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A message from Congressman Austin Scott

Ever since Hamas terrorists began their heinous attack on Israel on October 7th of last year, there has been an alarming rise in antisemitism in our country. Recently, this hatred has reached new heights with radical left-wing protests at college campuses across the country that celebrate the persecution of Jewish people. October 7, 2023, was the deadliest day for Jewish people since the Holocaust, with Hamas killing over 1,200 innocent Israeli civilians.

I strongly condemn all acts of antisemitism and violence against Jewish people. Last week, the House passed H.R. 6090, the Antisemitism Awareness Act, with my support. This legislation instructs the Department of Education to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, which includes denying Jewish self-determination and applying double standards to Israel when enforcing laws and rules against discrimination in education programs.

I continue to stand firmly behind Israel as they defend themselves against Hamas terrorists.

As always, my staff and I are here to help. If you need assistance with a federal agency or have comments or concerns to share with me, please do not hesitate to call my Warner Robins, Tifton, or Washington, D.C. offices.

Sincerely,

Austin Scott
Member of Congress



Introducing Legislation to Designate the Ocmulgee Mounds as Georgia's First National Park and Preserve

Last week, I joined Rep. Sanford Bishop and Senators Ossoff and Warnock in introducing the Ocmulgee Mounds Park and Preserve Establishment Act, which would establish Ocmulgee Mounds and surrounding areas in Middle Georgia as a National Park and Preserve.

The Ocmulgee Mounds are of invaluable cultural, communal, and economic significance to our state. Designating them as the first National Park and Preserve in Georgia is a great bipartisan and intragovernmental effort, and I thank Rep. Sanford Bishop, Senators Ossoff and Warnock, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and all local stakeholders for their efforts to preserve this remarkable cultural site.



Attending MANA's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Fitzgerald

On Friday, I went over to Fitzgerald, Georgia, to celebrate the expansion of MANA with USAID Administrator Samantha Power.

Founded by Mark Moore, MANA produces over 120,000 pounds of Ready to Use Food (RUTF), which is used to feed malnourished children worldwide. MANA says "it takes a village" to combat food insecurity—and in Georgia, it takes a farmer.

Our peanut farmers produce the most peanuts in the nation, and our state's beloved product is a key component in RUTF products, which MANA uses to feed over one million malnourished children a year.

Last year, MANA started operations at a warehouse near the Port of Savannah that can hold about 35,000 pallets - which makes it one of the largest food aid warehouses in the world, if not the largest.

With the expansion of the facility in Fitzgerald, they are now able to use the warehouse, efficiently shipping RUTF through the port to wherever it's needed and ultimately quadrupling their ability to help malnourished children.

Thank you to Mark and the team at MANA for your dedication and hard work!

Lakeland Fire Department Report

05/03- Call to an auto accident on Hwy 122. Arrived to find two vehicles involved with no injuries.

Boyette Road. Arrived to find that a vehicle traveling Giddens Road ran a stop sign and entered the ditch. The driver was transported by EMS and firemen directed traffic on scene.

05/04- Call to an auto accident on

Lakeland Police Department Report

• May 03, 1552 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were out at South Valdosta Road in reference to a theft. Offender's name: REDACTED (West Main Street, Lakeland). Incident type: none listed. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: \$330.00 and \$241.00.

• May 05, 0403 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to East Peeler Avenue in reference to damage to property. Offender's name: none listed. Incident type: Criminal Trespass - private. Reporting Officer: Kevin Christian. Property type: not listed.

• May 04, 1258 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were dispatched to place a call in reference to a stolen vehicle. Offender's name: UNKNOWN. Incident type: Enter autowintent to commit theft, and Theft by taking auto. Reporting Officer: Gena Willis. Property type: not listed.

• May 06, 0314 hours. Lakeland City Police Units were advised of a vehicle pursuit coming into Lakeland. Offender's name: 1. none listed. Incident type: Obstructing law enforcement officers, Too fast for conditions, and Failure to maintain lane. Reporting Officer: Kevin Christian. Property type: \$1.00.

Lanier County Sheriff's Office Report

• April 29, 1615 hours. Wesley Angel Cajuste (18) charged with Knowingly driving motor vehicle on suspended, cancelled or revoked. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arresting Agency: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Amanda Giddens. Property/Cash Bond: \$1,050.00/\$1,050.00.

officer: Ryan Connor. Property/Cash Bond: NO BOND.

• April 30, 1637 hours. Jose Roberto (39) charged with Driving without a valid license (misdemeanor), and Driving wrong way on one way street. Housed for: not listed. Arresting Agency: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Caleb Courson. Property/Cash Bond: \$1,370.00/none listed.

• May 02, 1440 hours. Lamar Lavelle Riley (33) charged with Hold for court. Housed for: Ware County Jail. Arresting Agency: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Chris Souza. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• April 30, 2115 hours. Stephon Smith (30) charged with Marijuana – possess less than 1 oz., Possession and use of drug related objects, Possession of a schedule II controlled substance, and Trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or methamphetamine. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arresting Agency: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Crystal Peterson. Property/Cash Bond: NO BOND.

• May 04, 1015 hours. Dewayne Lamar Riley (28) charged with Probation violation (when probation terms are altered) for fingerprintable charge (2 counts). Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arresting Agency: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Amanda Giddens. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• May 02, 1240 hours. Joseph Michael Kahabka (37) charged with Forgery – 1st degree, and Insurance fraud. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arresting Agency: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting

• May 04, 2140 hours. Cole Barnie Howell (17) charged with DUI – Driving under the influence of alcohol under the age of 21, and Failure to stop for stop sign causing an accident. Housed for: Coffee County Jail. Arresting Agency: Georgia State Patrol. Arresting officer: Trooper Morris. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

• May 05, 0820 hours. Timothy Floyd Carlton (60) charged with SPBW. Housed for: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting Agency: Lanier County Sheriff's Office. Arresting officer: Amanda Giddens. Property/Cash Bond: none listed/none listed.

Berrien Co. Sheriff's Office Report

• April 29, 1327 hours. Roy Castelonia charged with Identity theft fraud to create/use/possess counterfeit/fictitious identity information/counterfeit. Total Bond: \$9,000.00. Court: Superior.

charged with Felony – probation violation. Total Bond: 0. Court: Superior.

• May 01, 0857 hours. Jennifer Peavy charged with Felony – probation violation. Total Bond: 0. Court: Superior.

• May 02, 0914 hours. William Hodge charged with Felony – probation violation (2 counts). Total Bond: 0. Court: Superior.

• May 02, 0913 hours. Michael Reliford

• May 05, 2218 hours. Kaylynn Sparks charged with Disorderly conduct, and Reckless conduct (misdemeanor). Total Bond: \$1,250.00. Court: Superior.

Lowndes County ... I-75 South bound on ramp closing overnight at Exit 16

What: An entrance ramp is scheduled to close overnight to US 84/State Route (SR) 38 traffic for ramp guardrail construction.

When: Scheduled from 10 p.m. Tuesday, May 28 to 5 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, weather permitting.



Where: Interstate 75 (I-75) Southbound entrance ramp at Exit 16/US 84/SR 38, Valdosta. US 84/SR 38 motorists who want to go south on I-75 will be detoured to the Exit 18/SR 133 southbound entrance ramp.