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Bud and Miss Junior Teen pageants Saturday

ST. JOSEPH — Twenty-four children ages 6 through 9 will compete for the titles of Bud Prince & Princess and 14 girls ages 10 through 12 will compete for Miss Junior Teen for Blossomtime on Saturday at St. Joseph High School, the Blossomtime Festival announced.

The event is at 3 p.m. in the auditorium. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$20. Or may be ordered for \$15 by calling the Blossomtime office at 982-8016. The event follows the Blossomtime theme "If it starts with "B" it must be Blossomtime.

All of the children will participate in an opening number, dancing to "Boot Scoot Boogie," choreographed by Cammie Hernandez from Connie Cassidy's School of Dance. The mistress of ceremonies will be Lindsay Zvonar from Midwest Family Broadcasting. The 2017 Bud Prince and Princess and Junior Teen Program Chairwoman is DeAnn Zindler.

Documentary on Merlin Hanson to air

ST. JOSEPH — Merlin Hanson, a leading businessman and philanthropist in Southwest Michigan, will be featured in WNIT public television's "Legends of Michiana" documentary series, the Elkhart, Ind.,-based station announced.

Hanson will be featured at 8 p.m. tonight and at 6 p.m. Sunday on Channel 34.

Hanson founded Hanson Mold and Hanson Cold Storage, among other companies. He has contributed to multiple causes and institutions, including Lake Michigan College's new technology center and Hanson Hospice Center near St. Joseph.

Sunken planes featured in history talk

DOWAGIAC — Recovering lost World War II Navy aircraft in Lake Michigan will be the subject of a 6:30 p.m. presentation Oct. 6 at the Dowagiac Area History Museum, the museum reported.

Taras Lyssenko of A&T Recovery will present the program.

From 1943-45, two aircraft carriers were stationed at Navy Pier in Chicago to serve as training decks for Navy pilots. Over 17,000 pilots and support personnel trained there, including former President George H.W. Bush. Accidents caused over 100 planes to end up at the bottom of the lake.

The programs are free to museum members and costs \$5 for non-members. Children under 18 are also free. Membership will be available at the museum. The museum is at the corner of Division and West Railroad streets. For more information, call museum at 783-2560 or visit www.dowagiacmuseum.info.

Miss Dowagiac process to begin in October

DOWAGIAC — Sign-ups for the 78th-annual Miss Dowagiac Scholarship Pageant will be Oct. 3-7 at Dowagiac Union High School, organizers announced.

A mandatory meeting for all those interested will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at Room 100 of the high school.

Director Jessica Voldrich, Miss Dowagiac 2002, has taken the reigns and will be available to answer questions during the high school lunch hour Oct. 3 and 4 for girls who meet the requirements to participate.

Girls who apply must be 17 by Jan. 1, 2017. Other requirements include living in the Dowagiac school district year-round and attending

Dowagiac Union Schools. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of the semester prior to the application and good school attendance.

A social will take place Nov. 9, at the Dowagiac Area History Museum for contestants and their parents and or guardians. The pageant will be Jan. 21. For more information, contact Voldrich at MissDowagacScholarshipPageant@gmail.com.

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