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## BURKE COUNTY NIGHT WITH THE AUGUSTA GREENJACKETS

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

The Greenjackets will take on the Asheville Tourists at 7 p.m. ... but the action starts at 6:20 p.m. with a parade of youth players from the Burke County Recreation Department. The first 150 fans through the gate will get free bird dog sunglasses and thundersticks. There will be games and activities featuring Burke County residents. Discounted tickets are available for \$5 at the chamber office and the Burke County Recreation Department. For more information call 706-554-5451 or 706-554-5210.

## HUNG JURY

### Retrial in order for child molestation case

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Patrick Neil Brogan will be retried on charges of attempted child molestation after a Burke County Superior Court jury was unable to reach a verdict in last week's trial. Brogan was found not guilty of child molestation, but Judge David Roper declared a mistrial on the count of attempted molestation when the jury reported itself to be deadlocked.



Patrick Brogan

A spokesman for the District Attorney's office in Augusta said this week that Brogan would be retried on the attempt case along with 50 counts of sexual exploitation of children. According to Sgt. Matt Raulerson, who investigated the case for the Burke County Sheriff's office, "more than 100 videos" featuring sexual acts between grown men and young boys were found on Brogan's computer and thumb drive.

In the molestation case itself, Brogan had been charged after the mother of a seven year-old boy found Brogan in the child's bed after he (Brogan) had been invited to spend the night on the family's sofa after having too much to drink.

There was no evidence presented during the trial to indicate that any sexual contact took place between Brogan and the boy, and the jury was unable to agree on the charge of criminal attempt-child molestation. No date has been set for the re-trial, which will also include the exploitation charges.

## DID HE LIE?

### Fired officer loses appeal to council

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Waynesboro City Council has upheld the firing of a policeman accused of making false statements.

Monday night, five subpoenaed officers including a GBI agent were at City Hall for an appeal hearing requested by former patrolman Chad Hulseley.

Hulseley, however, never showed.

The 25-year-old officer was fired by Chief Augustus Palmer III in March – a month after he wrecked a patrol car into a tree at his Augusta home and failed to report it for three days.

Hulseley claimed to have slid backwards down his frozen driveway during the ice storm.

He said he didn't immediately realize the car was damaged and reported it as soon as he did.

"It wasn't really that big of a deal at that point," City Administrator Jerry Coalson said after the meeting.

But inconsistencies in Hulseley's story reportedly began surfacing as the accident was investigated.

Hulseley requested a polygraph to back up his claims; but that



Chad Hulseley

only made things worse for him.

According to a letter written to Hulseley from City Administrator Jerry Coalson, the examiner believed the young officer was trying to "beat" the polygraph.

"The examiner noted ob-

vious attempts to disrupt the exam – moving your head, changing breathing patterns .....,” his letter stated. “You eventually admitted that others had told you how to beat a poly-

graph exam.”

Hulseley denied the accusation. “If I were guilty of lying, would I have suggested a polygraph test?” he asked rhetorically in his written appeal.

Coalson later said Hulseley, who was hired in Sept. 2012, had a history of citizen complaints about his driving, including talking on his cell phone and turning a doughnut in a parking lot.

Hulseley, however, maintained he'd been wrongfully terminated.

In his official letter of appeal, he argued that he'd been the victim of the “good ole boy”

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