

## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which is annually on Dec. 7, commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Many American service men and women lost their lives or were injured on Dec. 7, 1941. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day.

On the direction of the president, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings. The flag should be flown at half-mast to honor those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Many associations, especially those linked with Pearl Harbor survivors or those who died from the attack, participate in special services to commemorate the event. Memorial services are held at venues such as the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. Other activities include: wreath-laying ceremonies; keynote speeches by those associated with the event; luncheons; media stories on survivors' recollections of the Pearl Harbor attack; and school activities to educate students about the attack on Pearl Harbor in relation to World War II history.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, the American Army and Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The attack came as a surprise to the American Army and Navy and led to great losses of life and equipment. More than 2,000 American citizens were killed and more than 1,000 were injured. The Americans also lost a large proportion of their battle ships and nearly 200 aircraft that were stationed in the Pacific region. More than 60 Japanese servicemen were killed, injured or captured. The Japanese Navy also lost five midget submarines and 29 aircraft. The Japanese military had hoped that the attack on Pearl Harbor would prevent the United States of America from increasing its influence in the Pacific. However, the events in Pearl Harbor actually led to the escalation of World War II. The day after the attack, the United States declared war on Japan and so entered World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt in a speech to Congress stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was "a date which will live in infamy." Shortly afterwards, Germany also declared war on the United States. In the months that followed the attack, the slogan "Remember Pearl Harbor" swept the United States and radio stations repeatedly played a song of the same name.

In 1991, which marked the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States Congress established the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal. This is also known as the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Medal and can be awarded to any veteran of the United States military who were present in or around Pearl Harbor during the attack by the Japanese military. The medal can be awarded to civilians, who were killed or injured in the attack.

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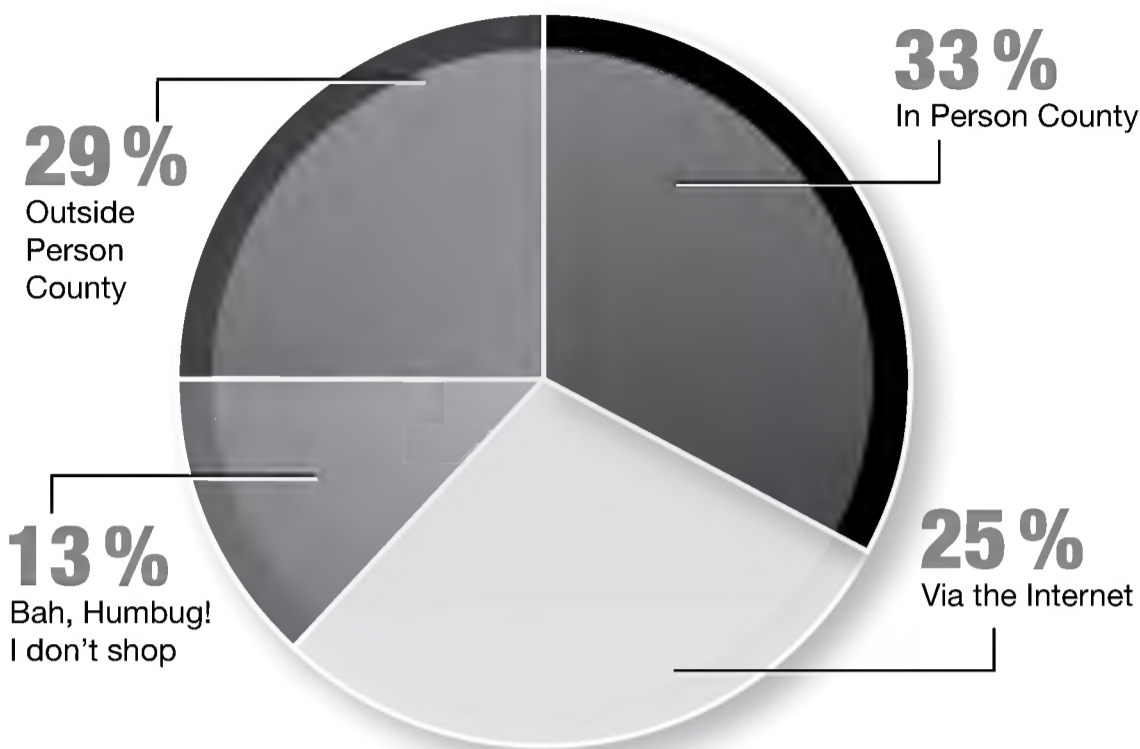
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**THE QUESTION:** Where do you do the majority of your Christmas shopping?



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Will you be travelling outside of Person County for the holiday season?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Have not decided.

To vote on this question, go to:  
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#### LETTERS

Our readers have their say

### Thanks, C-T

To the editor:  
I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to *The Courier-Times* and Mike Floyd for the wonderful article covering the 60th anniversary of Deluxe Cleaners.

It was a tremendous page and article, which is certain to be an award winner.

Mike placed a lot of emphasis on the man, where I would have concentrated on the business. That is flattering, for which I am awed and humbled.

Regardless of what I have given up until now, there is so much that I would like to give. So much is based on people's receptivity and there is a natural tendency to be slow to receive new people and ideas.

Soon I will be purchasing ad space in *The Courier-Times* to fully explain why and how I came here in the first place and have stayed here so long — 18 years, an entire generation.

I've got a lot invested here — everything. I'm sensitive to the concerns of small businesses here in these economic times.

I also recognize that we can't wait for somebody to come here and create 5,000 career job opportunities. I hope they do come. A stronger small business base would help to entice them.

I have numerous ideas on how to create a few jobs here and there. I'm inviting all interested parties with ideas of interest who would be willing to contribute ideas, time and energy toward making what economic impact that we can for ourselves to text me at (336) 503-2921 with the intention of

planning a meeting in the near future to ascertain the feasibility of what ideas we may have or share. Again, thank you for your patronage and thank you to *The Courier-Times*.

ELDER MAURICE LITTLE  
Roxboro

### Help us help others

To the editor:  
Carver Ministry-Each One Reach One Inc., along with G.P. Productions, hosted the second anniversary of the Anointed Caravans of Roxboro on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Carver Ministry-Each One Reach One and G.P. Productions also promoted Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's of Mississippi coming to Roxboro for the first time.

It was a huge success for the community and we appreciate all who came out to support us. We also appreciate all the businesses in Roxboro that donated tickets for senior citizens, who wouldn't have had the opportunity to attend. Carver Ministry-Each One Reach One, Inc. is about helping our community, people in need and our youth to give God the glory. Help us to help others. Find out more online at [carverministry-eachoneereachone.webs.com](http://carverministry-eachoneereachone.webs.com).

STEVE CARVER  
Roxboro

### Big happenings

To the editor:  
As I sit at my desk and think of all the wonderful events that are coming to Uptown Roxboro on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., I think about

the real reason we put all these events together.

Christmas is that special time of year when everyone comes together for the greater good. It's so true, especially here in Roxboro. Roxboro Development Group, with the help of the Roxboro Fire Department is hanging the Christmas decorations on Main Street this year. It wouldn't get done without their help.

So, thanks so much [Roxboro Fire] Chief [Kenneth] Torain and every single one of your staff who is helping this year.

There will be a Christmas tree at Merritt Commons this year. A special shout out and thanks to Matt and Ray Moore at Rolling Hills Garden Center for donating the tree. What is a tree without decorations? Thank you, Jayne Bremer with Person County United Way for the lights. These were her personal lights and she was nice enough to let us borrow them for the tree this year.

You can't have a Christmas tree lighting without the music, right? Thank you to the Community Choir for agreeing to sing at the lighting ceremony. Thanks especially to Henry Daniel. The tree was your idea and I want you to get credit for it. I just made sure it happened for you. We will have a special guest light the tree. I hope you all will join us for this fantastic event in Uptown Roxboro.

Then there are the luminaries, 2000 of them, all along Main Street. I cannot wait to see that. Thanks to Bonnie Davis, Beth Townsend and Piedmont Community College Student Government Association and Alumni Association for their hard work and efforts to

light up Main Street.

And what would Christmas be without Santa? Santa will be on Main Street too, at the Carver Agency, so go by and visit him, right before the free showing of the *Polar Express*.

Yes its true, there will be a movie at 7 p.m. at the Kirby Cultural Arts Center (Kirby Theater). For admission we ask the public to please bring a canned food item. All the canned food items will go to United Way, which will donate them to the Christian Help Center for distribution. Coats can also be donated at the door. With the donation of a new or gently used coat you will receive a ticket for free popcorn. Logan Gentry, please note that you will receive as much popcorn as you can eat because your grandmother, Joyce Gentry, donated eight coats already.

All these organizations and the people who serve them are working together for the greater good of Roxboro and Person County. I hope this spirit of partnerships continues throughout the year.

And, if you can't make it to Uptown Roxboro on Dec. 8 for all the above events, please check out the decorations on Madison Boulevard that Larry Cole and the Roxboro Area Merchants Association are responsible for.

Please come out and show your support for all of these events. Show your support for Roxboro and Person County. Help those who cannot help themselves. Give what you can, when you can.

ADRIENNE DUNCAN  
Director, Roxboro Development Group

# Economy, leadership trump campaign indictments

### RALEIGH

For Gov. Beverly Perdue, the news wasn't unexpected. The rumor mill in the state capital had been churning for months.

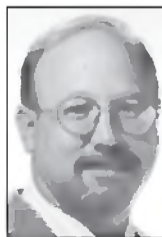
Finally, the indictments came down. Three former campaign aides or supporters of the governor were charged with crimes related to the running of her 2008 campaign.

Peter Reichard, finance director for the Perdue campaign, faces a charge of obstruction of justice. Julia Leigh Sitton, another campaign aide, and Trawick "Buzzy" Stubbs Jr., a key Perdue supporter, were charged with obstruction of justice and filing a false campaign finance report.

In announcing the indictments, Wake County District Attorney Colon Willoughby made clear that he doesn't expect Perdue to face any criminal charges and stressed her cooperation.

Still, the collective wisdom within Raleigh political circles seemed to be that the indictments amounted to a devastating blow to Perdue's hopes for a second term.

The Republicans wanting to oust her from the



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governor's mansion hope that is the case.

So does state Rep. Bill Faison, a Democratic lawyer from Orange County who has notions of replacing Perdue on next fall's ballot and hasn't been bashful about letting loose his criticisms of the governor.

I'm not so sure that the collective wisdom is all that wise, or that her opponents should get their hopes up.

Obviously, Perdue suffered a bad day when the indictments were announced.

Just as obviously, and no matter what Willoughby says, the criminal cases could cause some

thread to unravel exposing more wrongdoing that subjects Perdue herself to serious, "pay-to-play" questions.

Let's assume that doesn't happen.

If so, the larger public — particularly Democrats and any others already inclined to vote for Perdue — may be more perplexed than outraged by the criminal charges.

Why shouldn't they be?

Under the current state of our campaign finance laws, the bigger crime committed by Reichard et al may be stupidity.

The courts have turned modern-day campaign finance into the Wild West. Meanwhile, we've got a deadly gunslinger charged with spitting in the street.

If Reichard had set up a shadow campaign allegedly independent of the Perdue campaign, he could have paid Sitton from whatever corporate source of money he wanted and faced limited scrutiny.

That's how political operatives in Washington do it. That's how more and more political opera-

tives in North Carolina will do it unless something changes on the legal front.

And much of the public already assumes that the big money moving through campaigns is corrupting. In one national poll, 68 percent of respondents said they believe "big contributors to political parties sometimes block decisions by the federal government...that could improve people's everyday lives."

So the political class shouldn't be surprised if allegations of an off-the-books campaign worker and some free campaign-related airplane flights causes the public to yawn.

That's not to suggest that Perdue is in good shape politically.

At this point, though, a weak economy and her occasional periods of wishy-washy leadership are more likely to be her political undoing than a criminal case against campaign workers.

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