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Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government

June 2016

Aboriginal Day – June 17, 2016



Aboriginal Day in New Aiyansh was held on June 17, 2017 and the theme was Gitlaxt'aamiks Mardi Gras Celebration.

For the parade first place award for the best decorated float was School District #92 (Nisga'a).

Second place went to Nisga'a Lisim Government and third place went to Laxgalts'ap Village Government.

For the Soap Berry contest Barbara Wells won first place, Myrna Jakesta was second and Tanya Clayton was third.

The BBQ fire pit set was won by Edith Munroe. Earl Hill won the freezer and Jody Adams won the vacuum cleaner. Stacey Gosnell won the big screen TV.

The rope broke in the tug of war between the Lax-bibuu and Ganada so they called it even and Darryl Clayton sustained minor injuries in the mishap.

Noah Guno won the men's arm wrestling, second place went to Basil Morgan and third place was Mike Moore.

A total of \$5,954.50 was raised from 50/50 draws, loony auction and food sales and it all goes towards the Gitlaxt'aamiks Elder's Association.

GVG Summer Student Employees

The Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government (GVG) Summer Student employees started work on July 4, 2016.

They will work for 5 weeks at GVG Operations & Maintenance, GVG administration office, store and NESS Rec & Reading program.

They are Emma Robinson, Summer Student Youth Coordinator, Oliver Morven, Samuel McKay, Quinton Nisyok, Zariah Clayton, Skyler Guno, Shanika Tait, Kayla Munroe, Angelica Peal, Herbert Gonu and Cynthia Derrick.

Darlene Morgan, CAO, said that there were a total of 32 student applications for summer employment with GVG.

On Friday, August 5, 2016 the students are planning a field trip to Terrace for their last day of work.

Darlene has advised them that as an incentive she will keep 2 of the summer workers on for an extra week for a job well done. Cynthia Gonu is their super-

visor.

Please join us in welcoming the Summer Students to their new jobs.



Golden River Restaurant



The Golden River Restaurant opened for business on June 7, 2016 at Sii Tax Gas Bar in New Aiyansh.

The General Manager is Benny Liu and his business partner is Won Sek Leung, Owner of GLL Enterprises Inc. Zhong Shaoxiong and Kwok Fat Sang are both chefs in the restaurant.

Golden River Restaurant offers Canadian Chinese Cuisine along with Thai, Malaysia & Singapore cuisine.

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They will soon offer a Canadian & Chinese breakfast that will be added to the menu.

Golden River Restaurant is also going to start offering Dim Sum as a menu item as of August 25, 2016.

Currently there is no Dim Sum offered anywhere in the Pacific Northwest.

Golden River Restaurant has been in operation in New Aiyansh for about a month.

The clientele is mostly local people and tourists that come in the restaurant from Monday to Friday.

Canyon City, Greenville and Kincolith people usually come in on the weekends.

Golden River Restaurant offers tourists and visitors to the Nass Valley a place to stop and enjoy Canadian Chinese Cuisine at its finest.

The restaurant is a joint venture with Sii Tax Development Corporation of New Aiyansh.

The Golden River Restaurant is located at the gas bar in New Aiyansh at 5221 Skateen Avenue.

The phone number is (250) 633-2076 and they are open 7 days a week Monday to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM daily.

Friday 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM and Saturday & Sunday 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Lunch starts at 11:00 AM.

WWNI/UNBC Graduate 2016

Marianne Guno successfully completed the 2015 Fall & 2016 Winter Semesters at WWNI/UNBC where she completed enough credits for her Nisga'a Studies Certificate.

On May 30, 2016 in Gitwinksihlkw, BC at the WWNI/UNBC Convocation she officially received her Nisga'a Studies Certificate.

Her educational goals are to complete the First Nations Studies Program to obtain various FNST Certificates and her Bachelor of Arts Degree from WWNI as a Part-Time Student.

Marianne thanks the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government Education Department for funding her as a part-time student.

She looks forward to continuing her studies in the 2016 Fall-2017 Winter Semesters at WWNI/UNBC where she would be in line for another certificate in General First Nations Studies.



Trailer Soon To Be Available



Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government (GVG) purchased a used 2 bedroom 16 foot by 66 foot trailer from School District #92 (Nisga'a) in Gitwinksihlkw.

It is in really good shape. GVG paid for the transportation of the unit from Gitwinksihlkw to New Aiyansh by a trucking company from Prince George that specializes in moving homes.

The cement platform that the trailer will sit on is 16 feet by 66 feet and is the designated platform for a trailer of this size.

The intention is to get a young family into this unit as this is one of the biggest problems in this community is a shortage of affordable homes.

GVG is keeping track of all the labour and materials in setting up this unit and will simply recoup the

cost of the trailer and setting up the unit.

The cost will include price of the trailer, the transportation of the unit from Gitwinksihlkw to New Aiyansh, the slab of cement that the trailer will sit on, the footings, skirting, BC Hydro hookup, water & sewer hookup, a patio deck with stairs & back porch & stairs, fencing and some new appliances if needed.

GVG intends to make it an affordable home for a young family.

The lot size is 75 feet by 120 feet and the drainage is very good on the property.

GVG intends to provide a home to younger couples that is affordable, properly setup in accordance with the existing builder's codes and has excellent curb appeal.

GVG is hoping that other homeowners in this community will do the same with their homes.

In New Aiyansh all the homes are owned by their respective homeowners that's why GVG is able to provide renovation grants to homeowners.

In a Social Housing program the rental units and homes are owned by the village governments and councils. So they are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of those homes and that can become very costly to the village governments.

The homeowners in this community take full responsibility of their homes once they move in.

Smoke House Crew

Henry Adams, Cody Alexcee, Bertram Gonu, Jr., Leslie Clayton, Melina Gonu and Lyndon Davis started the salmon season at the community smoke houses on May 24, 2016.

Skyler Guno is from the GVG Summer Student program.

They will work until the end of August of this year. For most of this crew this is the first time that they have worked on Spring Salmon and Sockeye.

They will learn how to prepare the different species of salmon to half-smoke it and/or fully smoke it.

The crew will also learn how to can salmon and salt it for the winter.

About 4 of the crew have their Food Safe certificate which is a requirement today when you're working with food that the public will consume.

Currently they are working on 30 Spring Salmon and about 50 Sockeye.

The smoke house crew recently did 8 cases of fresh Sockeye from the last batch of fish they got.

Next week they will start handing out smoke

house packages to the Gitlaxt'aamiks elders.

Their deep freezers are getting full and the smoke house crew will begin restocking the freezers after they hand out the packages.

The packages will consist of sundried oolicans, smoked oolicans, smoked sealion all from last spring, canned Sockeye salmon, half-smoked salmon and smoke salmon strips.



Gitlaxt'aamiks Public Notice

To: Gitlaxt'aamiks Elders
 From: Darlene Morgan, CAO
 Re: Fire Wood

We are pleased to advise that Nisga'a Pacific Ventures will be providing fire wood for any elders in our community who have wood stoves and may require wood for the winter.

This will be provided free of charge.

If you would like wood to be delivered to your home please call Lorna Davis at (250) 633-3100 and provide your address for delivery.

Also, please provide the length of wood you would like.

Thank you.



Gitlaxt'aamiks Farmers Market



Starting May 29, 2016
 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 At the Interpretive Centre
 Parking Lot, 5128 Gitzyon Avenue
 (Old Historic Community Hall)

To reserve your table contact
 Sherry Wright
 (250)633-3100



\$20.00 for Business License
 Farmers Market goes from May
 2016—October 2016 every Sunday



For Further information
 Contact Dilan Perera
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 1-877-588-2388
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Youth Conference

**Gitlaxtaamiks Gitmidiik Auditorium
July 11-15, 2016**

<p>July 11—13 : Life guard Skills Training July 12 -13 :Leadership Workshop July 14: Canoe Races, BBQ and Tubing July 15: Right to Play Wrap Up with Brendan McCardle</p>	<p>July 15: Dance Party Finale July 11-15, 2016 10 am daily Contact: Sherry Wright ph. (250)633-3100</p>
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Quote Of The Month

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.

Helen Keller

Important Dates

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 Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC
 July 11 - 15, 2016