

Archaeological Society of Alberta
Distinguished Service Award - 1991:

We, the undersigned, directors or members of the Lethbridge Centre, of the Archaeological Society of Alberta hereby nominate:

Lawrence Devern Halverson
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for the Distinguished Service Award of
Archaeological Society of Alberta for 1991.
Credentials for our candidate are appended.

J. H. Carpenter, Director Leth Centre
Ralph L. Erdman (Director Leth Centre
R. F. Shree, Past President

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LAWRENCE HALMRAST

Sportsman
Conservationist
Hunter Education Instructor
Community Worker

Lawrence lives on his farm with his wife Marjorie twelve miles east of Warner. He has three daughters and a son, all married, and his son Dale has taken over the farming chores. His spare time has been well spent in many community activities.

A lifetime member of the Warner Rifle and Revolver Club, Lawrence has spent many years as an instructor, giving courses on shooting and safe gun handling to hundreds of people of all ages and especially to groups such as 4-H clubs and Boy Scouts.

He is also a fine gunsmith, and in the course of building and repairing firearms for his numerous friends and customers, his own philosophy and knowledge of hunting and conservation has been passed on.

Lawrence is an active instructor for the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Training Education Program.

He was also chairman for a number of years of the small bore shooting competitions at the Alberta Summer Games.

One of the finest gun collections in North America may be seen in Lawrence's home. He is a member of Alberta Arms and Cartridge Collectors Association and has won over one hundred trophies at International Gun Shows.

Lawrence is a member of the Ducks Unlimited organization and was instrumental in getting the Vertigris Coulee project started. This important Ducks Unlimited project has 3500 surface acres and many miles of shoreline. Also twenty miles of channels and is excellent wildlife habitat where none existed before.

A member and past president of the Archeological Society, Lethbridge Branch, Lawrence at present is Executive Provincial Director. He has been actively mapping and recording archeological and historic sites in Alberta. He is also photographer and co-author of the publication "Story on Stone", a record and history of Indian petroglyphs on the sandstone cliffs of the Milk River. For many years Lawrence has acted too as tour guide in Writing-on-Stone Park and adjacent historical areas.

Lawrence has assisted in programs at the Park such as setting up Archeological displays and demonstrating to park visitors the technique of flaking and making arrowheads.

Not only has he advocated the protection of the Indian writings in the park, but of the whole environment.

Lawrence is a member of the Historical Society of Alberta, also a member and Executive Photographer of the Warner and District Historical Society.

As a member of the Lethbridge Camera Club, Lawrence is often called upon to judge photographic competitions.

Lawrence was a group committee member of the Warner Boy Scouts Association and was Sunshine District Camp Chairman for years.

Lawrence assisted in the building of many rock cairns commemorating various historical events.

By putting on slide presentations to a great number of organizations, Lawrence has shared many of his outdoor experiences. He has also appeared in numerous magazine and newspaper articles.

He holds memberships in various Fish and Game Associations in Alberta, and has held the position of Big Game Chairman in the Southern Alberta

Outdoorsmen.

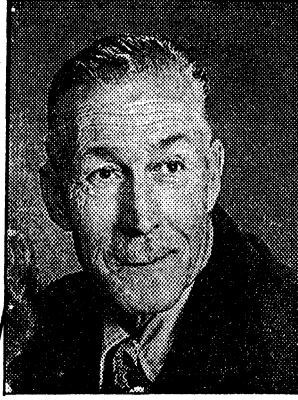
Lawrence is an Official Scorer for the Boone and Crocket Club of North America, and has scored horns and antlers for many of southern Alberta's trophy competitions.

The Halmrast home holds not only his gun and cartridge collection but also hunting and fishing trophies that he has collected over the years. Also on display is a fine archeological collection and many fossils. Lawrence has opened his home to visitors, and a steady stream of people such as 4-H clubs, Boy Scouts, Archeologists, Geologists, and sportsmen come to view the displays. Lawrence has unselfishly shared his knowledge of the outdoors with a great number of people for many years.

H.B. Report
March 9/92

**DIED: Lawrence D. Halm-
rast, 66, who farmed in the
Warner area until 10 years
ago, of cancer, in Milk River.
His interest in archeology led
to his discovery of many In-
dian artefacts which he do-
nated to the Tyrell Museum in Drumheller.**

Death notices



HALMRAST

**MR. LAWRENCE DEVERN
HALMRAST** passed away on Friday,
February 7th, 1992 in Milk River,
Alberta.

Lawrence was born on May 20th,
1925 in Raymond, Alberta, son of
Elmer and Beatrice (Lee) Halmrast.
In 1948 he married Jessie McCulloch
who predeceased him in 1984. In 1985,
Lawrence was married to Marjorie
Henrie.

Lawrence grew up on the family
farm in Warner and it was here pick-
ing rocks from the field that he first
became interested in archaeology,
and later, paleontology. As he learned
about these subjects he would freely
share his knowledge with anyone who
asked.

He was also interested in guns and
had a collection of civil war rifles.

Lawrence has been honored and
recognized by many organizations.
His love of life along with his desire to
always learn more and help others
led him to volunteer his many talents
and many hours. The highlights of his
life were receiving the Big Horn
Award and receiving an Honorary
Doctor of Laws degree conferred
upon him by the University of
Lethbridge. He was most deserving of
both.

Lawrence will be lovingly missed
by his wife, Marjorie Henrie
Halmrast; his children; daughter
Carol (Jim) Sawatzky and their
children, Tammy, Tanya and James;
daughter, June (Geoff) McRae and
their children, April and Robert; son,
Dale (Shauna) Halmrast and their
children, Sammy and Travis; and
daughter, Coil (Bill) K...

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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LAWRENCE D. HALMRAST

For Long and Outstanding
Contribution to Alberta
Archaeology

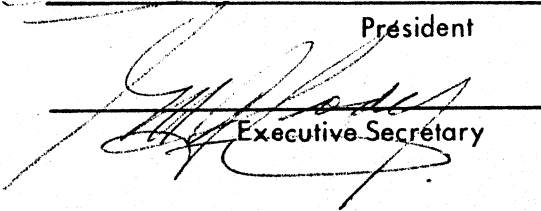
This 12th Day of April, A.D. 1991



Archaeological
Society of Alberta



President



Executive Secretary