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Burton Wells Football Field Closed Until August

The Burton Wells football field is now closed until August 2016 due to repairs valued at approximately \$50,000 stemming from two vandalism events occurring in March and April 2015. Staff from the County's Public Works and Facilities Maintenance crews are currently working to raise and crown the field for improved drainage. Fine grading and turf installation by a contractor will follow. The County expects the field to be ready for the 2016 football season presented by its Parks and Leisure Services Department.

The first incident is still under investigation. In April 2015, the <u>Beaufort County Sheriff's Office</u> arrested and charged William Youmans in the second incident with Malicious Injury to Property. Investigators determined that he drove his vehicle onto the football field late one evening and did a series of "figure 8's" and "donuts". He is currently on probation for five years and paying \$150 a month restitution to the County.