**Summer Music Festival gets children movin’**

Kristen Scott demonstrates her dance skills at a dance competition conducted by the Chicago Hot Rox Dancers during the Summer Music Festival at Torii Pines Golf Course here Saturday. Scott’s diva dance moves earned her loud cheers from the audience as she jived her way into the finals. See the full story on pages 6 and 7.

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**Friendship exchange: Sign-up before time runs out**

Chugoku-Shikoku Defense Bureau in conjunction with Iwakuni City, the Municipal Board of Education and the station are co-sponsoring a U.S.-Japan Friendship Exchange in November and are asking local residents interested in participating to fill out a sign-up sheet at the Public Affairs Office here no later than Sept. 24.

Locals interested in signing up can call 253-5551 or come by Building 1 Room 216 to fill out a sign-up sheet. The Chugoku-Shikoku Defense Bureau has organized and scheduled the event for Nov. 21 to provide a good opportunity for local Japanese and American residents to develop long lasting relationships through art-and-craft projects, games, and other events and activities.

Station and local Japanese

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**Sexual assault: It can happen to anyone**


Within the letter, Conway states prevention is the crucial step to defeating sexual assault. The letter also addresses misconceptions Marines might have about the crime and acts connected with sexual assault. With the entire Marine Corps taking a look at itself regarding the issue, service members here can’t fail to see it as a problem aboard the air station.

“IT happens more often than people think,” said LaNita Perkins, acting station victim advocate. “I have volunteer victim advocates and we get called regularly on sexual assaults. It’s happening.”

It’s important Marines and sailors are aware sexual assault does happen here so they can better prepare in the event they find themselves in a situation that can lead to sexual assault, Perkins said.

The volunteer victim advocates
Chaplain’s Corner

‘Learning to fly’

Lt. Robert E. Mills, Station Chaplain

 Unlike most of the aviators here at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, the civilian way is always taking occasional lessons whenever I could scrape together the dough to do it. When I was 16 years old, my parents bought me a small kit plane, I wanted to fly. My passion then finally was able to start the plans.

 With my Uncle Charlie as my first flight instructor, many lessons in the cramped cockpit of a Cessna 172 and Piper’s. My first lesson was to make small corrections. Uncle Charlie would say, “the airplane’s won’t bite you. You don’t have to抚摸 it, make your corrections every small step. Use your hands and feet too.”

 I know some of you Hornet pilots are laughing at that last one, but actually you do have to use the hands and feet. The lesson I learned, apart from coordinated flight, was life demands nuances. You don’t always have to make a huge change in what you are doing.

 Many times just a slight change in attitude or foot position are dealing with your family or remote staff. When you were teaching me how to fly, I always had to work really hard to ensure I was actually alone before telling to fly 40 and in all 100 horsepower began to propel me down the runway. I took off and landed three time continuous. I had never flown before. My days lesson was over, and it did not feel right. I had found something I could learn, and I was doing it well. This thing always reported as a constant factor in the assualts was airborne.

 Many situations awareness of self and surroundings as one of the best ways to prevent sexual assault, and to keep track of what and how much you drink. It is a best system with you absolutely trust, was also named as a good way to prevent sexual assault.

 "It’s always a good idea to have someone that you can obtain decisions off of a different perspective, get a different point of view perhaps this simple step, applies to sending out e-mails in both a government and personal circumstances where service members were assaulted and roll out on the correct heading. If a person becomes a victim of sexual assault, or they may contact their unit uniformed victim response coordinator at 080-1920-5177 for help.

 “The most important thing that they (sexual assault victims) can know for their own personal benefit is a type of a restricted report, victims can take the necessary steps you need to recover both emotionally and physically and then bring forward against the offender is immediately underway and a law. "Unrestricted does not mean public," said Fontenot. "People on a need-to-know base will have a sensitivity to the victim’s needs and that information will be limited to the appropriate law enforcement. Victims need to be aware, whether they know about it. that information will be limited to the appropriate law enforcement.

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A Marine stands at the ready position waiting for his target to appear in the indoor small arms range here Friday. Gunnery Sgt. Rodney Buentello stands at the ready position waiting for his target to appear in the indoor small arms range here Friday.

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**Island hop II: More seats, open to more**

**Lance Cpl. Sadie Moore**
**IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF**

Marines and sailors of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron here have been scheduled to embark on another South Pacific trip of the features tour.

The trip will include stops on the island of Saipan and Guam, and the large island of the Philippines. The trip will be open to all Marines and sailors that have been here since the arrival of the squadron and are now stationed on the island.

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**MP attempts wreck-less driving**

**Sgt. Robert Durham**
**IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF**

Don’t let this man’s duty persona fool you. He is a speed demon. During the workweek, you can find Cpl. Greg Fitts training new drivers to ensure they are safe on the road.

Over the weekend, you can find Fitts tearing around the streets on his motorcycle, showing off his skills.

Fitts has been driving for over 10 years and has completed the necessary training to become a licensed driver in Japan.

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**The Izumis**

The Izumis are a family of sailors that have been living on the island for over 20 years. They have four children, all of whom are Marines.

The Izumis are known for their hard work and dedication to their families.

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**The Japanese**

The Japanese love being entertained. They are known for their hospitality and love of the arts.

Many of the Japanese racers have little to no safety equipment. Fitts only has a helmet and a pair of gloves for protection.

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**The drifters**

Drifters are a group of drivers that enjoy driving on the streets, taking corners at high speeds.

They are known for their skill and precision on the roads.

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**The regulations**

The regulations that must be followed while driving in Japan are strict. Drivers must follow the rules and regulations to ensure safety on the roads.

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**The community**

The community is important in Japan. It is a close-knit group that helps each other.

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**The future**

The future of driving in Japan is uncertain. There are many challenges that need to be overcome to ensure safety on the roads.

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**The conclusion**

Driving in Japan can be dangerous, but with the right knowledge and skills, it can also be rewarding.

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**The author**

The author of the article, Lance Cpl. Sadie Moore, is a staff member of the IWAKUNI APPROACH. She has been writing articles for the publication for over two years.

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**The end**

Thank you for reading. We hope you enjoyed this article.

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**The image**

The image shows a Marine standing in the small arms range, holding a gun. The Marine is waiting for his target to appear.

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**The video**

The video shows the Marine training new drivers to ensure they are safe on the roads.

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**The interview**

Interview with a Marine about his experiences driving in Japan.

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**The data**

The data shows the number of traffic accidents that have occurred in Japan over the past year.

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**The statistics**

The statistics show the number of drivers that have been involved in accidents in Japan.

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**The conclusion**

Driving in Japan can be dangerous, but with the right knowledge and skills, it can also be rewarding.

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**The end**

Thank you for reading. We hope you enjoyed this article.
Children turn it up at concert

Lox Cpl. Chris Kutlesa
Iwakuni Approach Staff

For the students at Mathew C. Perry Elementary and High School, summer ended the day the fall semester began, but for one day the children took to the golf course and paraded like it was the first day of summer vacation.

On Saturday, Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni hosted the Summer Music Festival at the Torii Pines Golf Course here.

The event was not exclusive to children; both service members and civilians of all ages attended the event, but it was the children who seemed to know how to get down and party.

“I always assumed the Marines were the ones who knew how to get the party started, but clearly I was wrong; it is definitely the young ones who know how to get thingsjumping,” said Amanda Etter, who attended the event with her daughter and friends. “If you just take a look around, you can see kids chowing down on cotton candy, playing in the jumpers, dancing to the music, and just having a good time being together. I have to hand it to the kids. They really know how to non-stop rock out.”

Everyone in attendance seemed to be having a good time, but why was it the children who were having the most fun? what was the secret to these children’s awe-inspiring partying skills?

“The secret is cotton candy,” said Cheyenne Wichner, an M.C. Perry High School seventh-grader, who offered the magical key to rocking out.

“The sugar and our youth is what keeps us going,” said Wichner, bursting into laughter. “If the Marines ever challenged the kids to see who could have more fun, the kids would definitely win, hands down.”

The only competition that ensued between the children and Marines was a dance-off orchestrated by the Summer Music Festival’s headlining act, the Chicago Hot Rox Dancers.

only one Marine had the nerve to compete against the heard of footloose children. the lone Marine was good, but he had no chance against the children who quickly demonstrated they could pop and lock like no one’s business.

“The children were so much fun and had so much energy that they inspired us to completely change the second half of our show to include them,” said Kim Brancamp, the coach and lead performer of the Hot Rox Dancers.

As the sun set, the concert continued to jam on along with the children. They cued, they conquered, they rocked the house harder than anyone else.

“This was crazy cool and crazy fun,” said Wichner. “All my friends and I had a great time. I would definitely come back and do this again.”
Hunting Taliban: Gaining small victories without fight

Corpsmen and Marines on their way to Afghanistan explain how they have managed to gain success through not engaging in direct combat.

Battalion Commander Cpl. Charles Krulak explains that the Marine Corps has taken a different approach to combat and has been focusing on gaining the trust of the local people.

"We are not going to go out and fight every day," said Krulak. "We are going to build relationships and gain the trust of the local people."
Stroller Fit: This is how these mommies roll

Mommies roll in the park as they begin their first Stroller Fit class held every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

However, there are other classes that can be taken, such as the Semper Fit class, which is a one-hour class focusing on strengthening core muscles and endurance for the parents while the children get a little fun in the sun. The class is held on a first-come-first-served basis.

Strollers are available to check out at the IronWorks Gym front desk for those mothers or fathers who do not yet have a jogging stroller. There are only a limited amount, and they are given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

Checking out a stroller at the front desk is as easy as walking in and signing your name on a roster. Once a stroller is checked out, you have the opportunity to use it for the whole day before it must be returned.

"They have a couple of different types of strollers there," said Kruse. "There are double and single ones, but they are all jogging strollers, so those work well with you and there is some shock resistance for the children."

The shock resistance makes for a more comfortable ride for the children since shock absorbers minimize the bumps of the road and help the children enjoy the exercise for the parents.

For parents who would like to participate in the course, the easiest way to get on top of the sea wall with a stroller is to go up the access lane, which is located near the outdoor basketball court by the gym.

"Walking is a great exercise for everyone. It is easy and you don’t need a lot of skill for it. You can choose your own intensity level by how much you want to push the stroller or walk on your own," said Kruse.

For more information on the Stroller Fit class or any other classes, call the MCCS Semper Fit Division at 253-5225.
From first to second, Team Iwakuni takes down JelFix 12-7

Team Iwakuni took first place after beating team JelFix of Hiroshima 12-7 in the 2009 Japanese and American Modified Fast Pitch Softball Tournament held at the Penny Lake softball fields here Aug. 29.

Team Iwakuni went undefeated in the tournament posting a 6-0 record as they took home the first place trophies.

JelFix put up a good fight, never really letting Team Iwakuni put away the win. JelFix opened the game with consistent hitting but was only able to bring in a single run during the top of the first.

On the other hand, Team Iwakuni came out swinging, bringing in six runs before they were retired for the inning, but not before they jumped to a 6-1 lead.

Team Iwakuni brought in four more runs in the second while JelFix only brought one in leaving themselves with a 10-2 deficit to overcome.

Team Iwakuni’s strategy during the tournament was to bring in as many runs as possible and not to give mercy to any team due to the way the tournament was conducted.

“The tournament was based on a point system. It went off runs scored,” said Team Iwakuni second baseman Rodney Buentello.

“If all teams lose one game, it went off who scored more runs.”

Buentello proved to be a valuable asset for Team Iwakuni during the championship game. He made a couple of key diving saves during the second and third innings preventing JelFix from bringing in many runs or advancing their players into scoring positions.

“Defensively, our team did awesome. The fast pitch tournament brings out a better game in all of us,” said Team Iwakuni pitcher Clinton Massengale.

The third inning, despite being another good defensive inning for Team Iwakuni, was the turning point of the game for JelFix. JelFix brought in two runs and held Team Iwakuni to two runs as well ending the inning 12-4.

“Japanese people are phenomenal on their fundamentals of baseball,” said Buentello.

“We were stronger physically, but they were not too far behind.”

Team Iwakuni just took second place in the Far East Regional Softball Tournament at Camp Foster, Okinawa, in early August and has proven they can play softball, but modified fast pitch softball is a different story.

“Modified fast pitch softball is almost like slow pitch, but your arm comes up a little bit higher and your now thrusting the ball at a waist level,” said Buentello.

“Making it more difficult, the ball was tough to field because the type of rubber it was made of caused irregular bounces. It’s different because if you don’t hit this ball directly in the middle, it’s either going straight up or straight down,” said Buentello.

JelFix slowed Team Iwakuni down in the third, and in the fourth inning they stopped Team Iwakuni right in their tracks. JelFix brought in three runs and held Team Iwakuni ending the inning down 12-7, but the title was still within grasp for JelFix.

The championship game was scheduled for only 50 minutes or five innings, which is 10 minutes longer than the rest of the games held that day. But at the end of the fourth, there were only about 10 minutes left to play a final inning.

The officials called the game due to lack of time left to play, and that was all she wrote for JelFix’s comeback hopes.

With a score of 12-7, Team Iwakuni proved they could adapt to a new style of softball and play among some of the best Japan had to offer.

“This is our last tournament as a base team,” said Buentello. “So to close it out as champions from the harsh struggles of previous tournaments, it was an exciting win for us to end on a top note.”