

She's A Winner, Too

Mary Reynolds, public health nurse at the Brunswick County Health Department, displays her winning design in a logo contest aimed at promoting child immunization. Fellow staffers judged hers to be the best of 27 entered in the competition. The "My Child is a Winner" logo has been printed on bright red tote bags that will be awarded to the parent of any child who obtains all their disease preventive shots before the age of two. Reynolds won \$50 and dinner for two at a local restaurant for her effort.

BOARD VOTES 3-2

Shallotte Officials Kill Acreage Fee In Hopes Of Luring More Industries

In a move aimed at bringing new jobs to town, Shallotte officials last week did away with all acreage fees charged to industry.

Aldermen voted 3-2 July 5 to eliminate the \$2,500-per-acre fees that the town had been charging industries that requested water and sewer service from the town.

"We're trying to get some more people to build industry down here. Whether it's going to work we don't know," Alderman Bill Allen said.

"We have a lot of young people down here and they're going to move out. We want to keep them here and give them a chance," said Allen, who had been pushing for months for a reduction in the industrial acreage fee.

Aldermen Carson Durham and Morris Hall also voted in favor of the change, which was opposed by town board members Roney Cheers and David Gause.

Town officials did not make any changes in non-industrial acreage fees, which are \$1,000 per acre for residential and conservation property and \$2,000 per acre for commer-

Acreage fees are kept in a special reserve fund and are used to help pay for expansion of the water and sewer systems.

Allen said the change only applies to industrial plants that actually produce something. Industrial ware-

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must pay the fees.

Allen said more industrial jobs are needed in the Shallotte area. Most of the industry in Brunswick County is concentrated in the Leland and Southport areas, he said.

'This end of Brunswick County has the highest unemployment. That's what scares us," Allen said.

Both Gause and Cheers said they were in favor of keeping the industrial acreage fee. They said industry should help pay for future expansion of the water and sewer systems.

"I don't think we are large enough to use taxpayers' money to entice industry to come into the city limits. If anybody wants to come into the town, I think they should pay their share," Gause said.

"I don't think that the people who stay inside the city limits now should pay for people to come in. We haven't got the kind of tax base to generate the revenue to entice

they should pay their own way," he

"When we came out with acreage fees years ago I thought it was fair and I still do," Gause added.

"My feeling was that they should stay as they are," Cheers said. "It's alright to have something for the people to do down this way rather than tourism. But I can't foresee that there's all that much effort by industry to come this way. Maybe I'm wrong. We'll just have to wait and

Other Business

In other business last week, alder-

Rejected a proposal to pay \$1,000 to have a drop ceiling installed in the Shallotte Volunteer Fire Department office. Town officials also turned down a request to pay \$318 for 20 vehicle license tags hall secretary/receptionist to start work Aug. 15. Receptionist Phebie McLean will start work as a fulltime secretary in the police department at that time.

Appointed a committee to work on an ordinance regulating junk cars. Board members Durham, Allen and Hall are working with public works director Albert Hughes. A separate committee comprised of Hall and planning board member Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman is working on a street vendors ordinance.

■ The board of adjustment voted 6-1 in favor of granting a variance that will allow Hardee's to erect an over-sized sign on N.C. 130 near the U.S. 17 bypass. The restaurant's sign will be 50 feet tall and approximately 113 square feet. Town code prohibits signs taller than 40 feet or larger than 50 square feet. Waggoner-Eisenman cast the only vote against the variance.



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