

# Redwine Bill Would Allow Area Golf Courses To Sell Alcohol

BY SUSAN USHER  
Rep. E. David "Butch" Redwine has introduced a bill in the state legislature that would allow golf courses and certain other athletic facilities to sell beer, wine and mixed beverages in otherwise "dry" Brunswick County.

H.B. 1093 has drawn criticism in an editorial in an area daily newspaper as well as from several residents of area golf course communities. However, Redwine said he has received "tremendous amount of support" for the bill since its introduction.

Brunswick County has more "wet" municipalities (six) than any other county. However, most of its permanent residents live in the unincorporated area of the county, which re-

mains dry, or without an Alcoholic Beverage Control system, following defeat of a referendum several years ago.

Redwine said this week his bill is intended not to circumvent the outcome of that referendum, but to correct what he sees as inequities.

Many of the courses under construction or on the drawing board in the county will not lie within "wet" municipalities or within reasonable annexation distance, he said, restricting their ability to offer alcohol as an amenity, something he said many golfers take for granted.

"They like to have a beer or a glass of wine while they're playing or afterward," he said.

Inability to offer alcoholic beverages as an amenity, he con-

tinued, "puts these courses at a disadvantage to courses in South Carolina as well as those already located in a city that is wet."

The only alternative to a bill such as his, suggested Redwine, is incorporation. But that's an unlikely option for many of the courses given the state's position on single-purpose incorporations and the fact that a number of the courses will not have surrounding residential communities at least in the immediate future.

The courses want to offer alcohol as an amenity, he suggested, for the same reason as the county's "wet" municipalities—because they depend on tourist trade for their livelihood.

While applying only to Brunswick County as written, the bill was submitted as a public rather than local bill, said Redwine, because all bills

dealing with commerce must be public or statewide bills.

"This was the only area I have received any concern about this particular kind of thing," he added, which is why the language of the bill is restricted to counties with at least six municipalities with full ABC permits, i.e., Brunswick County. It could be amended during the consideration process.

House Bill 1093, titled "Sports Club ABC Licenses," describes a sports club as an establishment which is engaged in the "business of providing athletic facilities" that are either open to the public or to members and their guests. It limits these facilities to golf clubs, tennis and racquet clubs, physical fitness centers or a combination of one or

more of these. Redwine said the definition may be drawn more tightly before consideration of the bill is over, since its intent is specifically to cover golf courses.

The bill is now in the House ABC Committee, which Redwine chairs.

According to the bill, also to qualify as an athletic club a facility's gross receipts for "club activities" must be greater than its gross receipts for alcoholic beverages.

A sports club would not be kept from operating a restaurant under the bill; in that case food receipts would count as club activities receipts.

As written, the bill applies to "any county where the sale of malt beverages on and off premises, the sale of unfortified wine on and off

premises, the sale of mixed beverages and the operation of an ABC system has been allowed in at least six municipalities," even if the county itself is dry and the clubs are located outside municipal boundaries.

In qualifying areas, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission could issue permits "for the sale of 1) malt beverages for on and off premises consumption; 2) unfortified wine for on and off premises consumption; 3) fortified wine for on and off premises consumption; or 4) mixed beverages."

Retail establishments that hold mixed beverage permits would be required to buy their "spiritous liquors" at the nearest municipal ABC system store.

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## County Ready To Throw The Water Switch

BY SUSAN USHER  
The end—or perhaps one should say beginning—is almost in sight as contractors complete the latest and largest addition to the Brunswick County water system.

"A week from tomorrow we throw the juice to this system and see what happens," consulting engineer Jerry Lewis of Shallotte advised members of the county's Utility Operations Board Monday.

He expects all to go well, though breakage of some pipe could occur at full pressure.

At the outside, he projected, the county should be able to start accepting new customer tap-ons along all the new lines sometime around the end of June. Customers will get a "discounted" tap-on rate if they connect within a specified time period.

Customers from Shallotte to Calabash have been sampling the water from the county's new 24 million-gallon-per-day surface water treatment plant for several weeks. Limited quantities of the water have been flowing from the Malmo treatment plant to points south and west.

Transmission lines ranging from 42 inches in diameter down to 24 inches have been tested under stress for leaks and breaks, flushed and chlorinated.

Final "punch list" adjustments are being completed on four segments, Lewis told the board, while minor problems are being worked out at the Brunswick Technical College and Sunny Point pumping stations. Computerized telemetry must be installed at the new Shallotte pumping station and repairs are being made on several leaks at the Bell Swamp station and along the N.C. 87 line.

Contractors had expected to begin chlorinating the N.C. 87 line Tuesday if welders had repaired all breaks by late Monday.

The project is the last part of the Phase II water system construction, financed primarily through a \$37 million bond referendum. It includes the Malmo treatment plant and water mains that stretch from Malmo to Leland, then along U.S. 17, several pumping stations, elevated tanks and a 4 million-gallon storage tank at Bell Swamp, where it forks. One main continues along U.S. 17 to Shallotte while the other follows N.C. 87 past Bolling Spring Lakes to Southport.

Both lines tie into existing distribution networks.

According to Jerry Lewis of Shallotte, consulting engineer for the project, the county's existing

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CECIL LOGAN, Brunswick County Emergency Management coordinator, uses an ax to try to open the doors to the car where two Long Beach women were killed Monday afternoon.

## Two Women Killed In Fiery Auto Accident Near Supply

BY TERRY POPE  
Two Long Beach women were killed Monday afternoon in a fiery car accident near Supply.

Dead were Irene Denning Bryant, 68, and Eva Boozer, 89, both of 201 61st Street, Long Beach.

According to N.C. Highway Patrol reports, Ms. Bryant was driving south on N.C. 211 about five miles east of Supply when her car ran off the roadway on the left and struck a pine tree.

The car then burst into flames, said Ruby Oakley, Highway Patrol spokesperson.

"We just don't know what happened," Ms. Oakley said. "To be sure she was not speeding, not a driver of that age. The investigation will continue."

Flames from the accident set the adjacent woods on fire. The first emergency crew to arrive on the scene were members of the N.C. Forestry Service, said Cecil Logan,

Brunswick County Emergency Management coordinator.

Logan said there were no eyewitnesses to the accident, which occurred around 1:30 p.m. A passerby stopped to try to help but could not get into the car because of the fire, he added.

"It was a very bad accident to be just one car involved," Logan said. "Apparently, the driver either went to sleep or had a heart attack. There was no sign of her applying brakes."

Members of the Supply Volunteer Fire Department and Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad responded. The accident occurred in Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad's territory, but squad members immediately asked Coastline for assistance since they were on another call, Logan said.

The car was destroyed by the fire and the bodies were burned beyond recognition, he added.

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## Environmental Commission Meets In Brunswick Today

Today (Thursday), for the first time ever, the state's Environmental Management Commission is meeting in Brunswick County.

The session was to begin at 9 a.m. in the old county courtroom, upstairs in the Southport City Hall.

Jerry Lewis, of Lewis & Associates engineering firm in Shallotte, is a member of the board. Another Brunswick County resident, Tommy Harrelson of Southport, is a former chairman of the panel.

Following business, the commission was to join county and municipal and chamber of commerce officials for dinner on Bald Head Island.

According to Lewis, some of the agenda items the Commission was to consider include the proposed reclassification of waters around Wrightsville Beach and a proposed resolution that would ask the Legislative Research Commission to study the issue of septic tank siting.

"There's a tremendous amount of inconsistency on this statewide," said Lewis.

The Commission's meeting is open to the public.

## Ocean Isle Accepts Land Trade For New Town Hall

BY TERRY POPE

Ocean Isle Beach commissioners agreed to a trade Tuesday with developer Odell Williamson that will give the town a site for a new town hall.

Williamson's offer will provide the town a double lot (100 foot X 100 foot) behind the Ocean Isle Beach Volunteer Fire Department. In exchange, the deed for the present town hall building and lot (50 X 50) will

revert back to Williamson.

Mayor LaDane Bullington also told the board Tuesday that \$235,000 of the tentative 1987-88 budget has been set aside to build the new town hall complex. The board agreed to begin looking for an architect so construction can begin in November.

Board members unanimously approved a 1987-88 tentative budget that would maintain the 17 cents per \$100 tax rate, the same as last year, based

on a property valuation of \$272,232,351.

Lot Said Better

Williamson told the board Tuesday that the new lot will be better suited for a town hall complex because construction there can exist at ground level. A chapel is scheduled to be built adjacent to the site, Williamson said.

The present town hall lot and building was donated to the town by

Williamson years ago. Its ownership will revert back to Williamson when the administration moves into the new building, which will also house separate offices for the building, water and sewer departments.

"The thing I think is important is that the handicapped have a problem coming into this building," Williamson said. "On the other lot, you can build at ground level, which will be a

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## Du Pont Plant Will Retrieve Waste From County Landfill

BY SUSAN USHER  
Crews hired by Du Pont's Cape Fear Plant were expected this week to begin the costly process of digging up 75,000 pounds of potentially hazardous waste buried earlier this year in the Brunswick County landfill.

"We don't really think it will cause a problem, but we're not sure," said Worth Heath, a waste management specialist with the N.C. Division of Human Resources Solid and Hazardous Waste section on the scene

Tuesday morning.

Buried in 750 containers near the bottom of a hole recently covered up at the landfill, the waste—which neither Heath nor Landfill Director Major White could readily identify by name—has a low combustion or "flash" point. But Heath said that's not the main reason for Du Pont wanting to remove the material from the landfill.

The waste contains a substance called zylene which could leach into

the groundwater. At certain levels, it could be toxic.

"They don't want it showing up in the monitoring wells three or four years from now and it getting blamed on Du Pont," said Heath, even though there may be other sources buried within the landfill.

Du Pont notified the county that the waste had been sent to the Supply landfill in error, said White, when apparently it should have been sent to an EPA-approved toxic waste dump in South Carolina.

Du Pont officials familiar with the landfill project were away from the plant and could not be reached by the Beacon for comment in calls made during the past week.

According to White, the work is being done at great expense to the plant, which produces dimethylterephthalate (DMT) for use in manufacturing Dacron, as well as producing Dacron polyester staple products and filament products. "It's going to take a lot of equip-

ment and a lot of personnel" to remove the waste, he said. He and Heath stressed Du Pont's record as being very conscientious in terms of safety and environmental control.

Du Pont has hired Ezra Dale of Leland for the job. He was to have had equipment on the site Monday, but as of Tuesday afternoon, the work had not yet begun because his equipment was tied up elsewhere, said Heath.

Because of the landfill's recording-

keeping system, White noted, employees were able to pinpoint when the material arrived and identify the general area in which the waste was dumped.

One section of the landfill has been closed to routine traffic and an area approximately 100 feet long and 12 feet wide has been marked off with red flags indicating where the waste is thought to be buried.

Users are dumping trash in the newest hole, on the opposite side of the landfill.