

Bustling Midsummer Night's Town

Excursion Event "Tango Yoru no Ichi"

The "Tango Yoru no Ichi" (Tango Night Market) is an excursion event designed to liven up the surrounding town anew, and was conducted on August 3rd in the stead of "Festa Hiten," an event that was conducted up until last year. Live performances, puzzle games, and BMX shows were held at places like Kotohira Shrine and the banks of the Konishi River, which is located near Otabi and Naniwa. There were also 40 street stalls out for business; the venue was flooding with event-goers deep into the night, despite the blazing heat. Sosuke Komori came with his family and commented, "It was fun walking around and seeing all the street stalls and children's booths."

After the event was over, Tasuku Kushida--member of the planning executives committee--commented, "This was possible thanks to everyone who lent a helping hand. The event turned out wonderful. I would love to hold it every year."



Staying Cool in Class by Wearing Yukata

“Yukata Day” at Yasaka Branch School

“Yukata Day” was held at Mineyama Prefectural High School’s Yasaka Branch School on July 17th. This event is aimed at having students grow accustomed to Japanese-clothing culture and the local industry “Tango Chirimen” by experiencing *Yukata* first hand. After learning how to act while dressed in traditional clothing, 17 students from the school’s home economics department put on Yukata, which they made during their second year, and went to class.

Club President of the Home Economics Club Kureha Orito commented, “It was hard putting on the yukata by ourselves, but once we had them on, our postures improved. I want to wear this Yukata at events like summer festivals!”



Gymnastics Are Fun!

Amino High Schoolers Lead Gymnastics Class at Omiya Northern Nursery

A gymnastics class was held at Omiya Northern Nursery on July 25th.

The Amino Prefectural High School Gymnastics Club and the Tango Junior Rhythmic Gymnastics Club are invited to this event, which started last year, to teach children real gymnastics and the fun of moving one's body.

Twenty one high schoolers and 6 rhythm gymnastics club members conducted group performances to music, as well as rhythm gymnastic performances using ropes. The children cheered and applauded the magnificently synchronized, powerful performances.

After spectating, the children engaged in jump-rope exercises and eurhythmic gymnastics--a type of gymnastics where one's arms and legs perform different movements in harmony with music--together with the high schoolers. Children shared their opinions, saying, "The performances were so cool!" and "I want to do gymnastics too!" The captain of the Amino High School Rhythmic Gymnastics Club, Keijiro Imai, also shared his thoughts on the event: "I am happy that the children had a good time. I want to continue sharing the fun of gymnastics from here on out."



The Azumas Climb Tateiwa as Form of Worship

Praying for Plentiful Catches and Household Safety at “Hashiudogawa Soso Matsuri”

The Hashiudogawa Soso Matsuri is sponsored by its own executives committee and was held on August 3rd at Tateiwa and Minazuki Shrine, which is located in the vicinity of Tateiwa. At this festival, locals give thanks to their ancestors and ask for plentiful catches (fish) and household safety. It is a traditional event that goes back hundreds of years, and it has become customary that those with the common last name of “Azuma” climb Tateiwa and pray.

Kojiro Azuma and Yuki Azuma climbed Tateiwa dressed in white clothing as their family and neighbors looked on. After the climb, they offered up prayers.

Kojiro commented, “This is the 6th time I have climbed Tateiwa to pray. We recite sutra before climbing, and make sure that our hearts are calm. I am relieved that this year’s festivities ended safely.” Afterwards, the main festival was held at Minazuki Shrine to which many worshipers attended.



Picture-Letters That Convey One's Feelings

Koreisha Daigaku Extra Curricular Activity

Students of the Kyotango City Koreisha Daigaku (Elderly College) Amino Campus took part in a "Picture-letter Course" on July 26th. They visited the Social Welfare Corporation "Tango Fukushikai Hamazume Day Service Center," and made picture-letters together with the day services' users.

A picture-letter is something reminiscent of a postcard in the sense that one draws flowers, vegetables, scenery, and the like onto them. In addition, one also writes messages to convey to the reader.

The students gave advice based on previous handwriting and lyrical training that was taken as a part of their coursework, and users painted summer-themed vegetables like tomatoes and pumpkins onto their picture-letters.

One of the students commented, "The faces that the users made when they saw their finished painting was priceless."

For any questions regarding the Kyotango City Koreisha Daigaku Amino Campus, please contact the Amino Regional Community Center at 0772-69-0663



Broadening the World of SUP

Experiencing Standup Paddle-Boarding for Free

A free SUP experience was held in Kumihama Bay on July 20th in commemoration and anticipation of the JCF Standup Paddle Board Overseas Qualifying Competition and the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Pre-Tournament, both of which were conducted the following day. 43 people enjoyed a floating stroll over the sea while receiving instruction on how to paddle and ride from an instructor from SUPA Japan (Standup Paddle Board Association Japan).

Yukihiro Tomeda visited from Toyoka and commented, “This was my first time trying SUP. I was uneasy at first, but I eventually got used to it and had a good time.”

