

**BAN TRAPPING!!**

The crying out to ban trapping by the Animal Rights Activists, Humane Society and others is alarming and unfortunate. Unfortunate because, for the most part, these people are well-meaning in their love for animals. But, they are being misled by the radicals without the slightest understanding of the way of life they are talking about.

To properly understand and put the subject in proper perspective we all should read and re-read the story of the creation in the book of Genesis. God created all things and saw that everything he had made was very good. And, God gave man dominion over everything that he had made. There is no doubt that all these resources were intended for the use of man. There are many stories in the bible about how these resources were used for food, clothing and shelter.

There is the story about Noah and the Ark. The Ark was made from the trees and into it he took a male and female of every species, that they could be preserved. This is the message for preservation and conservation of our resources. This is where we Homosapiens come in - we should build and ark.

We must face reality. The notion that trapping causes undue suffering is only part of the story. The truth is that when animals become too plentiful they will die

of starvation and disease, which is a lingering death. Wild animals are no different than domestic animals. A farmer can keep only so many livestock. If he exceeds the capacity of his farm there will be overcrowding, shortage of food and disease. And, so it is with wildlife - a certain area can support only a limited number of animals. Wildlife is a crop to be harvested in due season.

To ban trapping, hunting and fishing would only serve to upset the balance of nature, destroy an industry - a way of life for thousands of Canadians and severely disrupt the whole economy. It is reported that the Ontario trapping industry generates about \$1 billion annually for the Canadian economy. When people are denied the right to pursue their trade and earn an honest living, they are forced to swallow their pride and dignity and seek welfare. We all know that the tax payer has to bear the rising costs.

Instead of spending our intelligence, energy and money on trying to ban our God given rights, we should divert those energies to more noble purposes. Our constant care should be: The preservation and conservation of our environment and natural resources; To promote respect for our God given resources; To enjoy, use them wisely and protect them from abuse, waste, exploitation and pollution. After all we

are only custodians or stewards of this vast resource.

Great progress is already being made by many dedicated people and groups. Special credit is due to the many Government agencies, the Canadian Wildlife Federation, the Provincial Wildlife Federations, the Anglers and Hunters Federations, the Fish and Game Clubs, Conservation groups, native groups, Trappers Associations, Naturalist groups, bird watchers, etc.

These groups are working for the preservation and conservation of our environment and natural resources.

By improving habitat, reducing pollution of the water, air and soil we will have more and healthier wildlife. We must all work together to build a better community and society, for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

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**Community Use of Schools**

Submissions are being invited from potential users and the public at large as the Leeds and Grenville County Board of Education reviews the community use of its schools. A public meeting has been set for Tuesday, October 7 in the Administration Building on Central Avenue in Brockville.

In August, the Board established a committee to examine and review community use of schools. Named to the committee were Trustees Paul Tierney, Jim McMullan, Larry Steacy and Dolores Wing. Resource to the committee is Director Wayne Tompkins. At the organizational meeting Mr. Tierney was elected chairman.

The committee is inviting written submissions from user groups and the public at large to address such issues as rental fees and other charges, the impact of the Board's non-smoking policy, and the Board's liability regarding functions where alcoholic beverages are served.

Deadline is October 7 for receipt of submissions at the Board Office located at 25 Central Avenue West. Interested parties are invited to present their briefs to the committee at a public meeting that night, beginning at seven. Presenters are asked to contact Keith Pelton (1-800-267-0831) to arrange a time on the agenda, and for further details.

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## OUT OF AFRICA

**PARTNERS**



Jon Voight earned an Oscar nomination for Best Actor and Eric Roberts one for Best Supporting Actor in this action thriller that was one of the major hits of 1985 from coast to coast. Voight and Roberts play convicts in a high-security prison who escape the inhumane treatment of Chief Guard Ranken and break out into the icy Northeast wilderness. But the heat is on as Ranken heads out in force with the hounds. The cons flee onto a departing freight train only to find themselves prisoners yet again, this time of the speeding train as it hurtles toward certain derailment, its conductor dead of a sudden heart attack.