

HSHC SPORRAN

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May 2025 — Alba Gu Brath — Scotland Forever

The Highland Society of Harford County was incorporated for the preservation of the spirit, lore, poetry, art, dress, welfare, and history of the Scottish people dedicated to the promotion of these traditions among those of Scottish ancestry within Harford County and its environs.



Our May 20 Gathering

State Theater

Havre de Grace, MD 21078

6:30 - Cash Bar
7:00 Toasts, Fiesta
8:00 Business items
8:15 The Darien Scheme – Dave Ray
8:45 Adjourn

Mexican Theme Taco Bar Potluck

hosted by our officers
with members providing
sides and desserts
(see page 4 for details)

Cost will be \$20/person or \$30/couple

Featured Speaker:



Dave Ray
will talk about
Scots in Panama

What's the Darien
Scheme & how
much \$\$ did Scot-
land lose?

Help Wanted !



Introduce the HSHC to those who don't know about us yet. Help cover the booth at networking events - for a few hours as your schedule permits, not the entire event. Have a good time socializing and enjoying each event.

Contact John Polk to volunteer: jfpolk@comcast.net

Fair Hill Scottish Games

Friday	16 May	5:00;-9:00p
Saturday	17 May	8:00a -6:00p

Havre de Grace First Friday

Friday	6 June	5:00 to 8:00p
Friday	1 August	5:00 to 8:00p
Friday	3 October	5:00 to 8:00p

Harford County Celtic Festival

Friday	22 August	5:00p-9:00p
Saturday	23 August	11:00a-9:00p

Covenanter Scottish Games

Saturday	6 September	9:00a-5:00p
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Maryland Irish Festival



Friday	7 November	6:00p -11:00p
Saturday	8 November	12:00n-11:00p
Sunday	9 November	12:00-6:00p

Anyone wishing to contribute an article, news, a joke or humorous anecdote or other contributions, and suggestions for articles send them to:
sallyjoanderson@hotmail.com and/or abowden@bcps.k12.md.us -- put **HSHC** in the subject line

*Kilt up!
Or wear
Red, White & Blue for Flag Day!*



*Join the
Highland Society of Harford County
For our
Annual Picnic*

 Saturday June 14, 2025 
12:00 noon

At the home of
Steve and Lee Ann Anderson
1104 Fox Den Road – Bel Air, MD

It's Potluck time!

Plan to bring a side, dessert, or beverage. BYOB
And remember to contribute your recipes to the HSHC Cookbook!

Hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, rolls, condiments, utensils, plates & cups will be provided.
A contribution of \$10 per person will be collected to help defray costs.

Food

Games



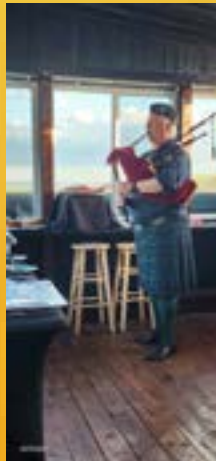
Fellowship

Fun

April's Gathering at the Winery



Mount Felix Vineyard & Winery





GATHERINGS

MAY 20th Gathering 6:30 PM – State Theater. Taco Bar. \$20 Members bring sides, desserts and beverages. Program: Scots in Panama See details in SPORRAN

JUNE 14th PICNIC on Flag Day 12:00 Noon-4:00 PM Saturday – At the lovely home of Lee Ann and Steve Anderson 1104 Fox Den Road, Bel Air MD 21014. \$10/person See flyer for details.

HSHC SUMMER EVENTS

July 20th Charlie Zahm at Jerusalem Mills (Saturday 6:00 PM))

July ? Baseball Game? Boat Ride? Bainbridge Museum Visit?

August 3rd (Sunday) - Tour of Donaldson Brown Center, lunch, and visit to Bainbridge Naval Museum in Port Deposit

Mexican Taco Bar - May 20, 2025 HSHC Gathering

Email Andrea Bowden by May 17th with what you will bring: abowden@bcps.k12.md.us

TACO MEAT (BEEF) - David and Regina Ray

SPICY CHICHEN - Susan Wheeler

MEXICAN SALAD - Andrea Bowden

Suggested Sides to Bring:

HARD CORN TORTILLAS

SOFT WHEAT TORTILLAS

SOUR CREAM

SALSA / PICO DE GALLO

SPRING ONIONS/PICKLED ONIONS

OLIVES (GREEN OR BLACK)

SHREDDED CHEESE

GUACAMOLE

CILANTRO

SHREDDED LETTUCE

JALAPENO OR SWEET PEPPERS

CORN BREAD OR CORN CASSEROLE

MEXICAN STREET CORN

REFRIED BEANS

MEXICAN RICE

TORTILLA CHIPS AND DIP

GRILLED VEGETABLES

TACO SLAW

BUNUELOS (TORTIALLS WITH CINNAMON SUGAR)

CHURROS WITH SPICED CHOCOLATE

MEXICAN WEDDING COOKIES

DULCE DE LECHE

TRES LECHES CAKE

SOPAPILLA

FLAN

Cinco de Mayo, meaning “Fifth of May”, is a holiday commemorating Mexico’s victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It’s celebrated as a day to honor Mexican-American culture and heritage, especially in the United States, though it’s not as widely observed in Mexico as is Mexican Independence Day. The Battle of Puebla was a significant victory for the Mexican army against the French forces during the Second French Intervention in Mexico. The victory is seen as a symbol of Mexican resilience and defiance against foreign powers. In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is often celebrated with festivals, parades, music, and cultural events. Many people enjoy Mexican food, drinks, and other cultural traditions. It’s important to note that Cinco de Mayo is not the same as Mexican Independence Day, which is celebrated on September 16th.



Laird's Letter



Greetings Fellow Highlanders –

This year is rolling quickly on, but it has been filled with new and different venues for HSHC, from Hogmanay, to Burns Night, two meetings at the Vandiver Inn, and last month the Mount Felix Winery. What a nice event that was. We are on a winning streak.... Some notes for this month:

May Meeting – 20 May. This month we are returning to the State Theater, with a Mexican motif in observance of Cinco de Mayo – a Taco Bar supper provided by your Society's officers! Members are welcome to bring toppings, sides or a dessert. Dave Ray will present a talk about Scots in Panama. Yes - they were there long before the canal. Scots run the world.

HSHC June Picnic – 14 June. Steve and Lee Ann Anderson are graciously opening their home to us for our annual picnic, to be held on Flag Day, Saturday, 14 June. Food, games, fun and fellowship. What more is there? It will be potluck with Steve and Lee Ann providing the meat dishes, rolls and condiments. See more details elsewhere in this Sporan. Do not miss this.

Other Summer Events – We have a full slate planned – baseball, ax throwing, brunch and museum visit at Port Deposit, Charlie Zahm concert, and we will be manning booths at the Scottish games at Fair Hill and the Harford County Celtic Festival. Not all dates and times are finalized. More information will be found elsewhere in this Sporan.

Harford County Celtic Fundraiser – 29 May at the Vandiver Inn. This is not a Society event as such but for those of you who enjoyed our two meetings at Vandiver may want to attend this gathering to support the Harford County Celtic Festival. See more about it here - [Harford Celtic Fundraiser](#)

HSHC Booths at Celtic and Other Events –

Per the email note I recently posted, we welcome all members to help in manning, or womaning, our HSHC booth at Celtic and other events where we advertise ourselves to the community. This is our best source of new members. We already have volunteers for the Fair Hill Scottish Games (17 May) and Havre de Grace First Friday (6 June) but could use some at the HdG August First Friday (1 August) and Harford County Celtic Games (22 and 23 August)

Alba gu bràth –

John Polk, Laird, HSHC

Treasurer's Report

Dr. John Polk

Period: 1 – 30 April 2025

OLD BALANCE	\$4333.86
Expenses:	
Bank fee	\$3.00
Meals, guest speakers, March meeting	\$95.40
Whisky, for toasting	\$59.99
Supplies	\$77.32
Catering, Olive Tree	\$286.20
Venue fee, Mount Felix	\$350.00
Wine, Mount Felix	\$365.93
Registration Fee, HdG First Fridays	\$60.00
Income:	
Meeting proceeds	\$1015.00
Raffle proceeds	\$50.00
Dues Collected	\$45.00
NEW BALANCE	\$4166.02



by Lee Ann Anderson

The 57th Annual Dunedin Highland Games and festival was held on the weekend of April 4-6, 2025. It is Florida's largest and oldest continuous Highland Games.

Dunedin, Florida is a lovely Gulf Coast town that enthusiastically celebrates its Scottish heritage and culture.

Two Scottish immigrants moved to the area, then known as Jonesboro, and established a general mercantile business. In 1885 they petitioned the government to open a post office with the name Dunedin (Dùn Èideann), the Gaelic name for their hometown of Edinburgh. Evidence of the town's Scottish heritage can be observed in street names and through an active Scottish Society (with its own building!). Both Dunedin high and middle schools have competition-level pipe and drum bands. Both teen and adult members make up the City of Dunedin Band. In 1964 Dunedin became sister city to Stirling, Scotland.



Once a year, Scottish clans descend upon the city for the Highland Games. Steve and Lee Ann Anderson had the pleasure to attend the games in Dunedin (for the third time). Since its beginning in 1967 the festivities have grown to feature competitions in piping, dancing, drumming, and athletic events. The games are special to Steve and Lee Ann because Steve's Uncle Tom

was mayor of Dunedin from 1994-2002 and was a Representative in the Florida House, 2002-2010. With connections come perks! Steve and Lee Ann attend the games as special guest with VIP passes including premium seating, catered lunch, and an open bar! What Scotsmen wouldn't love that!



Dunedin is located just north of Clearwater Beach and south of the charming Greek Sponge diving town of Tarpon Springs. It is a lovely place to visit! In addition to the Municipal Marina area, the downtown has many quaint shops, restaurants, breweries, galleries, and a history museum (note the Tom & Alice Anderson Clock Tower!). The 39-mile, multi-use Pinellas Trail crosses the downtown area. Dunedin is home to several lovely beaches including the Dunedin Causeway, Honeymoon Island, and Caladesi Island State Park. The town is the spring training host to the Toronto Blue Jays and their farm team.

A visit to the Dunedin Highland Games in April or the Celtic Music and Craft Beer Festival in November is a great way to celebrate Scottish heritage and Florida Sunshine.



SCOTTISH AND BRITISH LEADERS MOURN THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Scotland's first minister, John Swinney attended the funeral of Pope Francis on April 26, 2025, saying it was "very moving" and the Mass was "uplifting". Although baptized Protestant, he attends the Roman Catholic church with his wife and son. A Minute of Silence was observed throughout Scotland for Pope Francis on April 26th.

The Prince of Wales and Sir Keir Starmer paid their respects to the Pope as they joined world leaders for his funeral in the Vatican's St Peter's Square. Prince William, who was representing his father King Charles III, stood side by side with the prime minister in silent prayer in front of Pope Francis' open coffin.

The prince, wearing a dark blue suit and black tie, clasped his hands as he solemnly bowed his head ahead of the funeral mass, before walking through the ornate St Peter's Basilica to meet a member of the clergy and be guided to his seat.

Ahead of the service, Prince William and Sir Keir spoke to US President Donald Trump, Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky and French President Emmanuel Macron.

They were among 55 heads of state, 14 heads of government and 12 reigning monarchs who joined mourners for the open-air service in front of the basilica. Former US President Joe Biden also attended.

It is the first time the prince has represented the King - who is the head of the Church of England - at an international funeral. The decision for the heir to the throne to attend a papal funeral is in keeping with modern tradition - after King Charles, while the Prince of Wales, attended the funeral of Pope John Paul II in 2005 on behalf of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. British Sovereigns do not usually attend state funerals.

Pope Francis died aged 88 on Easter Monday. The Vatican estimates that 250,000 people attended the Pope's funeral in St Peter's Square and the surrounding area. An equal number paid their respects as they filed by his open casket in St. Peter's Basilica.

The Church of England's most senior bishop has recalled how meeting the Pope and saying the Lord's

Prayer together "changed me". Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell said he had been privileged to meet Pope Francis on a several occasions, and remembered one encounter a few years ago when they prayed together.

Archbishop Cottrell said despite having said the Lord's Prayer – also known as the Our Father – countless times before, it was when he said it with Francis that the significance of the word "our" came through. "Our

Father, our God , and what that means, therefore, is that everybody else who says this prayer is my sister and my brother, whether I like it or not, these are the people that God has made into his church.

"And just saying the Lord's Prayer with Pope Francis changed me – changed and renewed and refreshed my understanding of what it is to be

the church, that we belong to each other across these denominational barriers, and then I think, 'what a message for the world'. The Jesuits in Britain have paid tribute to Pope Francis , the first Jesuit pope, saying "his commitment to serving the marginalized fostering dialogue between faiths, and addressing urgent global issues, such as the climate crisis, has strengthened our own resolve". Francis, who died aged 88, entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1958.

The Jesuits in Britain said: "Pope Francis's spirituality of discernment and accompaniment was an important part of his ministry. He was always seeking to understand where

God's spirit is at work, especially among the poor and those on the margins, and placed great emphasis on listening and looking at the signs of the times in God's presence.

King Charles said he and Queen Camilla have "heavy hearts" after Pope Francis's death, as they paid tribute to

his "compassion" and "tireless commitment" to people of faith.

In a statement, the King said that though "deeply saddened", their sorrow had been "somewhat eased" by the Pope being able to share an Easter greeting with the world on Sunday, before he died aged 88. The King and Camilla met the pontiff on a state visit to Italy earlier in April, which the couple said they remembered with "particular affection".



MINUTES OF OUR LAST GATHERING

Dr. Andrea Bowden



For April 15, 2025

HSHC convened at Mt. Felix Winery in Harve de Grace, the first time we have met at this venue. Laird, John Polk, Clan Pollock, called the Gathering to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Past Laird, Keith Reagan, Clan Keith. SJ Anderson, Clan Anderson, gave the toast to King Charles, everyone toasted the office of the President of the United States. Jim Wasson, Clan Buchanan gave the traditional toast to Scotland.

Dinner was catered by Olive Tree of Aberdeen. Members were served a delicious Italian dinner of chicken parmesan, penne pasta, salad, and bread. There was a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside from an area where the food buffet was set.

After dinner, Melissa May, Clan Anderson, was inducted into the Highland Society of Harford County by John Polk, Laird. Sam, Melissa's husband of Clan McDonald, was accepted as a member by the HSHC Board of Directors on April 29, 2025. John reported that Sarah Autry, a recent new member is moving to Oregon and wished her well.

Laird John Polk announced that the May Gathering will be held at 6:30 PM at the State Theater. Dinner will be a Taco Bar prepared by the Executive Board with members bringing sides, desserts, and beverages. The cost will be \$20 or \$30 per couple. The program will be Scots in Panama presented by David Ray, Clan McRay. He reminded attendees of FIRST FRIDAYS IN HAVRE DE GRACE on Washington Street 4:00-8:00 PM June 6th, May 16th Fair Hill Scottish Night in Elkton (Friday 6:00-9:00 PM), May 17th Fair Hill Scottish Games at Fair Hill Fairgrounds (Saturday 8:00 AM-6:00 PM) and the annual HSHC Picnic on June 14th at the home of Lee Ann and Steve Anderson.

The Gathering ended at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Bowden. Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS MELISSA & SAMUEL MAY

The Highland Society of Harford County welcomes Melissa and Samuel May. Melissa was inducted at the April 15th Gathering and Sam was accepted at the Board of Directors meeting April 29th. Melissa, a native of Scotland, has clan heritage with Anderson and Cruickshank. Sam claims Clan McDonald. Melissa and Sam live in Abington, Maryland.



Looking for a Scottish Vacation Spot?

contributed by SJ Anderson
from the Daily Record



Powillimount Beach is a hidden gem along the Dumfries and Galloway coastline (Image: mvaligursky / Getty Images)

The secret Scottish beach, home to amazing ancient rock

Now that May has begun, we are entering peak beach season. When the weather warms up, there is nothing quite like a trip to the seaside.

Scotland is known for its many spectacular beaches, from the Scottish Borders to the Highlands and Islands. The Daily Record previously rounded up our top picks for beaches in 2025.

One of these secret beaches is Powillimount Beach in Dumfries and Galloway, around 30 minutes from Dumfries by car. Belonging to Arbigland Estate, it is located in the Nith Estuary National Scenic Area and can be reached on foot from a nearby car park.

The beach is known for its unique rock formations that poke through the sand. These date back around 340 million years, and provide a one-of-a-kind backdrop.



The ancient rock formations date back hundreds of millions of years (Image: mvaligursky / Getty Images)

Walking around, you may notice that some of the rocks feature fossils of plant fragments. There are also coral fossils, indicating that Powillimount was once a reef. One of the most interesting features along the coastline is a large boulder that is known locally as the Devil Stone. The stone's sinister name comes from a legend that the Devil bit into a nearby hillside and spat the granite onto the shore.

Although it is one of Scotland's lesser-known beaches, Powillimount has received positive reviews from those who have visited. It has an overall rating of 4.7 out of five on Google based on 52 reviews.

Meanwhile, another review reads: "Lots of crags and crevices, rock climbers come here for the small but difficult rock face with cave archway. Good rock pools for crab hunting.



The beach offers idyllic views out over the water, but be careful of fast tides (Image: mvaligursky / Getty Images)

WEE NEWS BITS FROM SCOT- LAND

compiled by
Dr. Andrea Bowden, &
Jim Wasson

FARMER FINED FOR STARVING HIGHLAND COWS from BBC

David Cameron left the animals in a field at Broadleys Farm near Stirling without checking on them during an extended period of dry weather in the spring and summer of 2023. Animal health inspectors found two of the cattle in an “emaciated” state following a tip off from an anonymous caller, while another had failed to develop udders after birthing its first calf due to “chronic malnutrition”. Cameron, 72, was fined £1,040 after admitting a single charge of causing unnecessary suffering to animals at Stirling Sheriff Court.

NATURE INSPIRED SAM HEUGHAN TO BE AN ACTOR from The Daily Record

Outlander star Sam Heughan reckons Dumfries and Galloway’s stunning scenery helped inspire him on his acting journey. The 44-year-old also believes nature “really helped” get him through tough times in his career. The actor, who was born in Balmacellan and spent his early years in Dumfries and Galloway, shared a video on his Instagram account to promote the WWF’s Prescription for Nature campaign. Sam said: “This is where I was born and raised. I think as a kid, playing in the outdoors, imagining that I’m King Arthur or Robert the Bruce, definitely inspired me to become an actor. “I think getting outdoors is just really important for all of us to switch off from the busy hectic lifestyle that we all have in the modern world. “Take time for yourself but also enjoy the incredible nature all around us. Go and get your daily dose of nature.”



WILLIAM AND KATE SPEND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON SCOTTISH ISLAND from NEWSBREAK

The Prince and Princess of Wales spent their 14th wedding anniversary in a self-catering cottage on a Scottish island. William and Kate traveled back to the country where they fell in love for a two-day visit meeting craftspeople, farmers and residents on the Isle of Mull, off Scotland’s west coast. The couple were married at Westminster Abbey on April 29 2011, with the eyes of the world watching the future king and queen. Life partners for more than 20 years, William and Kate met at the University of St Andrews in Fife and became friends first before embarking on a romance. Two years after their wedding the couple had their first child, Prince George, then Princess Charlotte in 2015 and Prince Louis in 2018, and it appears their relationship remains strong after Kate’s cancer treatment. When in Scotland William and Kate are officially known by their Scottish titles, the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay.



While this isn’t from Scotland, it’s about Scotland’s Royal Scotsman

On May 10 at 8:00pm, MPT is starting a series titled “Alan Cumming’s Most Luxurious Train Journeys Scotland.” Scotland actor Alan Cumming boards the Royal Scotsman for what TV Guide calls “an extraordinary adventure.”

The series is four episodes exploring various places including Mount Stuart, Fingal’s Cave, Culloden, Plockton, and Garve.

A wee warning: Alan Cumming has a fun, outgoing, and “quirky” personality. So, don’t be shocked if he surprises you with a statement or action. (Recalling the Alan and Marion Scotland travel series which was “quirky” the second season. Could be because they came to the US then.) But, no matter what may happen, HSHC members will enjoy how the series shows the beauty of our beloved heritage: Scotland.

MEXICAN SALAD

FROM CARLSBAD CRAVINGS

This Mexican Salad recipe is bursting smokey grilled sweet corn, crunchy red bell peppers, juicy tomatoes, hearty black beans, salty pepitas, creamy avocados, fresh romaine lettuce, kicking Pepper Jack cheese and crispy tortilla strips.

- 1 large head romaine lettuce chopped (8 cups)
- 1 15 oz. can black beans rinsed and drained.
- 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes halved.
- 2 ears sweet corn on the cob
- 1 English cucumber sliced into rounds.
- 1 red bell pepper chopped.
- 1 avocado pitted and sliced.
- 1 small bunch radishes thinly sliced, optional.
- 1/4 cup or more chopped red onions.
- 1 cup cubed pepper jack cheese more or less to taste.

PEPITAS (OR SKIP AND USE ROASTED, SALTED PEPITAS)

- 3/4 cup raw pepitas · 1 teaspoon olive oil · 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- freshly cracked salt

TORTILLA STRIPS (or skip and use store-bought tortilla strips/chips)

- 6 corn tortillas
- 2 teaspoons Vegetable oil
- freshly cracked salt

CILANTRO LIME DRESSING

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups fresh cilantro · 1 garlic clove
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice (2 limes)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup or honey
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander · ½ teaspoon sea salt
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium jalapeno seeds removed

Make it creamy (choose one):

- 1 avocado- pitted, cut in chunks · ½ cup whole milk Greek yogurt (or 1/4 cup sour cream, ¼ cup mayonnaise)

DIRECTIONS

Add cilantro to blender and chop
Add rest of ingredients to blender.
Blend until smooth
Refrigerate before using.

TORTILLA STRIPS

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet (21 x 15) with foil.
2. Cut tortillas into 1/2-inch strips. (I stack them all together and use my pizza cutter.)
3. Add tortilla strips to baking sheet and toss with vegetable oil. Push to one side of the pan and arrange strips in a single layer; season with freshly cracked salt.
4. Add pepitas to the other side of the pan. Toss with olive oil, chili powder and season with freshly cracked salt. Arrange in a single layer.
5. Bake at 425 degrees F for 7 minutes, check for doneness, then continue to cook an additional 5-7 minutes, as needed, until tortillas are light golden brown.

CHAR SKILLET CORN:

Cut the kernels off of the cob. Heat the olive oil in large cast iron skillet over high heat. Add the corn and cook, stirring occasionally, until corn starts to char approximately 5 minutes. Transfer kernels to a large bowl

ASSEMBLE

1. Add salad ingredients to a large bowl except for the avocados, tortilla strips and pepitas and toss to combine.
2. Toss salad with desired amount of dressing (there will be some left over) or drizzle dressing over individual servings if not eating all of the salad immediately.
3. Garnish salad with avocados, tortilla strips, pepitas and freshly cracked salt and pepper.
4. Refrigerate for up to 4 days



Scottish Recipe of the Month

TACO CASSEROLE

by Shelly Jarsonky from Cookies and Cups



With layers of savory seasoned taco meat, crunchy Doritos, and melted cheese, there's a lot to love. Taco casserole is a fiesta in a baking dish! Garnish this Tex-Mex casserole with sour cream, guacamole, lettuce, and tomatoes, just like a real taco. Note: Rotel Tomatoes – Rotel comes with diced peppers included. If needed, substitute canned diced tomatoes and add mild or hot diced green chilies to taste.

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 cup yellow onion, diced
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 15-ounce can of black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15-ounce can of corn, drained
- 1 10-ounce can ROTEL tomatoes with diced peppers
- 2 cups shredded cheese (I used half cheddar/half Monterey Jack), divided
- 3 cups Doritos, lightly crushed
- Topping suggestions: lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, green onions



Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. Add the ground beef to a large skillet over medium heat. Break the beef into pieces and cook until it is about half-browned.
3. Add the diced onion, bell pepper, and garlic to the ground beef and continue to cook until the beef is completely browned and the vegetables are softened.
4. Sprinkle the taco seasoning over the meat mixture and stir well. Cook for 1-2 minutes while stirring constantly.
5. Add the black beans, corn, and Rotel to the skillet and stir it well. Then stir in half of the shredded cheese.
6. Place about 2 cups' worth of broken Doritos into the bottom of a 9×13 baking dish.
7. Spoon the meat mixture over the Doritos into an even layer.
8. Top with the remaining Doritos and shredded cheese.
9. Bake in the preheated oven for about 15 minutes or until the cheese is melted and the chips are toasted on top.
10. Serve with your favorite taco toppings.

Refrigerate. Keep the taco casserole in an airtight container in the fridge. The Doritos become softer over time, so I recommend enjoying leftovers within 2-3 days.

Reheat. Warm the casserole in the oven at 350°F and sprinkle in some fresh crushed Doritos to revive the texture.

Freeze. Freeze the casserole airtight for up to 2 months. Thaw in the refrigerator before reheating.