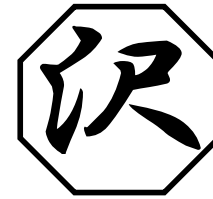
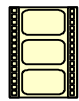




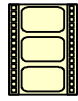
YONEZAWAJIN



No.19 October 2008 (English Edition)



The 14th Azuma Festival



This is the joint school festival between the Yamagata University Engineering Department and the Yonezawa Women's Junior College. Enjoy various food stalls, games, music performances, and much more!

October 10th (Fri)

Place: Yonezawa Women's Junior College

Main Events:

Free konnyaku balls	11:00~
Traditional Craft Making	11:00~14:00
SHAKALABBITS Live	18:00~

October 11th (Sat)

Place: Yamagata Uni. Engineering Dept. Campus

Main Events:

Flea Market	12:00~17:00
Haunted House	16:30~19:30
Night Festival	17:00~19:00



October 12th (Sun)

Place: Yamagata Uni. Engineering Dept. Campus

Main Events:

Traditional Craft Making	13:30~15:00
Free Imoni	11:00~
FilmSLIVE	10:00~14:45

(impersonations, comedy show, bingo, etc.)

URL: <http://azumasai2008.boy.jp/>

Yonezawa Lifetime Learning Festival

The Lifetime Learning Festival is an event where various groups in the city will be presenting their activities and where guests can expand their own knowledge. There will be numerous attractions including art displays, music/song/dance performances on stage, food and drink tents, and a mini steam locomotive. Please come visit with your whole family!

When: October 11th (Sat) 9:30~17:00

12th (Sun) 10:00~16:00

Place: City Gymnasium and Parking Lot

YIRA Halloween Tent

The Yonezawa International Relations Association (YIRA) will be having a tent during the Lifetime Learning Festival. We will be introducing Halloween and doing pumpkin decorating along with other games and activities. Please come by! We will be giving a special gift to people who come wearing a costume to our tent!



Place: Outdoor Tent in City Gymnasium Parking Lot



The 13th Yonezawa City Industrial Festival



There will be many fun events and activities including displays and sales of various industrial and agricultural products by local industries and citizens, in addition to various food and drinks! The Yonezawa Rice Festival will also be held (on the 18th only).

Date: October 18th (Sat) 10:00~16:00

19th (Sun) 10:00~15:00

Place: Bansei Community Center

Events: Yonezawa beef roasting, lottery, free imoni, Japanese/Western clothing fashion show, and music performances.

DID YOU KNOW???

Uesugi Memorial Hall (Uesugi Hakushaku-Tei) 上杉記念館 (上杉伯爵邸)



The Uesugi Memorial Hall was originally built in 1896 as a residence for the last lord of the Uesugi Clan, Uesugi Mochinori. It burnt down in a fire in 1919 but was rebuilt in 1925. The garden which is modelled after the Hamarikyū Gardens in Tokyo is considered to be one of the three best gardens in Yonezawa. After World War II, the building was used as the living quarters for U.S. military officers who were stationed in Yonezawa. In 1949, the ownership of the building was transferred from the Uesugi Family to the City and was used by citizens as the Central Community Center. Since 1979, it has been opened to the public and tourists as the Uesugi Memorial Hall where traditional local delicacies and Yonezawa beef can be enjoyed. The Japanese style café Sabo opened inside the facility in April of 2008.

Submit Your Favorite Yonezawa Scenery Pictures!

Please send us your favorite pictures of Yonezawa's scenery that you have taken. Submissions will be displayed in public facilities including city hall and the city home page. Please look at the flyer which can be found on the city home page and at community centers around the city for details about how to apply.

URL:

<http://www.city.yonezawa.yamagata.jp>

Inquiries: City Planning Division

TEL 22-5111





Fall Traffic Safety



- **Make sure everyone in a vehicle wears a seatbelt and all children are seated in a child seat.**
 - Know the importance and need for wearing seat belts.
- **Be careful when walking or riding your bike at dusk and during night time.**
 - Wear bright clothing and reflectors.
 - Turn on headlights for cars and bicycles early in the evening and reduce your speed.
 - Use high beams as much as possible when driving a car.
- **Eradicate drunk driving.**
 - Make sure you never drink and drive, don't let others drink and drive, and don't tolerate drunk driving.
 - Promote drunk driving awareness at your workplace and home.
- **Prevent traffic accidents at intersections and cross walks.**
 - Be sure to stop completely at crosswalks and check for oncoming traffic or pedestrians.
 - When crossing the street, always check for oncoming traffic.
 - If you see an elderly person on the street, keep an eye on what they are doing. Let them cross the street if they are trying to cross.



Other Events & Information



Machi No Hiroba Events

Motodate Morning Market

Dates: Every Sunday in October Time: 6:00~7:00

Flea Market

Date: 10/12 (Sun) 9:00~16:00

Inquiries: City Tourism Division TEL 22-5111

YIRA Café

If you are interested in international exchange or want to chat with people in a foreign language (English, Chinese, Korean, any language is ok!) or in Japanese, bring your friends along and come join us for a cup of tea!

Date: 10/6 (Mon) & 10/21 (Tue)

Time: 14:30~16:30 (Feel free to come and go any time.)

Place: City Hall 7F Room 701

Cost: Free (Beverages and snacks will be provided.)

Inquiries: Yonezawa City International Relations Association (YIRA) TEL 22-5111

Classic Car Race La Festa Mille Miglia 2008

Date: 10/12 (Sun)

Where: In front of Matsugasaki Shrine 12:15~13:45

Onogawa Hot Springs Area 12:45~14:15

What: Many famous celebrities will pass through the city in this classic car parade.

Inquiries: City Tourism Division TEL 22-5111

Fujiyagi Traditional Dance Group Recital

Date: 10/19 (Sun) Time: 10:30~

Place: Yonezawa City Shimin Bunka Kaikan

Cost: Free Inquiries: Fujiyagikai TEL 38-4366

Taiko Festival in Rokugo

Date: 10/19 (Sun) Time: 10:30~

What: Performances by various taiko groups in the region.

Where: Yonezawa City Rokugo Elementary School

Inquiries: Rokugo Community Center TEL 37-5278

Tea Ceremony

Date: 10/19 (Sun) Time: 15:30~19:30

Place: Uesugi Memorial Hall, Za-No-Bunka-Densho-Kan

Cost: 2,200 yen for 6 seats

Inquiries: Yonezawa Tea Ceremony Association
TEL 22-1482

AHOJ! Slovakia : International Understanding Talk

Date: 11/8 (Sat) Time: 14:00~15:30

Place: Okitama Sogo Bunka Center

Content: Learn about Slovakian culture while eating popular

deserts and snacks from the country. (Speech in Japanese)

Speaker: Ms. Hiromi Ishiguri (Originally from Yonezawa, currently lives in Slovakia)

Cost: 500 yen (YIRA Members 200 yen)

Inquiries: Yonezawa City International Relations Association (YIRA) TEL 22-5111

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Meaning: To have a tacit understanding.
To communicate wordlessly with each other.

If you would like to be put on our mailing list, or if you have any feedback for the newsletter, please contact us at:

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