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Population of HIRO at the end of July
 (in comparison to June)
Total 42,837 (-62)
MEN 20,738 (-40)
WOMEN 22,099 (-22)



Things that pass quickly:
 A boat with its sails set in a tailwind.
 A person's age. The four seasons.
Things that are unpleasant:
 Visitors who come only when you're busy with something urgent and engage in long conversations.
*Sei Shonagon**

Autumn Festivals & God of Matchmaking

As October approaches, the season of festivals is upon us. In this month, we celebrate the year's harvest and give thanks through various festivals. These autumn festivals are often held at shrines.

During the tenth month of the old lunar calendar (which corresponds to late October through early December in the modern calendar), all the gods from across Japan gather at **Izumo Taisha***. This leaves other shrines around the country without their deities, and this month is known as "**Kannazuki**" (the month without gods).

Conversely, in the **Izumo** region, it is called "**Kamiari-zuki**" (the month with gods) because the deities are present.

When the gods gather from all over Japan, they hold a divine meeting called "**Kamihasami**," where they discuss matters related to human relationships and matchmaking. This is why visiting Izumo Taisha during **Kannazuki** is believed to bring good fortune in matchmaking. The gods also discuss the fortunes and harvests of the coming year. It is thought that the gods exchange information and interact with one another while in Izumo.

Izumo Taisha is renowned for its association with **Okuninushi no Mikoto** sought to marry **Suserihime**, the daughter of **Susano no Mikoto**, who is the god of the Sea, Wind, and Storms, and the brother of **Amaterasu Omikami**. Known for his fierce and passionate nature, **Susano** is famous for slaying the 8-Headed Serpent, **Yamata no Orochi**. **Susano** presented **Okuninushi**

with numerous challenges, which he overcame with wisdom and courage, eventually achieving his goal of marrying **Suserihime**. Another well-known story is that of the "**因幡の白兔(Inabano Shirousagi= White Rabbit of Inaba)**". The rabbit tried to deceive sharks to cross the sea but was discovered and had its skin torn off.

While other gods advised washing the wounds in salt water, **Okuninushi** healed the rabbit by instructing it to wash in fresh water. This story highlights **Okuninushi's** kindness and compassion.

By the way, **白兔神社** and **白兔海岸** in **Tottori** Prefecture related to the White Rabbit legend are read as "**Hakuto**." Though it may be a bit far, clutch your offering and take the opportunity to visit for the blessings of good relationships.

Director Hosokawa



Information from Hiro C.D.C. Registration starts on Oct. 20th (Sun) Create Your Own New Year's Cards with Woodblock Printing

Target: 4th Graders to Adults
Date and Time: Sun. Dec. 1st, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Fee: ¥400 **Capacity:** 15 participants (first-come, first-served)



Cultivating Flexibility for Ballet Enjoy Ballet Stretch with Your Child

Target Age: 1-3 years old & parent
Dates: Dec. 12th & 26th, Jan. 9th & 23rd (Thursdays)
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Fee: ¥1,600 **Capacity:** 10 pairs (first-come, first-served)



Information from Hiro Civic Center Notice Hiro "Coming of Age Celebration"

Date & Time: Jan. 13th, 2025 (Mon) starting at 11:00 AM
Location: Hiro Civic Center, 3F 'Hall'

An invitation will be sent out in early December to eligible residents of the Hiro District who were born between April 2nd, 2004, and April 1st, 2005. If you do not receive an invitation, or if you are currently living outside the Hiro District due to school or work but graduated from a Hiro District Elementary or Junior High School and wish to participate, please contact Hiro Civic Center at 73-7191. We will send you the invitation.



Seeking Volunteers to Read the 'Oath of Adulthood'!

We are seeking one Male and one Female New Adult to represent the group by delivering the "Oath of Adulthood" during the ceremony. If you are interested, please contact Hiro Civic Center at 73-7191 by Wed. Nov. 20th.



Announcement from the Hiro Collaboration Center "Poster Exhibition: Activities Civic Public Interest Groups in Kure"

A poster exhibition showcasing the activities of volunteer organizations registered as civic public interest groups in Kure City will be held. The exhibition will introduce various fields of activity, so please take a look.

Dates: Tue. Oct. 8th to Tue. Oct. 22nd, 2024
Location: Civic Gallery, 1st Floor, Hiro Civic Center
Inquiries: Hiro Collaboration Center (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
Phone: 0823-71-0321 (Closed on Wednesdays, or the following day if Wednesday is a holiday)

Organizer: Kure City Civic Collaboration Center

How about Walking with us?

Date: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024
Meeting Place: Hiro Civic Center **RAIN OUT!**
Meeting Time: 9:00 AM

Course: **Mon-no-kuchi Bridge Round-Walk 9 km**
 Hiro Civic Center ⇄ Hiroshima International University
 ⇄ Kurose Riverbanks ⇄ Mon-no-kuchi Bridge and back

Please note that the event may be canceled or the course may change due to weather or other circumstances.

Inquiries: ⇄ Hori: 080-1919-6088
 ※Please sign up at the reception desk for recreation insurance.

Information from Hiro Library

Library Hours: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Closed on Thursdays and public holidays
October Closure Dates: 10th, 14th (Sports Day), 17th, 24th, 31st
Special Inventory Closure:

Kure City Libraries will be closed from September 26 (Thu) to October 3 (Thu) for book inventory. During the closure, you can return books using the return box located at the entrance of Hiro Civic Center. Please refrain from returning large picture books in the return box. We apologize for any inconvenience & appreciate your understanding.

*Babar's Toddler Storytime
Date & Time: October 29 (Tue), 10:30AM - 11:10AM
Location: Hiro Civic Center, 6F Room 604
inquiries: Kure City Hiro Library ☎ 71-7470



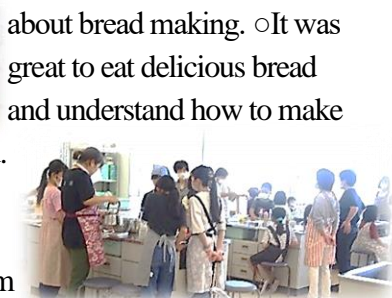
"Coronet" originally comes from French word "corne," meaning "horn." In Japan, it's a kind of bread with cream or chocolate.

Impressions Short-Term Course

⑧ Elementary School Students Baking Bread

It was fun making jelly and soup. I enjoyed making delicious bread that I could take home and share with my sister.

The bread was delicious. It was fun to cooperate with others. Kneading the dough was enjoyable. I learned how to make bread while having fun with friends. I realized that bread making is quite challenging. I learned about bread making. It was great to eat delicious bread and understand how to make coronets*. I enjoyed making bread. I got to make bread that I usually don't make at home. Especially the coronets, preparing the custard cream was tough but it was a fun experience. I learned how hard it is to work with bread dough. It was fun and the explanations were easy to understand. I had an experience that I can't have at home. It was delicious.



Information from HIRO Sports Association Nominations Hiro Sports Association Award

Each year, during the Hiro District Education Festival, individuals residing in the Hiro District or groups based within the district who have achieved outstanding results are recognized with the "Sports Achievement Award."

The selection criteria for the award cover achievements between **November 1st, 2023**, and **October 31st, 2024**.

Eligible nominees include **athletes** or **teams** that placed in the **top three** at **International, National, or Chugoku Regional Competitions**. These accomplishments are not limited to school club activities. Please note that not all nominees may be selected for the award. The Application Deadline is Wed. Oct. 23rd.

For any inquiries, please contact **Hiro Sports Association Office** within Hiro Community Development Center.

☎ : 71-2151

Results 55th Hiro District Junior Soft Tennis Tournament

Date & Time: Saturday, Oct 10th, 2024 9:00 AM
Location: Kure National College of Technology Tennis Court
Organizer: Hiro Sports Association,
Supported by: Kure City & Chugoku Shimbun



[7th Graders Boys]

- 1st: Kawahira & Ishikawa (Shiratake)
- 2nd: Sakata & Shigemoto (Shiratake)
- 3rd: Tamura & Ito (Shiratake)
- 3rd: Nishimura & Sawada (Hiro Chuo)

[7th Graders Girls]

- 1st: Omi & Matsubara (Hiro Minami)
- 2nd: Funada & Nishioka (Shiratake)
- 3rd: Kuraoka & Ishizaki (Hiro Chuo)
- 3rd: Watanabe & Terayama (Shiratake)

[8th Graders Boys]

- 1st: Terayama & Ito (Shiratake)
- 2nd: Yoshimura & Togawa (Yokoro)
- 3rd: Kishina & Kawahara (Yokoro)
- 3rd: Torii & Kadono (Yokoro)

[8th Graders Girls]

- 1st: Morikiyo & Jingai (Yokoro)
- 2nd: Inoue & Shimizu (Hiro Chuo)
- 3rd: Yamazaki & Shiota (Shiratake)
- 3rd: Komoto & Nakahara (Hiro Minami)

[High Schooler Boys]

- 1st: Yamane & Matsuoka (K.N.C.T.)
- 2nd: Iwama & Kogashira (Hiro)
- 3rd: Honda & Ishihara (Hiro)
- 3rd: Yoshinaka & Ishikawa (Hiro)

[High Schooler Girls]

- 1st: Matsuoka & Saito (K.N.C.T.)
- 2nd: Takada & Katagawa (Ichikure)
- 3rd: Shigeto & Matsuda (Hiro)
- 3rd: Fujimoto & Kodera (Hiro)

44th HIRO Town People Ground Golf Competition

Date & Time: Wed. Oct. 30th, 2024. 8:30 meeting
 Matches will begin after the opening ceremony.
 If it rains, games will be postponed to Oct. 31st (Thu.)

Location: Hiro Park Ground (Kure City Hiro O-Shingai)
Eligibility: Open to residents of the Hiro district and members of GG clubs in the Hiro district.
Participation Fee: ¥500 per person.

Please pay on the day
Registration Deadline: By 5:00 PM on Fri. Oct. 4th to Hiro Sports Association Office.
 FAX submissions accepted at 73-5034.
Inquiries: Mitsunori Onji (☎ 73-0485)



※These programs are funded by grants from the Kure City Social Welfare Council, the Hiro District Neighborhood Association Federation, and supporting members.

Our office is normally closed on 4th Monday
October Monday 28th

22nd Hiro Town Mini-Basketball Tournament

Date & Time: Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, 9:00 AM start
Location: Shishinyo Oak Arena (Kure City Gymnasium)
Eligibility: Elementary school teams from the Hiro district and nearby regions, as well as invited elementary school teams.
How to Apply: Submit your application to the Hiro Sports Association Office by Friday, October 4th.
 ☎: 71-2151 FAX: 73-5034
Inquiries: Hiro Sports Association Basketball Division, *Kiyonobu Tsubokawa* ☎090-1353-3916



Hiro Children's Association (HIROKOREN) Stardust Workshop in SANBE

Dates: Saturday, July 13 - Sunday, July 14, 2024
Location: National Sanbe Youth Outdoor Learning Center in Shimane Prefecture



«Snag Golf»
 Each team collaborated to create their own course and competed for the best score.

«Sahimel* Astronomical»

Observation Due to the cloudy weather, we switched to the planetarium and studied the summer constellations.



Summer Special Exhibition



«Sanbe Nature Museum Sahimel!»
 It is unfortunate weather, we explored the exhibits at the Sanbe Nature Museum, *Sahimel*.
 ※'Sahimel' means 'a Mail from Mount Sahime (=Mount Sanbe).'

«Memory Making»

We also built a Niagara Falls replica out of Kapla blocks, reaching about 16M high.



Over the two days, participants who were mostly meeting for the first time became friends. Cherish the connections you've made and the spirit of cooperation you experienced. Thank you for your support.



"SNAG" is an acronym derived from "Snaring New At Golf," a term coined to describe a program designed to help beginners get started with golf.