

POLICY

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County High School, they would have been prohibited from practicing for 10 days and playing for 20 days. Had they attended schools in Chowan, Pasquotank or Currituck, there would have been no formal punishment.

The new Perquimans policy follows that of the NCHSAA. It says athletes must be suspended if arrested of a felony, but it provides no punishment if it's a misdemeanor.

Superintendent Dwayne Stallings said the new policy gives school officials some leeway.

Students will still have to pass three of the four academic blocks in order to be academically eligible. But removing the 2.0 GPA requirement doesn't mean the school system will be

more lax in tracking student achievement, he said. If anything, Stallings said removing the 2.0 requirement will make put "more eyes" looking at how students are doing in school.

"The athletic department at the high school felt they needed to look at each case individually," Stallings said. "Before it was black and white."

The one strike you're out policy on brushes with the law might also be considered too extreme.

"It had no beginning or no ending," Stallings said. "If it happened in ninth grade and they were model students after that, it wouldn't matter."

The new policy was brought up at a Perquimans County School Board meeting in July, but the board was not asked to approve it. That is because it's a school policy, not a county policy, said Susan Cox, the chair of

the school board.

Rick Strunk, a spokesman for the NCHSAA, said it's difficult to say just how many school systems create policies that are tougher than the state organization. School systems can make rules that more restrictive but they can't make any that are less restrictive.

"We've got 115 school systems," Strunk said.

Justin Roberson is entering his 10th year as a coach and was named PCHS athletic director this summer. He agrees with the policy changes.

"The state governing body, gets paid to look at these things," he said of the policy on athletes. "From an athletic side of things, this is a big step. When you go to the fourth round of the state playoffs, you want to know the kids are governed by the same rules. I think they made the right decision."

CHAMBER HANDS OUT GIFT BAGS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Perquimans County Schools community relations official Teresa Beardsley accepts a gift basket from Sid Eley, director of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce this month. The chamber assembled the baskets for new teachers coming into the school system.

WRECK

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The Dodge was being driven by Brandon Michael Mizell, 24, of Archibald Road, Washington, NC. "As he comes across the

bridge, he (Mizell) floors it," Tilley said. He estimates Mizell was going 90 miles per hour.

Deputy Reid went to do a U-turn and misjudged the speed of Murray's vehicle and Murray was forced to run off the road to avoid hit-

ting Reid.

Meanwhile Tilley and Investigator Shelby White were waiting near the intersection of Harvey Point Road and U.S. 17 where U.S. 17 traffic was stopped because of the light.

"When we stopped him we said we were detaining him for Elizabeth City police about a stolen item. When I looked in the back there were two large boxes

that still had security things around them."

Tilley said Mizelle admitted he didn't have sales receipts for the items. Mizelle was turned over to the Elizabeth City police.

No charges are being filed against the deputies, Tilley said.

"It was an error in judgment, but mistakes happen," Tilley said. "Our officers are doing the best they

can, but sometimes things happen. Thank God nobody got hurt."

Murray's patrol car is another matter.

"The car is probably totaled," the sheriff said.

That creates an issue. This year the sheriff asked for two vehicles to replace two vehicles that had exceeded their useful mileage and another that had been damaged in an accident

in February. Two deputies were driving down Harvey Point Road responding to an animal control call when a driver coming north on Harvey Point Road lost control and crashed into sheriff's vehicle.

No money was budgeted to replace that vehicle.

"The long and the short of it is we still have to have another car at some point," Tilley said.

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also sponsors a biannual rabies clinic. The next one will be on Oct. 3 at Missing Mill Park in Hertford from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$8 per animal.

In addition to providing discounted spay/neuter programs to area pet owners, AWARE is the primary

fundraising partner to Tri-County Animal Shelter and manages two funds for the shelter. The "Rescue Assistance Fund" makes it possible to save animals by transferring them to rescue groups and larger shelters in more populated areas where they will be adopted. This fund also offers an incentive to non-profit animal welfare groups to accept animals with medical con-

ditions like heartworms. In 2014, 112 cats and 549 dogs that would have been euthanized were saved and sent to rescue groups and shelters.

The "Shelter Enrichment Fund" provides the animals extra care and comfort. AWARE is collecting funds to help build additions onto the shelter that will create functional workspace for employees and improved

housing for the animals, including separate spaces for puppies and kittens away from adult animals. Tax-deductible donations may be made on our website or by mailing to AWARE, P. O. Box 203, Hertford, NC 27944.

For more information on the spay-neuter program, visit www.awarenc.org or call 1-866-315-6032 to receive information by mail.

FESTIVAL

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music. During an intermission, there will be a Stinger Pop Challenge presented by Stung Tongue Pepper. The company makes unusually hot candies.

The festivities continue

Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. and the festival concludes at 4 p.m.

The Saturday's events include demonstrations by the Meherrin and Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian tribes. They will perform at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe made first ethno-historic contact with the

English in 1607-1608 in what is now Nottoway County, Va. The English were looking for information about Roanoke Island...the "Lost Colony."

Daniel England, who goes by the native name "Eagle Eye" said he expects about 30 singers, dancers and musicians will attend.

Other feature events will include dancers and singers from the Perquimans County Seniors Center, the Perquimans County Middle School Show Choir, God's Anointed gospel singers, a fashion show by White's Dress Shoppe, and music from DJ Cowboy and Mutt's Black and White Radio.

Not all of the events will be on the land. On that Saturday, the Periauger, an authentic representation of an early American colonial workboat will be anchored in Hertford's public dock. The boat will be available rides at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Visitors should be at the dock 15 to 20 minutes prior to sailing time. The sail lasts about 30-45 minutes.

There will also be a car show Saturday behind Hertford Town Hall.

The U.S. Coast Guard will also be doing a simulated water rescue at 11 a.m. on Sept. 12 in the river behind the Hertford Town Hall.

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Special awards during the tourney included closest to the pin on hole No. 2 - John Brown; closest to the pin on hole No. 11 - Van Harris with his hole in one; and the longest drive on hole No. 12 - Ernie Crowther.

Foundation President Bob Clinkscales expressed appreciation to all golfers, sponsors and foundation members for their efforts in making the tournament a success and raising \$5,000 to be used for scholarships for students and teachers in the Perquimans County

School district.

"The challenge is to improve educational opportunities for local students," Clinkscales said. "This tournament is a way the community is able to devote time and resources to improve education for students in our local schools."

The tournament directors this year were Elizabeth Alter, Brenda Lassiter and Teresa Beardsley.

Contributions can be made to the Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc., my mailing a check to PO Box 337, Hertford, NC 27944. For more information, please contact Brenda Lassiter at 426-5741.

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