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STUFFED CABBAGE LEAVES

- 1 Head Cabbage
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons Butter
- 1/4 Cup Finely Diced Green Pepper
- 1/4 Cup Minced Onion
- 1/4 Cup Chopped Celery
- 1 1/2 Cups Cooked, Seasoned Rice
- 1 Cup Bulk Pork Sausage
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon Thyme
- 1 Cup Tomato Juice
- 2 1/2 Cups Water
- 1 Small Whole Onion

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Remove heart from cabbage.
- 2. Cover with boiling water.
- 3. Let stand until cabbage is wilted. Separate leaves, being careful not to break. Drain and dry on paper toweling.
- 4. Melt butter in a heavy skillet.
- 5. Sauté pepper, onion and celery for 2 minutes.
- 6. Add rice and sausage to vegetables.
- 7. Mix well and adjust seasoning.
- 8. Place 1/4 cup of sausage mixture onto each cabbage leaf.
- 9. Roll with filling inside, fasten edges with picks.
- 10. Place in a greased baking dish.
- 11. Add tomato juice, water and whole onion.
- 12. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 1 hour. Remove to a heated platter.
- 13. Thicken pan drippings for gravy to spoon over top.