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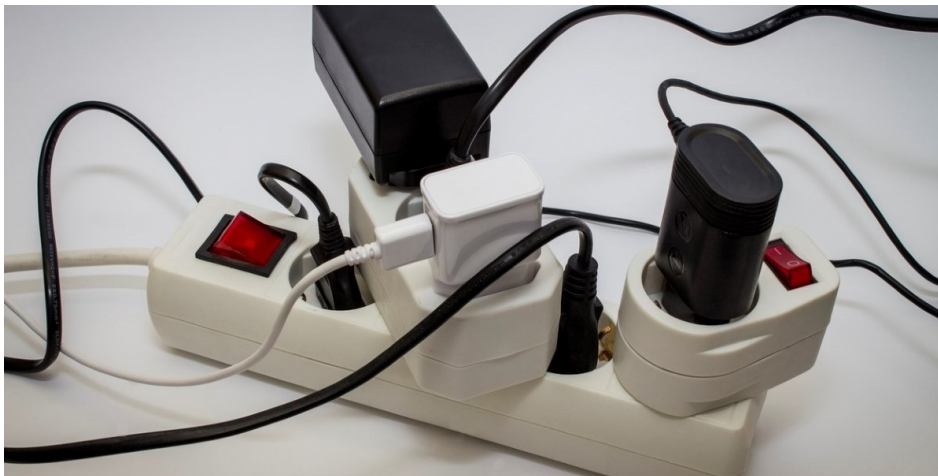
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## Safety Starts with You

Tips for spotting potential electrical hazards in your home.



**E**lectricity plays many roles in our lives, from powering baby monitors, cell phones and lighting, to running HVAC systems and appliances. No wonder we get so comfortable with its instant availability that when we flip a switch, we expect most systems or devices to do the job.

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and here at CKenergy, we think it's a great time to look around your home and check for potential safety hazards.

Remember, every electrical device has a purpose and a service lifespan. While we can extend their operations with maintenance and care, none of them are designed to last or work forever. When electricity is involved, failures can present electrical hazards that might be avoided with periodic inspections.

### Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters

Outdoor outlets or those in potentially damp locations in a kitchen, bathroom or laundry room often include GFCI features. They are designed to sense abnormal current flows, breaking the circuit to prevent potential electric shocks from devices plugged into the outlets.

The average GFCI outlet is designed to last about 10 years, but in areas prone to electrical storms or power surges, they can wear out in five years or less. Check them frequently by pressing the red test button. Make sure you hit the black reset button when you are done. Contact a licensed electrician to replace any failing GFCI outlets.

### Loose or Damaged Outlets or Switches

Unstable electrical outlets or wall switches with signs of heat damage or discoloration can offer early warnings of potential shock or electrical fire hazards. Loose connections can allow electrical current arcing. If you see these warning signs, it may be time to contact an electrician.

### Surge Protectors

Power strips with surge protectors can help safeguard expensive equipment like televisions, home entertainment systems and computer components from power spikes. Voltage spikes are measured in joules, and surge protectors are rated for the number of joules they can effectively absorb. That means

if your surge protector is rated at 1,000 joules, it should be replaced when it hits or passes that limit. When the limit is reached, protection stops, and you're left with a basic power strip.

Some surge protectors include indicator lights that flicker to warn you when they've stopped working as designed, but many do not. If your electrical system takes a major hit, or if you don't remember when you bought your surge protector, replacement may be the best option.

### Extension Cords

If you use extension cords regularly to connect devices and equipment to your wall outlets, you may live in an underwired home. With a growing number of electrical devices connecting your family to the electricity you get from CKenergy, having enough outlets in just the right spots can be challenging. Remember, extension cords are designed for temporary, occasional or periodic use.

If an extension cord gets noticeably warm when in use, it could be undersized for the intended use. If it shows any signs of frayed, cracked or heat-damaged insulation, it should be replaced. If the grounding prong is missing, crimped or loose, a grounded cord will not provide the protection designed into its performance. And always make sure that extension cords used in outdoor or potentially damp locations are rated for exterior use.

Electricity is an essential necessity for modern living, and CKenergy is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable power to all of our members. We hope you'll keep these electrical safety tips in mind so that you can note any potential hazards before damage occurs.



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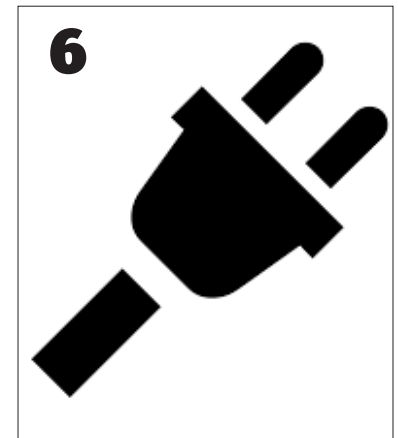
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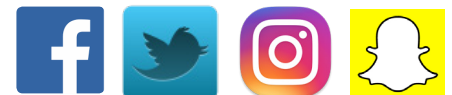


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### Winning CKEC Members

Frank Kobza  
Duane Nicholas  
Sam M Calaway

If your name is listed above, please call us at **405-656-2322** to claim a \$25 credit on your electric bill.



### Socialize with us!

Stay up-to-date with your co-op and your community by following us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and SnapChat. Get the latest news on co-op events, services, energy saving tips, and more. During a power outage, stay connected with us for updates on the restoration process.

Questions or comments about your newsletter should be directed to Devin Whittington, Communications Specialist, CKenergy, PO Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, email: [editor@ckenergy.coop](mailto:editor@ckenergy.coop).

# It's Electric!

Everywhere you turn there are new and fascinating stories about electric vehicles. Tesla introduces this; Chevrolet introduces that; Ford invests billions in new EV models while discontinuing most of their existing lineup of cars; Harley Davidson is producing an electric motorcycle with the throaty rumble of a Bernina sewing machine. Where is it all going?

Regardless of what drives the future, it will take several years before a real impact is felt, but we are staying up with things just in case. You may

know by now that CKenergy has had both a hybrid electric Ford Fusion as well as an all-electric Chevy Bolt. The Bolt is currently being driven by Boyd Lee, VP of Strategic Planning. The purpose of these vehicles has been to research the viability of the electric cars as well as preparing to deal with

charging solutions and other unknowns. So far, the Bolt has provided 66% fuel savings over the last company car.

The latest addition to the fleet is an ECOTRIC electric bicycle. Don't laugh too hard as it requires exertion to ride, although it greatly relieves the pain of climbing Binger Hill without assistance! The bicycle has already been out on the road as Boyd Lee has ridden it into Binger (6-mile roundtrip) for lunch. He says that even with the 500-watt motor assisting with the pedaling, a chubby boy still gets enough exercise, just not as much pain.



If you ever wish to see the electric car or the electric bicycle you can contact Boyd's office to set it up. Better yet, come to the CKenergy Annual Meeting on August 9th in Weatherford. You can look at the car up close and if you're brave enough, you can ride the bicycle!

## 2019 CKenergy Surplus Auction



CKenergy is taking sealed bids on vehicles and other surplus items.

Bids are due by **12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019**. Bid sheets are available at all CKenergy offices. Members seeking more information on the auction, or for a full list of auction items, can contact Jerid McAdoo at 405-656-2322.

## CKEC Lineman Receives Certification

Here at CKenergy, our linemen are committed to continuing their education along with providing safe and reliable electricity.

On April 1, 2019, Brian Wenninger was recognized at the OAEC - Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives annual meeting for completing the Journeyman Certification Program. This is a four-year program that meets both national and state certification requirements.

This is a program that takes a lot of time and effort to complete. We are proud to have such a hard working and dedicated employee on our team. Congratulations, Brian!



L-R: CEO- Clint Pack, Brian Wenninger, & Construction Superintendent- Jimmy Hedrick.

# CKenergy Awards \$500 Scholarships

**C**KEC is pleased to announce the recipients of twelve \$500 scholarships for 2019.

The program is open to any graduating senior who attends high school in our service territory, and whose parents or guardians are members of CKEC. Students were asked to submit

two letters of recommendation, the scholarship application, and an essay stating why they wish to continue their education.

We'd like to congratulate all of these students on a job well done. We wish the best for each and every one of you in your future endeavors!



Kayela Staples  
Burns Flat- Dill City High School



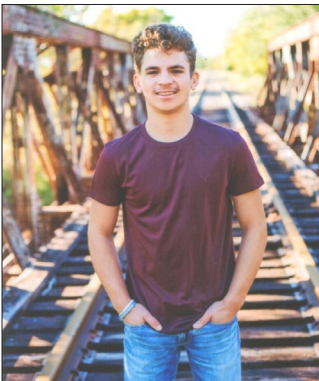
Molly Griggs  
Mustang High School



Amanda Wheeler  
Mustang High School



Molly Sawatzky  
Corn Bible Academy



Koby Celsor  
Cordell High School



Reagan Stephens  
Weatherford High School



Randi Lee Troglin  
Mt. View- Gotebo High School



Avery Beam  
Binger-Oney High School



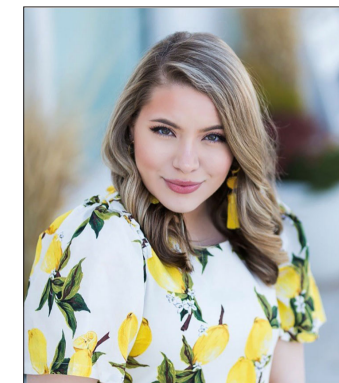
Bailey Hunter  
Arapaho- Butler High School



Destiny Westervelt  
Binger-Oney High School



Aubrey Buckmaster  
Hydro- Eakly High School



Addi Duerksen  
Weatherford High School

# Co-ops are Engines of Economic Development



**C**Kenegy is deeply committed to providing affordable and reliable electricity to our consumer-members and empowering the communities that we serve. This means being more than just an electricity provider; it means being a partner in economic development and other activities that improve the lives of our members.

But have you ever stopped to wonder what kind of an impact the nation's roughly 900 electric co-ops have across the United States?

A new report on this very topic shows that electric co-ops supported nearly 612,000 American jobs and contributed \$440 billion in U.S. GDP from 2013 to 2017, or \$88 billion annually. Those are some big numbers.

The study, "The Economic Impact of America's Electric Cooperatives," was

conducted by FTI Consulting for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

The report quantifies what many rural American families and businesses know well—electric cooperatives are powerful engines of economic development in their local communities. Affordable and reliable electricity is a key ingredient for a successful economy. Because electric co-ops were built by, belong to and are rooted in the communities they serve, they play a vibrant role as economic cornerstones for millions of American families, businesses and workers.

Access to electricity was a vital component of economic development and diversification in the mid-20th century, and that remains true today. Roughly one in eight residents nationwide are

served by an electric co-op, meaning direct co-op employment and investments can ripple throughout the economy and create additional economic value for local communities, regions and the country.

From 2013 to 2017, electric co-ops contributed \$881 billion in U.S. sales output, \$200 billion in labor income and \$112 billion in federal, state and local tax revenues.

Nationally, electric co-ops spent \$359 billion on goods and services across the economy, including \$274 billion on operational expenditures, \$60 billion on capital investments, \$20 billion on maintenance and \$5 billion on credits retired and paid in cash to members under the membership structure of cooperatives.

In conducting its analysis, FTI Consulting used data from 815 distribution cooperatives and 57 generation and transmission cooperatives as inputs into a national model to simulate the economic effects from the direct expenditures by co-ops. The model also calculates the indirect effects throughout the industrial supply chain and the induced effects from consumer spending by the employees of co-ops and their suppliers.

The result of all this effort is a first-of-its-kind study that reveals electric cooperatives to be economic anchors all across rural America. And it demonstrates on a macroeconomic scale one of the seven guiding cooperative principles: Concern for Community.

## Powerful Connections

The economic impact of America's Electric Co-ops

In 2017, electric cooperatives...

**Supported**  
**611,600**  
American jobs.

**Contributed**  
**\$88.4 billion**  
to U.S. GDP, including

**Generated**  
**\$22.5 billion**  
in federal, state and local taxes.

**\$40.4 billion**  
in labor income to American workers.

# The Electric Grid Connects Us All



**T**oday, Americans rely on electricity more than ever to power their lives. Without a reliable electric grid, we'd all be left in the dark. And – once our cell phones ran out of battery life – most of us would be cut off from family and friends.

The electric grid is a complex system of power plants, transmission lines, substations and distribution lines that transmit electric power from the place where it's generated - all the way to consumer-members at the end of the line.

Here's a breakdown of the path electricity takes to get to your home:

1. Electricity is generated at a power plant or other facility, such as a hydro-electric dam. In fact, most of the country's electricity comes from power plants that can generate steady, reliable electric power around the clock.
2. The electricity is then sent over vast distances via high-voltage transmission lines.
3. The electricity arrives at your co-op's substation, where transformers lower the voltage,

then send it on to your home using distribution power lines.

But not all power is generated at large power plants and hydro-electric dams. Some power comes from consumer members themselves who are generating power using solar panels, small wind turbines, manure digesters or generators. But does this mean these households are ready to go "off the grid?"

In truth, while these technologies are environmentally friendly and harness natural resources, they typically do not provide enough power to meet all the energy needs of an individual household.

Think about it: Some days, the sun doesn't shine. Some days, the wind doesn't blow. By remaining connected to the electric grid, and the steady supply of reliable power, consumers have access to the electricity they need – whenever they need it!

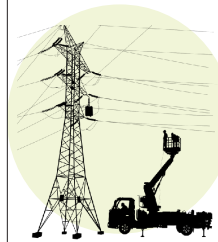
This is why staying connected to the electric grid is vital. If you're considering member-owned generation for your home, talk to your electric co-op first! We can help you make smart energy investments to meet ALL of your energy needs.

## Powering Up After a Storm

**C**Kenergy works tirelessly to get your power on again as quickly as possible after an outage. Our goal is always to restore power to the greatest number of Members in the shortest time possible, while giving priority to emergency and medical services.

Below, we've outlined the four key steps that cooperatives use to restore power during an outage. We hope this helps you see how power is restored after a major outage due to a tornado or ice storm.

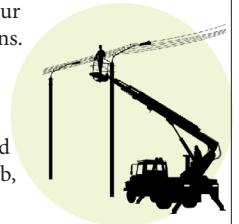
### Step 1: Repair High Voltage Transmission Lines



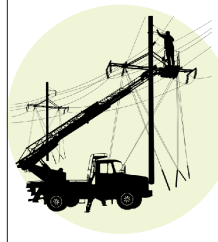
The first step in restoring your power is to repair any damages to the high voltage transmission lines that carry electricity over long distances, supplying power to thousands of Members.

### Step 2-3: Inspect Distribution Substations & Main Distribution Lines

The next step in restoring power is to inspect your distribution substations. Substations serve numerous Members. Once linemen have inspected and repaired any damages at the sub, they can examine the main distribution lines that carry power to your service area.



### Step 4: Examine Tap Lines



When high voltage lines, distribution substations, & main distribution lines are all in proper working order, linemen can repair the tap lines that deliver power to the transformers outside homes, businesses, & schools in your community.

### Automotive

I buy junk cars & farm equipment.  
405-641-3344.

'08 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT, sport utility pickup. 4 door, 99,000 miles. 1 owner, V6 automatic. Red in color, interior black & tan. \$11,000. 405-694-0625.

2011 GMC Sierra 1500, extended cab Z71, 4x4. 140,000 miles. \$10,000. Locking tool box & spray in bedliner. 580-331-8155.

### Farm/ Equipment

Marrow's Tractor Tire Repair, Sales, & Service  
405-668-0248

6' Gannon Box Blade. \$1,800. 405-834-4326.

Retiring. JD Tractors, swather, baler, trailers, corrals, drill, cultivator, 15ft brush hog. Good equipment. 405-408-3219.

John Deere 855, turf tires up and good. No transmission, motor does run, no battery. 3 point and drawbar. 580-530-0593. \$450 firm.

### Livestock/Pets

2 AKC Shetland Sheepdog male puppies for sale. Blue Merle & tri-colored. Dew claws removed. Available 3-11-19. \$650ea. 580-917-3210.

Beefmaster Bulls- foundation herd. Bulls from Texoma Sales & Collier Farms. 580-445-6152.

# Swap 'N Shop

## For Sale or Trade

*Note: CKEC does not endorse or guarantee any of the products or services in these ads.*

High quality polled/horned Hereford bulls. Body calves bring more money. Call 580661-1146. Good disposition. Came from nationally competitive, registered show herd.

Add proven 10-11% weaning weight by crossing Limousin bulls on your Angus, Hereford, or Brangus cows. Limousin= low birth wts, fast growth, more muscle. Gentle and more profit. John Kusel Limousin, 580-759-6038.

Anatolian/Great Pyrenees puppies born 1/11/19. Males & females, raised with bottle calves, sire/dam flock/herd guardioans, \$150 ea., first shots. Canadian County. Call/text 405-919-1662.

1 year old Shetland Pony. Pretty paint. \$100. 580-704-6219 or 580-549-6219.

### Business

Loud Mountain Trading Co., downtown Cement, OK. Thur-Fri 10-6, Sat 9-3. OK made items. Decor & Gifts. LoudMountainTradingCo.com

Keith Tree Trimming-Welding-Concrete-Fencing-Mowing. 580-660-0402.

\$100 Agreed Divorces. JNK Paralegal Service. www.jnkparalegal.webs.com, JNKparalegal@aol.com.

Creek House Creations. Hemp oil, skin care & health. Salves, facial scrubs, and much more. Essential oils blends top quality. 405-423-7983.

Window Treatments, shutters, & blinds. Specialize in new home construction & remodeling. Visit jtblindsandshutters.com or call 405-406-8962.

### Hay/ Wood

Hate strapping hay in the wind? Try the hay strapping hook! Positions & holds straps in place while loading hay. \$32 each. 580-445-6989.

### Miscellaneous

For sale: 10 older oil cans and several old porcelain door knobs. 580-772-4213.

1- Garmin Astro 320 with 2 collars (GPS system). 1- K Light. 405-638-1746.

### Furniture/Appliance

Antique 4 piece blond poster bedroom set for sale. 405-245-4146.

**Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8**

Swap 'N Shop is a classified advertisement service that we provide to our members at no cost.

- Members are able to submit written ads through the mail, fax, drop off, or by email.
- Ads are **NOT** taken over the phone.
- Ads need to be received by the 10th of each month to appear in the next month's issue.
- Ad space is limited to a 25 word maximum. **ONE** ad per member.
- Contact the editor at 405-656-2322 for information about availability of ad space.
- CKEC reserves the right to reject any ad deemed inappropriate.
- Ads will automatically run for 2 months, additional run time must be requested **before** the 10th of the month.

**You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, ads@ckenergy.coop, or fax to 405-656-2912. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.**

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## Real Estate

Fort Cobb Lake Lots– Crow's Roost area. 3 lots recently cleared & levelled off. 192' wide x 120' deep, 2 water wells, & septic. 405-694-0625.

FOR RENT: Quiet, country living north of Weatherford. 2 bd/ 2 ba apartments with all appliances including washer & dryer. Horse facilities available. \$900/mo, \$50/horse. FMI call 580-772-4855.

70 acres, surface only, 1 mile west of Lookeba on Sickles Rd. 405-495-1658.

Weekend Mancave Rainbow Lake between Minco & Binger. Secluded wooded lot, your own shooting range, 40 foot trailer. See on craigslist under vac rentals. Must sell. \$8,000.00 or trade. 405-801-2968 or 405-248-6917.

2 homes in Clinton– ready for new owners! 1500 Redstone & 620 S 11th. Priced to sell. Call Remax Gold Buckle Realty. 580-330-9090 or www.goldbuckle Realty.com

Reduced! 3 bed, 2 bath remolded home with new sunroom, patio, roof, fence, appliances. Great location with country view on XL lot. Finished basement. \$189,900. 130 W. Quail, Cordell. 940-395-1370.

For rent: 2bd/ 1.5 ba. \$850/mo. \$850 deposit. Application fee, proof of income, references required. No pets/smoking. No utilities. Leave msg. 405-823-4819. Minco.

80 acres, surface only, cultivated. 6.1 miles east of Roosevelt, OK, Kiowa county. 580-726-3825.

3 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, laundry room, & one bathroom, with garage. Almost 2 acres. Fort Cobb, OK. 405-933-3454.

For Rent: Cabin to rent right on edge of Ft. Cobb lake. Sleeps 7, everything you need. Room to park boat and trailer. 580-243-8697 or 405-643-2152.

Nice rural home 3bd/2ba, C/H&A, 2 car garage, storage shed. SE of Colony, OK. \$139,000. Call 405-777-3156.

Beautiful Cordell 3 bed, 2 bath home. Living/dining room, utility, new sunroom, basement, new crown molding, roof, fence, appliances, HVAC. Updated throughout. 940-395-1370.

FOR RENT: Cabin right at the edge of Ft. Cobb Lake on the water. Will sleep up to seven. Room to park boat & trailer. Everything you need. Call or text 580-243-8697.

Apartment/duplex (2 cabins) located on 1.625 acres, both 2 bed, 1 bath that could be converted to 4 bed and two baths. Near Ft. Cobb Lake. Close to Sunset Cove Marina. Stained concrete floors. Fully furnished. Fantastic condition and new metal roof. Newly built 2008 on the North Lake Estates. All electric w/ water well. \$122,900. 580-772-0606.

Country Living, Close to Town–3600sq' metal barn home, log cabin style w/ approx. 2100sq' wrap around porch on 3 sides. 3 bd, 2ba, office 23' ceilings in living room. Sits on 40 acres. Comes with 30x60 metal barn w/ lean too, insulated with living quarters, in ground cellar. 20 KW generator. Located 1/2 mile S of Burns Flat golf course. Call 580-799-7369.

5 acre tract of land, timber, wildlife, Minco, OK school district. Newer double wide trailers welcome. Financing available. 405-352-5190.

Foss Lake Cabin Rentals– Boaters, Fishermen, Hunters. 580-515-6452.

For Rent: 2 bedroom, 2 bath. North side of lake. \$500/month, \$00 deposit. No pets. 580-302-3051.

Country Living: 3 bedroom South of Binger. 580-302-3051. No Pets. \$600/month, \$500 deposit.

FOR RENT: Foss Lake, house weekends or weekly. Homey 5 bdr, 2 1/2 baths or party barn, great for reunions, both cool, fully equipped. 580-214-0178. www.bigtretrat.com

43 acres mol, Minco. Goregeous 4,025 sq. ft. home, Geothermal HVAC, inground pool, shelter, 50x50 barn, gated entrance. Call Diane Denison, 405-919-7457, 1st United Realtors.

## Events

Clinton Country Jamboree: Showtime 7:00 p.m. Country & Western 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. All Gospel 5th Saturday. Admission \$9.00. Concession available. Family Entertainment. I-40 ext 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

## Creamy Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti

*From The Country Cook*

### Ingredients:

8 oz angel hair pasta (1/2 of a 16 oz. box)  
2 cups chopped, cooked chicken  
2 (10 oz) cans cream of chicken soup  
1 cup salsa  
1 cup sour cream  
2 cups Mexican cheese blend, divided use  
1 tbsp taco seasoning  
dried parsley, for topping (optional)



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Cook pasta according to package directions (remember, you are only using half a box of angel hair pasta here.) Once pasta is cooked, drain well.

Place pasta back into the pot and add diced chicken, cream of chicken soups, salsa, sour cream, 1 cup of Mexican cheese blend and taco seasoning. Stir well to combine (this will take a few minutes.) Pour combined mixture into your prepared baking dish. Top with remaining cheese and a sprinkling of dried parsley. Cover with nonstick aluminum foil. Cook in the oven for about 25 minutes (until hot and bubbly.)