

	TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)	
Nov. 3 \sim	- Ticket to Paradise	Sub
Nov. 11	\sim Black Panther/Wakanda Forever	
	Sub/Du	bbed
Nov. 18	\sim Where the Crawdads Sing	Sub
Nov. 23	\sim Strange World	Sub
Dec. 2 \sim	- Black Adam	Sub

Due to the new coronavirus infection, movies might be changed without notice. So please check the homepage for information.

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ONE POINT JAPANESE



(Hey, I heard from a friend that C-san took the JLPT N1 test.)

B:すごいですね。 合格できたら、いいですね。 Sugoi desu ne. Gōkaku dekitara ī desu ne. (That's impressive! It would be great if she passed.)

< by Niihama Nihongo no Kai>

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What's New?

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From Ballet to Japan **Fergus Adderley**

Hello. My name is Fergus Adderley, I'm 26 and I come from Sydney Australia. Since I was a child I wanted to be a ballet dancer, so when I was old enough I moved to Germany to study. While I was studying I met my future wife, who was also a dancer at the same university, and I got my Bachelor of Arts.

We eventually managed to get a job together at the Anhaltisches Theater Dessau. During our time living together in Germany our relationship grew stronger, we got joint bank accounts, we adopted a dog, and eventually got married.

However as our love for each other grew our love for dance diminished. We had already achieved all our goals as dancers. Also, wanting to start a family together and there being no well paying jobs in the ballet industry, we decided it was time for a new career.

I chose English teaching because, from my time living in Europe, traveling became a passion for me, and I was only able to last that long and visit so many countries from my natural ability to speak English. I want to share that opportunity and give other people the confidence to travel anywhere in the world.



So I got my Teaching English as a Foreign Language certificate (TEFL), landed a job with the nicest people I could find, and moved to Japan. It hasn't been easy but thankfully I have my wife with me to help and support me.

So far I have really loved living in Japan, I have met so many people who are friendly and supporting me to study Japanese. I have also been enjoying exploring what Ehime has to offer such as mountains, shrines, beaches, oranges, and towels. I have also started new hobbies such as running, skateboarding, collecting, and trying as many new things as possible. My wife and I both miss ballet every day but we are so excited for our future together in Japan, we can't wait to see what the future holds for us.

A Hint for Life Social Insurance Coverage is expanded

(Ehime Shimbun October 5, 2022)

According to Japanese Law, in the companies that have more than 500 full-time employees, part time workers and temporary workers can get employees' pension insurance and employees' health insurance. However, starting in October, 2022 this rule now applied to companies with over 100 employees, and will be applied to companies with over 50 employees in October, 2024.

If part time workers meet the requirements, such as working for more than two months, or working over 20 hours per week, they can join welfare pension insurance and employees' health insurance. Even those who work within the spousal deduction benefit will have to join welfare pension insurance and employees' health insurance if their annual salary is over 1.06 million yen.

Social insurance premiums are divided fifty-fifty between an employee and an employer. The half the amount of the premium is paid by the employer and the rest is deducted from the employee's salary. That enables workers to get more payout of old-age pension, disability pension and survivor's welfare pension. They can also receive more medical coverage.

A New Variety Shop from Daiso in AEON MALL, Niihama (Ehime Shimbun, September 21, 2022)

Hiroshima-based \$100 store operator Daiso.Co.Ltd (Hiroshima) has opened a new variety shop, called "Standard Products," on the first floor of AEON Mall Niihama (Maeda-cho Niihama). It is the first such shop in Ehime and only the second in Shikoku. With the lot size of about 400 square meter, the shop sells a variety of about 2000 kinds everyday items with simple and functional designs under the concept that "a little better is good for a long time". Their main "Standard Series" tableware line includes plate with no protrusions on the underside so that dishes don't pile up and take up too much space.

At the pre-open on November 10, customers examined rice scoops or essential oils made from forest thinning. Store manager Ms. Shimpo Ayumi said, "Our goods are made with the thought that the everyday items should be charming. We hope many people in Ehime will visit our shop."



How to Prevent Shingles

Ehime Shinbun Column "A Hint for Your Life" October 24, 2022

Shingles causes a scratchy pain and red rash on either side of your body. This symptom will develop when you are weary or have an increased level of stress. Let us improve our immune system with a balanced diet, moderate exercise, and enough rest and sleep.

A vaccine for shingles is available which can be administered to people over fifty years old. The live vaccine has 50 to 60 % efficacy and costs about \$10,000 for one effective shot. People who use an immunosuppressant are not eligible for inoculation.

Alternatively, an inactivated vaccine with over 90 % efficacy is available, but requires two shots. The cost for one shot is about \$20,000 and is generally not covered by insurance, however, some municipalities may subsidize.



December Events

Hirose History Museum 2022 Special Exhibition "Photography Book of Meiji23(1890)"

200 years history of the Besshi copper mine and Mr.Hirose's residence

9:30 AM to 5:30 PM until December 18 Hirose history museum 2-10-24 Uwabara, Niihama-city Tel: 40 6333

Night Museum 2022 at Science Museum

Let us explore the museum at night! December 24 and 25 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM At Ehime Prefectural Science Museum Ojoin 2133-2, Niihama-city Ordinary entrance ticket

Sumitomo Company House (National tangible cultural property) Open House

Hoshigoe, Niihama-city December 7, 14, 21, 25 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Further information: Sect. Besshi Copper Mine Cultural Asset, Niihama City Office Tel: 65 1236

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