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## Peace Corps Fellow starts on local economic development

A Michigan native has gone from trees in Belize to helping Hoopeston.

Last Tuesday, Shannon Ruh started an 11-month stint as a Peace Corps Fellow in economic development in Hoopeston.

Ruh's road to Hoopeston took her from Traverse City, Mich., to Western Illinois University, to Belize in Central America.

The 27-year-old Michigan native earned a BS in earth science from Michigan State University. From there, she transferred to Western Illinois University where she is working on a master's degree in geogra-

phy with a specialization in community development and regional planning.

In between, for two years starting in June 2002, Ruh worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Belmopan, Belize's capital city. There she taught environment education to elementary school children, facilitated tree planting for beautification and reforestation and assisted with grant writing.

She also taught agroprocessing to high school students, teaching them the importance of good food preparation skills.

**See FELLOW on other side**



### *In session*

Hoopeston Municipal Court Clerk Greg Lane, left, goes over the docket for the maiden court call Thursday with hearing officer Danville attorney Gene Wright, center, and Hoopeston city attorney Brian Manion. The court was implemented after the Hoopeston branch of the Vermilion Circuit Court closed in December.

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It was while she was in Belize that Ruh discovered an interest in community development, especially in rural areas. “The (program) at Western Illinois University interested me the most,” she said, adding Western was the only school to which she applied.



RUH

At Western, Ruh applied to be a Peace Corps Fellow, was accepted, and interviewed with the city’s economic development committee for the job here.

The Peace Corps Fellows program uses master’s degree candidates to meet needs of communities around the country. Fellows work on various aspects of community development.

The cost to the city is approximately \$20,000, including monetary and in-kind funding, such as office space and needed supplies.

With her skills and Peace Corps experience, Ruh also brings to Hoopeston the resources of Western Illinois University, which will oversee her work here.

In Hoopeston for about a week, Ruh said her reception has been welcoming. “It seems like the community is enthusiastic about it...and want to see the community grow and develop,” she said.

Ruh is still familiarizing herself with Hoopeston and its residents but has set some goals, including a community survey to determine residents’ views on needed changes and improvements. “The community needs to find its niche,” she said. “I want to help the community find it.”

Another goal is to get various groups in the city working together. “I want to get people on the same page so goals for development are the same,” she said. “It seems like there is a desire in the community to be involved. The biggest thing is for the community to share ideas so that I have something to work with.”

When not working on community development, Ruh has several interests, including travel; outdoor activities; working out, including aerobics, jogging, biking, swimming and softball; cooking, spending time with friends; and meeting new people. She also enjoys scrapbooking but admits she’s a little behind in that. “I have pictures from so many different trips that are just sitting there,” she said.

In the next several weeks, Ruh will meet with groups and individuals to get a better idea of Hoopeston. She also welcomes people to visit her office. “People are welcome to stop by and chat with me,” she said.

Ruh may be reached at (217) 283-5164.

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Letters to the Editor

Candidate should drop governor’s race

State Senator Bill Brady is a good conservative Republican who may have a very promising career in Illinois politics ahead of him; however, now is not the time for him to run for governor. Brady is polling in the very low single digits, and his numbers continue to decline.

If Senator Brady stubbornly stays in the Republican primary race, he will take votes away from his fellow conservative Republican, Jim Oberweis, who, as the

polls are showing, is the only candidate with a chance to beat the liberal, Democrat-like Judy Barr-Topinka.

If Brady is the spoiler, and aids Topinka in getting the Republican primary nod to run against Blagojevich, he unwittingly places both the future of the Illinois GOP, and his own political career in jeopardy.

Senator Brady, we the majority of Illinois Republicans respectfully ask that you do the right thing and bravely withdraw from this primary election. Both the Illinois Republican Party and your future political career will be well served by such a noble and selfless act.

Sarah Marie Barber  
Villa Park, IL

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10) Bye	7	61
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