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GITLAXT'AAMIKS
GITMIDIJK:PEOPLE OF THE GRIZZLY

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Gitmidiik Hall Of Famer

Gene Wolff has been inducted into the All Native Basketball Tournament (ANBT) Hall of Fame, joining Anna Atleo and Tony Thomas in the 2025 class. A key player in Gitmidiik's three consecutive Masters Division championships, Wolff cemented his legacy with clutch free throws in a decisive final. His contributions to the game were further recognized in 2024 when he was named Inspirational Player. Wolff's dedication and skill continue to inspire players across generations, securing his place in ANBT history.



Hoobiye 2025

Hoobiye marks the arrival of the first traditional harvest and the renewal of our people's connection to the land. The theme of the 51st annual Hoobiye was Renewal and Resilience, celebrating Nisga'a culture despite years of oppression under the Indian Act. 14 groups performed at Hoobiye 2025 and by the second day, the New Aiyansh Rec Center was absolutely packed with both performers and spectators alike, sparking a conversation that the valley needs a larger venue.



ANBT 2025

There was a total of 5 Gitmidiik Teams who represented New Aiyansh in the 65th Annual All Native Basketball Tournament. The Gitmidiik Masters, Gitmidiik Seniors, Gitmidiik Storm, Gitmidiik Thunder and Gitmidiik Master Sonics. Each team had tough brackets and did their very best contending in the biggest indigenous tournament in BC. The Gitmidiik Seniors placed 6th making it to Thursday evening and making top 6 out of 13 men's teams in the Senior Division. The Gitmidiik Master Sonics contended in the inaugural year of the Master Ladies Division. The Gitmidiik Storm Intermediates had a very close elimination game against Hazelton proving they are strong contenders in this tournament. The Gitmidiik Thunder ladies team played two very tough games but played strong and competitively. The Gitmidiik Masters paved the way for what the Masters Division is today and that was no easy task. The Gitmidiik teams will come back stronger than ever. Encouraging the Gitmidiik teams to maintain training year-round.



This picture along with several others are available on our Zenfolio Gallery. Scan the QR code with your phone to access our gallery.



Scan this QR code to complete the survey

Gitlaxt'aamiks Walking Infrastructure Survey
This survey aims to gather feedback from residents about their priorities for the future of active transportation infrastructure in our village. Their input will also support the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government in securing funding for additional active transportation projects. Please ensure to answer all questions on the survey to be eligible to enter the door prize draw. Additionally, we would like to encourage the participation of residents who complete the survey at the GVG office, a chance to win one of five door prizes who fill out the survey at our office. The survey will be located at the entrance, after completion can be submitted to the receptionist.

Pink Shirt Day 2025

Ms. Lena Griffin, Primary Teacher at Nisga'a Elementary School, lead their annual Anti-Bullying March on February 26th 2025 and marched through the GVG Main Office at 1:30PM. All GVG workers were encouraged to stand along the route in solidarity with the students to help raise awareness about bullying prevention and to demonstrate our commitment to a respectful and inclusive community. Lena Griffin's passion and commitment to promoting kindness is reflected in the enthusiasm in the children's march through the office.



Important Dates

MARCH 2025



Social Assistance Intake
March 3rd-4th



JANT 2025 Kelowna
March 16th-21st



Council Meetings
March 17th -18th



NESS Spring Break
March 18th-28th



NLG Executive
19th,20th,21st



Elder's Pension Run
March 27th

TREATY TRIVIA

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD

Under the Nisga'a Final Agreement, does the Nisga'a Nation have the authority to establish its own police force, and if so, how must it operate?

To submit your answer, please call (250) 633-3100 and ask for Stirling or you can e-mail it to stirling@peopleofthegrizzly.com



Call for Submissions

If you would like to submit a story please call (250)633-3100 or e-mail: Marianne.Guno@peopleofthegrizzly.com or Stirling@peopleofthegrizzly.com