

The Coming of the Three Brothers

Long ago, three sisters lived in a village with their mother. These women were very beautiful because their inner peace brought them much happiness. They had such joy for life that everyone loved to be around them. As soon as the spring brought warm sunny days, the sisters could be found with their mother, singing happily as they worked. Later in the year, they could be found visiting the people in their village. They loved being around everyone especially the babies and the elders. They were so generous that they shared everything that they had with everyone in the village.

One day, three brothers from another community came to their village to trade. The people were very happy to see these brothers and thanked them for visiting, since it was their custom to welcome everyone, even strangers. As time went on, though, the brothers began causing trouble. Soon, these men became very jealous of the sisters. They found that the women spent so much time visiting and were so generous that the people of the village had little interest in buying the goods that the brothers came to sell. So, the brothers devised various schemes to undermine the efforts of the sisters and encourage the people to purchase their goods. It was only later that the people realized that these brothers were up to no good. By that time, it was too late. The people did not know that the goods that the brothers had brought into their village made people sick. Because almost everyone in the village quickly became addicted to the brother's goods, which could only be purchased with cash, they soon spent all of their time trying to earn money to buy the things that the brothers sold. They no longer had time to visit with each other. The sisters would go to see people but were told to go away, since all but a few people in the village were too busy to spend time with them. Soon, everyone in the village was sick - mentally, physically and spiritually. As the people became sicker and sicker, the sisters hurried at the opportunity to help the people of their village and share their medicine with them. Still, the people had no time to be bothered with the women. As a result, the sisters and their mother became very sad, feeling forgotten and lonely. Despite the disruption that they caused, the three brothers - Ronald McDonald, Tim Horton and Colonel Sanders - stayed in the village for a long, long time. Soon their cousins Bud, Wendy, Coke, Pepsi, Taco Bell and Burger the King moved in and all became permanent residents. This continues to be the case to this day. They can be found everywhere. Last year, fast food wrappers, coffee cups, soda cans, beer bottles, and other garbage could be found littering the ditches along most of the roads in Akwesasne. An entire dumpster of garbage was picked up by a small but dedicated group from the Akwesasne Youth Council and the Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment (ATFE). We need your help to pick up garbage in the ditches in front of your homes and businesses

ATFE wishes to announce 2 upcoming events. To celebrate Earthday, the annual **Roadside Cleanup** will be held on:

Saturday, April 15th starting at

9am

Last trash pick-up at 4pm

Raindate: April 29th

Garbage bags, gloves and lunch will be provided at the Akwesasne Library for all who participate. We wish to send out a challenge to all organizations in Akwesasne: all Councils, Chiefs, departments, firemen, skating and hockey clubs, lacrosse teams, youth, teachers, veterans, legionnaires and businesses to help pick up trash and make every day Earthday. We will offer \$100 to the organization that picks up the most trash on April 15th. Be sure to register your group and identify the road you will be working on with ATFE on the morning of the event. To support the planting of gardens and help us remember our mother the earth on Mother's day, the annual ATFE **Seed and Tree Giveaway** will be held on:

Saturday, May 13th

9am - 2pm

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RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

Are you looking for a job that requires a RESUME, and you're not sure how to do one? Well, you're in luck!

On Wednesday, April 19, 2000 @ 6:30 p.m. There will be a Resume Writing Workshop to be held at the Akwesasne Area Management Board Office located in St. Regis (next to G & L Garage)

Space is limited, so if you are interested please phone our office at 575-2626. Deadline for registration is April 15, 2000 at 4 p.m., ask for Becky Perkins, Career Development Officer.

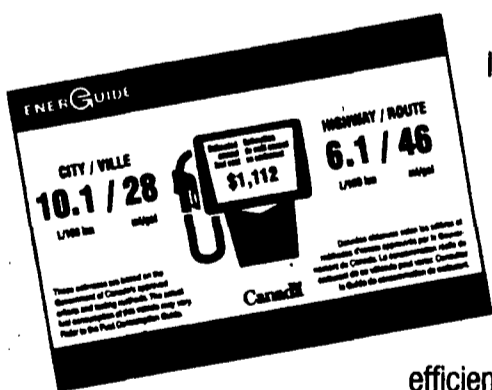
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