

# THE EXPRESS

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## Jamie Rorie Charged with Murder of His Brother

On Friday, May 2, 2025, at approximately 9:00 a.m. the Anson County Sheriff's Office was notified of a deceased individual located on Cox Road in Anson County. Neighbors in the area reported a suspicious odor and, upon investigating, officers discovered the body and immediately alerted the authorities.

Deputies from the Anson County Sheriff's Office, along with agents from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and personnel from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, responded to the scene and began a thorough investigation.

The deceased was identified as Garry Hinson, a male from Wadesboro. After speaking with family members and friends, investigators determined that Hinson was last seen on Saturday, April 26, 2025, in Wadesboro.

On Sunday, May 4 an autopsy was performed, and it was determined that Hinson died from a gunshot wound.

Following the investigation, on Thursday, May 8 Jamie Rorie, 33, the brother of the victim, was arrested and charged with Hinson's murder. Rorie is currently being held in the Anson County Jail without bond. His initial court appearance is scheduled for May 20, 2025, in Wadesboro District Court.

Sheriff Howell expressed gratitude to the State Bureau of Investigation for their assistance and commended the community for their cooperation. "Long hours and long days early in this investigation were critical in collecting valuable information from the community, which led to the swift resolution of this case," said Sheriff Howell. "We deeply appreciate the support and trust the community places in our office, which is vital in keeping Anson County safe."

Sheriff Howell also extended condolences and prayers to all families affected by this tragedy.

This remains an active and ongoing investigation. Anyone with information related to this case - or any other criminal activity - is urged to contact the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188. Callers may remain anonymous.



Jamie Rorie



## Wadesboro Rotary Club Donated 100 Pairs of Shoes at Morven Elementary School

This is a release from Morven Elementary School: Staff and students would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Wadesboro Rotary Club for their generous donation of 100 pairs of shoes to our students.

Your kindness and commitment to our community are deeply appreciated. Your donation not only met a physical need but also brought smiles, comfort, and confidence to our students. Thank you for making a difference!



## Grace Senior Center Has It Going On In May!

Grace Senior Center is an excellent resource for Anson County's senior citizens. They provide programs, services, activities and fellowship that are beneficial... ALL FREE...AND ALL FUN & INFORMATIVE!

Be sure to check the Express Events Calendar for even more activities at Grace Senior Center.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA.

For information call 704-694-6616.

- **Thursdays, May 15 & 22** Computer Class, 9am-12noon
- **Mondays, May 19 & 26** Nutrition, 9am-2pm
- **Tuesdays, May 20 & 27** Chair Exercise Class, 10-11am
- **Wednesdays, May 21 & 28** Nutrition, 9am-2pm
- **Thursdays, May 16, 23 & 30** Nutrition, 9am-2pm
- **Tuesday, May 27** Bingo! 2-3pm
- **Thursday, May 29** Movie Day showing "Wicked" at 1pm. Popcorn & drinks provided.

## New ID Card for People Aged 60+ Provides Free or Reduced Admission to High School Sporting Events

The Senior Tar Heel Athletic Card is a FREE discount card meant for individuals aged 60 years and older to gain reduced admission or free admission to many regular-season high school sporting events. The Senior Athletic Cards are now available at Grace Senior Center. Come and get yours today!

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. For information call 704-694-6616. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## Slow Down and Move Over for Stopped Emergency Vehicles

The N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program and state and local law enforcement have launched a statewide enforcement campaign to remind drivers of the importance of the Move Over Law. The campaign is from May 12-18.

North Carolina's Move Over Law requires drivers to move over a lane or slow down when approaching emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road with flashing blue, red or amber lights. The law protects law enforcement officers, emergency services workers and people working along the roadside with the N.C. Department of Transportation.

"Our emergency transportation and utility responders put themselves in harm's way each day to keep our roads safe," said GHSP Director Mark Ezzell. "The Move Over Law is not just a suggestion; it's the law, and a crucial component to ensure the safety of these responders and others."

People who violate the Move Over Law could face a \$250 fine and misdemeanor or felony charges, if someone is injured or property is damaged.

"Slowing down and moving over is a simple way to help protect law enforcement, first responders, and others who work on the roads at all hours of the day," said Colonel Freddy Johnson Jr., commander of the N.C. State Highway Patrol. "These emergency personnel work in dangerous situations all the time, but drivers really increase that risk for them when they ignore the flashing lights and don't comply with the law."

## Anson Animal Shelter Awarded Large Grant from the ASPCA

Maureen Lett, the Director of the Anson County Animal Shelter, released good news about a generous grant from the ASPCA and how the funds would be spent to improve the living conditions for resident dogs. The Shelter is replacing the open metal kennel gates with a brand of gate door called Gator Kennels. The top half of the Gator Kennels doors have either glass or slotted heavy duty 1/2 inch thick HDPE plastic, and the bottom half is solid HDPE plastic. The solid lower half allows the more timid dogs to duck behind it and feel safe. This also gives the dogs a more "private" environment, which Ms. Lett will talk about below. Here is her report:

We would like to share some exciting news with everyone. We received a \$38,000 grant several months ago from the ASPCA to help reduce the kennel stress of the animals in our care.

If you have ever visited the shelter, you know that the dogs spend the majority of their days constantly looking at each other. Imagine being in a kennel and having somebody constantly barking or growling, or giving you the stink eye - yes animals do that too.

We received this Approval Form (pictured above) finally today (May 12) from Gator Kennels, and hope to have them within the next two months, and installed by the time Fall rolls around. A huge shout out and thank you to our volunteer Jessica Boyd Andrews for her dedication in making this happen for the Animals here in Anson County.

**Visit the Facebook page: "ACAS Advocates" to see a list of all the dogs at the Anson Animal Shelter.** It features details about each dog, bios and photos and videos. There are also many wonderful kittens and cats who would love to have a home.



## Program on Home and Health Care for Seniors

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting a program focusing on home and health care for seniors on Monday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. Shelia Raye of Therapeutic Alternatives, Inc. will be the guest speaker. This will be in the library's Pritchett Room.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## School Board Meeting is May 19

The Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 19 in the Administrative Board Room. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 5:00 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel and property pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5). Open Session for the public will begin at 6:00 p.m.

If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board. Public comment will be held during the Open Session portion of the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be live-streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."

## Bluegrass Music Jam

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host a bluegrass acoustic music jam this Thursday, May 22, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Musicians, singers and spectators are welcome. Jam sessions are open to all age levels and skill levels. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions please contact the library at 704-694-5177.

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