German Potato Salad

Quilt and Café
Adapted from the kitchen of Audrey Trumpey and Sharon Bywater

Ingredients

8 cups peeled, diced red potatoes
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced onion
6 green onions, sliced thin
1 lb. diced bacon, reserve 4 Tbsp. bacon grease
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
2/3 cup granulated sugar
2/3 cup apple cider vinegar
1 1/3 cup water
6 hard boiled eggs, sliced or very coarsely chopped

Method

Place the diced potatoes in a 4 quart sauce pan and fill with water just covering the potatoes. Bring the pot to a boil and cook until just tender. Drain and set aside. Fry the bacon pieces either on the stove or in the oven. I prefer the oven method as it is less messy. I evenly arrange the bacon on a rimmed sheet pan and place it in a 400 degree oven. For the diced pieces, I give them a toss midway between cooking. It takes about 20 minutes. Once the bacon is done, remove the pieces from the pan and place them on a plate lined with paper toweling to drain. Reserve 4 Tbsp. bacon fat. Turn the oven down to 350 degrees.

Pour the reserved bacon fat into a heavy bottomed Dutch oven and sauté the celery and onions (not green onions) until they begin to turn soft. Add the salt, pepper and the flour and cook for another 2-3 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour in the vinegar, sugar, and water and bring to a boil. Add the potatoes, bacon, and green onions and stir to combine. Cover and heat in the oven for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and toss in the hard boiled egg slices, stir to combine. Cover and return to the oven for another 10 minutes. Enjoy!