



Roy Herburger Biography

A dedicated journalist and community activist, Roy Herburger has played an integral role in Elk Grove's political landscape for forty years. Born in Cambridge, Nebraska and raised in Stratton, Colorado, Roy inherited an interest in the newspaper business by working with his mom and dad - owners of the Stratton Press. A graduate from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in Journalism, Roy's reporting career was put on hold to serve as a navigator, First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during the late Korean era. In March 1959, he purchased the Elk Grove Citizen and the Galt Herald and settled in the south county area. A resident of Elk Grove for over forty years, Roy has two children from his first marriage, Elizabeth and David. He and his wife Aurora have two daughters, Leah and Vanessa.

As Owner, President, and Publisher of Herburger Publications, Incorporated, Roy has reported the comings and goings in the Elk Grove area for four decades - at times being as much a part of the news as being the news reporter. His commitment to many community issues including education, incorporation, and the environment have earned him the respect and recognition of local, regional, and statewide organizations alike. His numerous awards include the California State Star from the Future Farmers of America - one of many for his newspapers' support of education. Additionally, Roy and the newspaper have received several resolutions from the California State Legislature. In 1980, Roy was simultaneously awarded Galt Citizen of the Year and Elk Grove Citizen of the Year.

Today, Roy remains committed, as ever, to capturing all the news that's fit to print in the south county area. Working with his son David, General Manager of Herburger Publications Inc., circulation of the Elk Grove Citizen, Laguna Citizen and the Galt Herald currently reaches over 39,000 homes and businesses each week. You can still find Roy's byline in these publications regularly.

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