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THE EXPRESS • September 15, 2021 • Page 2 The Lion King Jr. is Casting

The HOLLA! production of The Lion King Jr. is underway. But, they still have spaces open for new cast members.

Do you have a child who likes to act, sing and dance? Send them HOLLA!'s way, they would love to have them be a part of this experience.

For more information contact HOLLA! at 704-851-3144 holla@wadesboro.com. They are located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. The website is www.holla.ws.

This project was supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Covid-19 Vaccination Event Today

The Lilesville Fire Department is hosting a Covid-19 Vaccination Event today, Wednesday, September 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is needed, just walk up and receive a vaccination.

The second dose will be given on October 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lilesville Fire Department. You will be given an appointment for your second dose.

The Pfizer vaccine will be administered to anyone 12 years old and older. No identification is needed. If you have insurance the fee will be paid by your insurance company, at no cost to

you. If you do not have insurance, the vaccinations will be given with no cost to you.

Please wear a mask. For questions call 704-468-8888 The Fire Department address is 202 West Wall Street in Lilesville.

Wadesboro Native Sean James Serves with One of the Navy's Newest Tilt-rotor Aircraft Squadrons

Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean James, a native of Wadesboro, serves the U.S. Navy as a member of Fleet Logistics Multi-Mission Squadron (VRM) 50 located in San Diego, California. James joined the Navy five years years ago. Today, James serves as a logistics specialist supporting missions flown by the Navy's newest long-range, medium-lift aircraft: the CMV-22B Osprey.

"I was inspired to join the Navy by a cousin who is also in the Navy," said James. Then when I found out I was going to have a son, I wanted to make sure I had the stability needed to support him.

Growing up in Wadesboro, James attended Anson High School and graduated in 2008. Today, James uses the same skills and values learned in Wadesboro to succeed in the military.

"Growing up I learned to be respectful,



and have a broader way of looking at things," said James. "This is a very valuable perspective to have and something that the Navy values.

The CMV-22B is the Navy's version of the U.S. Marines' V-22 Osprey. It is designed to replace the C-2A Greyhound, which has provided logistical support to aircraft carriers for four decades. CMV-22Bs are vertical takeoff and landing tilt-rotor aircraft, which have an increased operational range, faster cargo loading/unloading, increased survivability and enhanced communications compared to the C-2A Greyhound. According to Navy officials, the mission of the CMV-22B is to provide timely, persistent air logistics for sustained carrier strike group lethality, anywhere in the world.

"I'm amazed by what our sailors at VRM 50 have achieved over the past 10 months," said Cmdr. Eric Ponsart, VRM 50's commanding officer. "Standing up the Navy's newest Fleet Replacement squadron from scratch and having it ready to receive its first aircraft is a testament to their hard work and dedication to the mission. It's been an honor serving side-by-side with these fellow SunHawks. We look forward to delivering the best pilots and aircrew to the fleet."

Serving in the Navy means James is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus, rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy. With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy. According to Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday, four priorities will focus

efforts on sailors, readiness, capabilities, and capacity.

"For 245 years, in both calm and rough waters, our Navy has stood the watch to protect the homeland, preserve freedom of the seas, and defend our way of life," said Gilday. "The decisions and investments we make this decade will set the maritime balance of power for the rest of this century. We can accept nothing less than success."

James and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

'My proudest Navy moment was being advanced to petty officer second class, because it recognizes my work ethic and ability to get the job done," said James.

As James and other sailors continue to train and perform the missions they are tasked with, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"The Navy means a lot to me, because it's allowed me to grow as a sailor, a man and a father," added James. "The camaraderie with my shipmates is something that makes me a better person."

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