factor collection analysis, which indicates an over-collection of \$396,112.21 and directed management to continue refunding this amount to the membership through the use of the 2014 PSCR Factor.
- Appointed director John Brown to a two-year term on the Wolverine Power Cooperative Board of Directors.
- Accepted executive team reports from managers Szymoniak and Kieliszewski, CFO Soback, and CEO Burns.



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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

Asphalt 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."

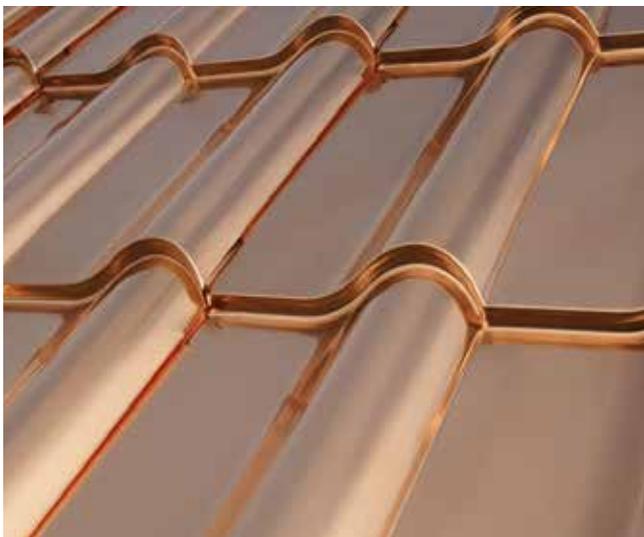
That kind of durability, say metal roofing retailers and manufacturers, is a strong selling point to a growing band of homeowners who want a building material that is not only sustainable, energy efficient, and cost-effective, but more aesthetically pleasing than asphalt. Today, consumers can select 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

Communities First Fund Awards \$14,100 in Grants



Economic Development Alliance of Oscoda County

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op members continue to generously assist area community organizations and individuals through the voluntary round up of their monthly electric and natural gas billings. Member contributions to the PIE&G Communities First Fund help provide funds for grants and scholarships in their local communities within PIE&G's service area. At their recent meeting, the Communities First board of directors awarded \$14,100 in grants to the following recipients:

- **Alcona County—Hubbard Lake Sportsman & Improvement Association (\$350):** Working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality (MDNRE) to monitor lake fisheries, the HLSIA will purchase materials to build fish shelters.
- **Cheboygan County—Wolverine Community Schools (\$2,000):** The Wildcat Pride initiative is working to remove unsafe play equipment and clean the current site to incorporate an updated play space for the community.
- **Cheboygan County United Way (\$1,000):** The Project Connect program, to be held on May 8 at the Cheboygan Armory, will provide free services, programs and resources for people in need. United Way expects 400 people to attend.
- **Montmorency County—New Beginnings Ministries (\$3,000):** The Hillman Area Resource Pantry (HARP) fed about 100 families during 2013. To respond to increased need in the area, HARP will purchase additional food supplies.

- **Atlanta Church of Christ (\$3,000):** Last year, The Caring Place provided food to about 2,700 families in Montmorency County. Additional food purchases will be made from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The Caring Place also receives donations from Walmart's "Feed America" program, the DNR, and various other organizations and individuals.
- **Oscoda County—Economic Development Alliance of Oscoda County (\$2,500):** The ACHIEVES initiative operates from the MiFair Wood Tech facility located between Mio and Fairview.

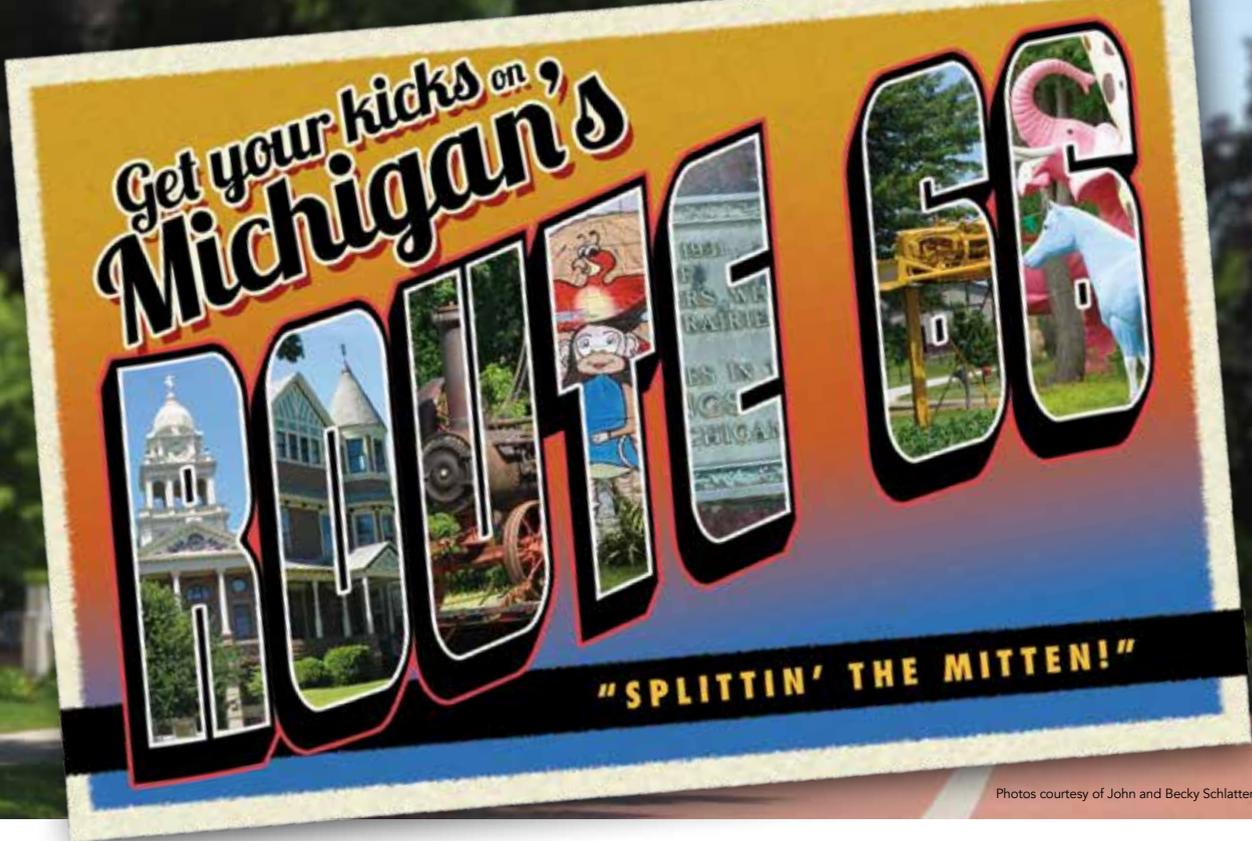
The initiative provides high vocational school woodworking opportunities for area students. This is a shared effort between Kirtland Community College, Mio-Au Sable and Fairview schools. The grant will be used to buy a CNC router.

- **Presque Isle County—Presque Isle County Council on Aging (\$750):** The Posen PICC will buy an industrial meat slicer for meal preparation.
- **Presque Isle County Sheriff's Department (\$500) and Rogers City Police Department (\$500):** The grants will be used toward purchases of personal protective equipment for two officers participating on the mutual aid Emergency Response Team (ERT) in northern Michigan.
- **Rogers City Area Fire Authority (\$500):** The grant will be used toward the purchase of reliable communications equipment (two digital 3-way radios) for emergency responders. ■

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op will be closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 26

Payments may be made at the drop box, online at pieg.com or by calling 1-866-999-4571, and will be posted the next business day.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day Weekend!



Photos courtesy of John and Becky Schlatter

Jazz pianist Nat King Cole immortalized driving the open road with his 1946 hit song, “Route 66,” a swinging rendition about traveling the fabled route from Chicago, Ill., to Los Angeles, Calif. But authors John and Becky Schlatter, think the Michigan highway that bears the same name is just as appealing and has its own quaint charms. To prove it, they take readers for a 237-mile ride from Sturgis to Charlevoix in a new book called “Splittin’ the Mitten: Get Your Kicks on Michigan’s Route 66.”

“To say it’s just as scenic as the route from Chicago to L.A., might be a bit of hyperbole, but beauty is in the eye of the beholder,” notes John Schlatter, a retired corporate communications professional and HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Co-op member. “But when you drive [Michigan’s] Route 66 and see a field of sunflowers in late summer, or cows grazing in a field and modern wind turbines in the distance, or a pretty old church, those are all very scenic in their own way.”

The Schlatters’ book, with 250 photographs, is an account of their trip through our rural heartland. It’s a route full of history, small towns and farm life—the backbone of our mitten state. There’s a story of pastures and cows, grange halls where farmers meet, ice cream parlors where families gather, and the overlay of modern times and change.

“We thought this might be a fun project,” shares Becky Schlatter, who refers to herself as a “Michigan girl” and Flint native. “I get excited by stuff like this.”

The Schlatters spent five days touring M-66. Gathering material for their book required driving it twice and three shorter trips to shoot photos. One of Becky’s favorite stops is Mancelona, where a downtown mural depicts

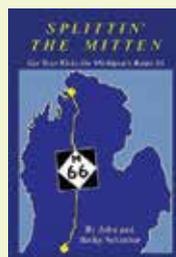
the life of author Ernest Hemmingway. Other favorite stops are Ionia’s brick-lined Main Street and Charlevoix’s “two waterfronts” and unique old homes.

“The worst part of the trip was not being able to stop and talk to people at length,” says John, a Mississippi native who retired from Bechtel Corp in 2012 after years of moving around the country. “If we had, it would have taken three years to get it done.”

John admits he didn’t know much about Michigan until 2007. That’s when the couple bought their Chippewa Lake cabin in Mecosta County. It’s not far from M-66, a route they use to come and go.

“As a kid growing up in the south, all I knew about Michigan was Bo Schembechler, Detroit car factories, and Motown,” John exclaims. “When I got here I was amazed by how rural the state is, which is why we like Route 66.”

“I can’t say that there was an ‘aha!’ moment when I knew to write the book, but I am old enough to remember the ‘Route 66’ television show from the 1960s,” he adds. “We saw signs at Barryton saying, ‘Thanks for Visiting’ and ‘Route 66 Keep on Cruising,’ and realized we’re not the only ones who think Route 66 is pretty cool.” ■



Find “Splittin’ The Mitten: Get Your Kicks on Route 66” on Amazon.com (paperback listed at \$12.47; e-book is \$2.99); at the Old Pioneer Store and Emporium (231-796-2502 or oldpioneerstore.com) in Big Rapids; or order through Charlevoix’s Round Lake Bookstore (231-547-2699).

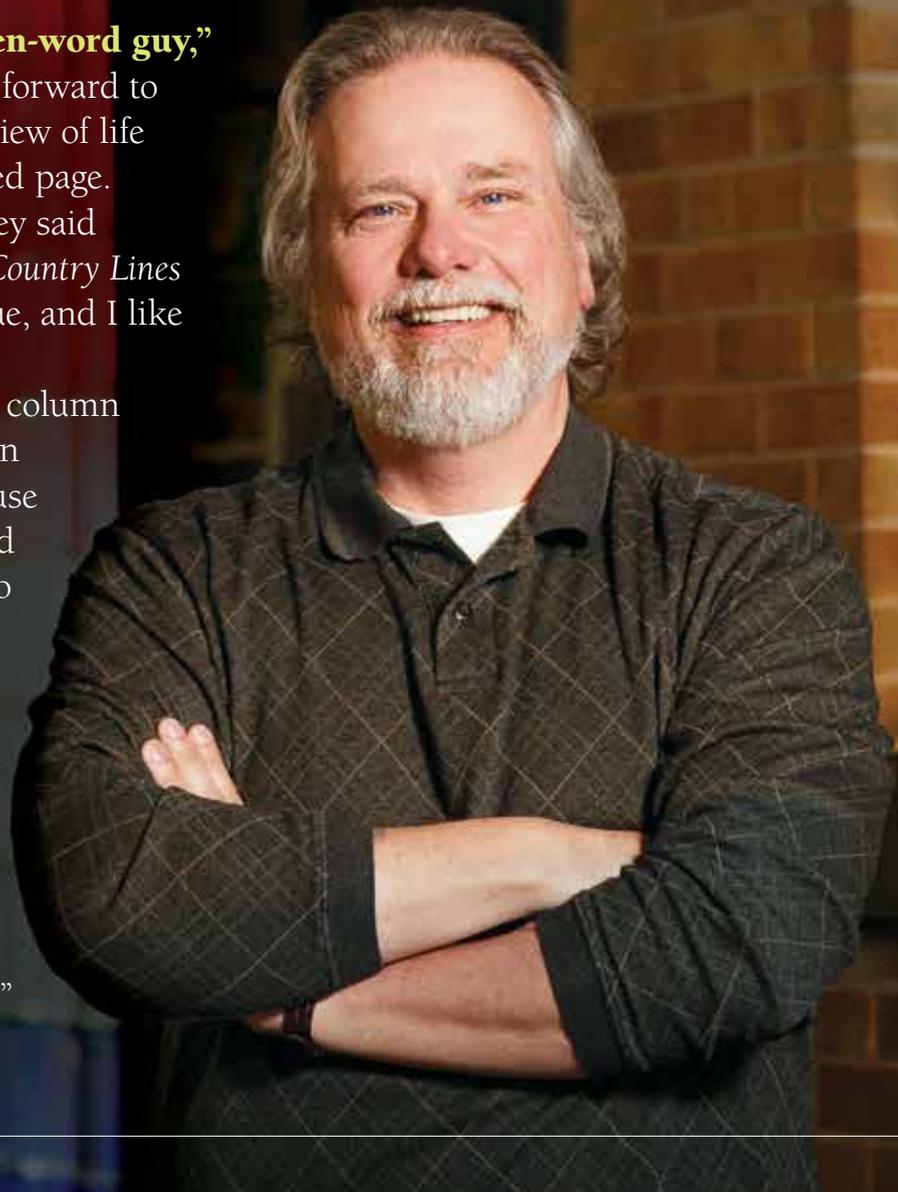
Media-Man O'MALLEY Joins *Country Lines*

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 Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op 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.

Have an extra working refrigerator or freezer? Don't let it sit there wasting energy. Turn it in. You'll receive a \$50 rebate from the Energy Optimization (EO) Appliance Recycling program and we'll recycle it. Schedule your FREE pick-up today.

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

ONLINE: michigan-energy.org **PHONE:** 877.296.4319

Energy Optimization programs and incentives are applicable to Michigan service locations only. Other restrictions may apply. For a complete list of participating utilities, visit michigan-energy.org.

ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

For your safety and for the protection of underground utility lines, always follow these steps before starting any digging project.

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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.



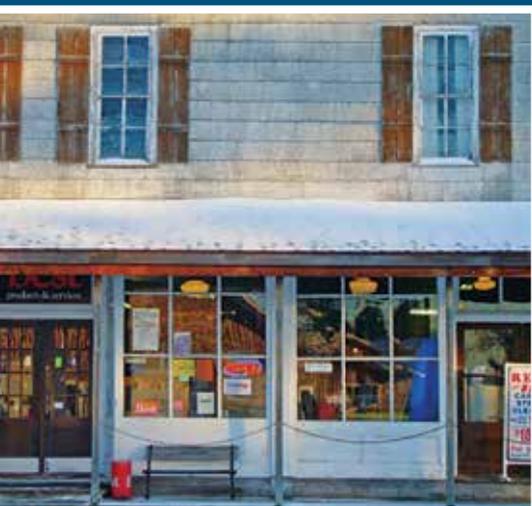
"Winter gives folks true grit... Anybody can do sunny and 75."

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. ■



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MAY 17	Blessing of the Bikes—Hillman hillmanmichigan.org
24–25	Presque Isle Lighthouses (Old & New) Open thru Labor Day alpenacvb.com 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Arts & Crafts Weekend (near Rogers City) 40milepointlighthouse.org
24–26	Bridge Race/Reenactment/Parade 1:00 pm/Fireworks—Mackinaw City mackinawinformation.com
JUNE 6–15	65th Annual Lilac Festival—Mackinaw Island mackinawinformation.com
7–8	DNRE Free Fishing Weekend
20–21	22nd Annual Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show presqueisleharborwoodenboatshow.com
27–29	39th Annual St. Ignace Car Show Weekend mackinawinformation.com
27–29	33rd Annual Lumberjack Festival—Wolverine wolverinelumberjackfest.com
JULY 4	4th of July Celebrations Alpena—Parade @ 11 am/Fireworks & Maritime Festival alpenacvb.com Atlanta—Parade/Fireworks @ Atlanta High School atlantamichiganchamber.com Cheboygan—Parade @ 10 am/Fireworks @ County Fairgrounds cheboygan.com Lewiston—Parade 11 am lewistonchamber.com Indian River—Parade @ 11 am/Fireworks July 5th Mackinaw City Fireworks & Waterfront Events mackinawinformation.com Onaway—Parade @ 12 pm/Arts & Crafts/VFW Chicken Dinner/Fireworks onawaychamber.com
5	Mill River Days / Craft show/Fireworks—Hillman hillmanmichigan.org
10–13	Waterways Festival—Cheboygan www.waterwaysfestival.com
14–20	34th Annual Summer Fest—Indian River irchamber.com
17–27	40th Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival—Alpena alpenacvb.com
29–Aug 3	Nautical Festival—Rogers City nauticalfestival.org
AUG 2	Mackinaw Area Historical Festival—Mackinaw City mackinawinformation.com
2–9	Cheboygan County Fair—Cheboygan cheboyganfair.com
8–10	Timberfest—Lewiston lewistonchamber.com
10–16	140th Alpena County Fair alpenacvb.com
11–16	Montmorency County Fair—Fairgrounds in Atlanta
16	PIE&G Charity Golf Classic, Stoney Links—Onaway
SEPT 1	56th Annual Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge Walk mackinawinformation.com
5–7	63rd Annual Posen Potato Festival posenchamber.com
25–28	29th Annual Elk Festival—Atlanta atlantamichiganchamber.com

