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Citing spending time with family, Shimkus will not run in 2020

COLLINSVILLE—Congressman John Shimkus (R, Illinois-15) announced Friday that he will not seek re-election.

"As Illinois candidates begin to circulate petitions next week, now is the time for me to announce that I will not be seeking re-election, Shimkus said in a written statement.

Shimkus called voter support during his 12 terms "the honor of my lifetime" adding, "I will leave the political field knowing that I have served honorably and, with the help of many, accomplished a lot for my constituents, our state, and our nation."

Family will now become his priority. "Serving in Congress has been a blessing, but it has also been a sacrifice for my wife Karen, and our boys. Now young men, David, Joshua and Daniel continue to make me proud. I regret the times I have been



SHIMKUS

away from the four of them and thank them for their constant love and support.

"My family and I thank you for allowing us the honor to serve. Our dedication to our country, our state, our church, and our community will not waiver as we embark on the next chapter of life. God bless you, and God bless America."

Shimkus first elected to represent Illinois' 15th Congressional District in 2013, winning 70 percent of the vote when he was re-elected in 2018. The district stretches from Hoopston to Metropolis and his hometown, Collinsville, to the Indiana border. In all the

district encompasses 33 counties. Prior to representing the 15th District, he represented the 19th Congressional district since 2003. He was **See SHIMKUS on other side**

Petition packets for March 2020 primary now available

DANVILLE—Petition packets for candidates who wish to run in the March 17, 2020 general primary election are now available.

Packets may be picked up from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the office of Cathy Jenkins, Vermilion County Clerk. Candidates were able to begin circulating petitions on September 3. Petition packets must be filed with the county clerk from Monday, Nov. 25 to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5.

Filing order determines candidate placement on the ballot. If two candidates file for the same office and are in the same party, a lottery will be held at a later date to determine ballot placement.

Local offices to be nominated in the March 17 election include county recorder, circuit clerk, state's at-

torney, auditor, coroner and county board members. Precinct committeemen will also be elected.

Federal, state and judicial offices will also be on the ballot. Information and necessary forms for those offices may be found at the State Board of Elections website, www.elections.il.gov. Candidates who receive the highest vote total in each political party for each office will be on the November 3, 2020, general election ballot.

Materials for New Political Party candidates and Independent candidates will be available in late March.

For more information, contact Lindsay Light, Chief Deputy/Supervisor of Elections at (217) 554-1911 or celections@vercounty.org.

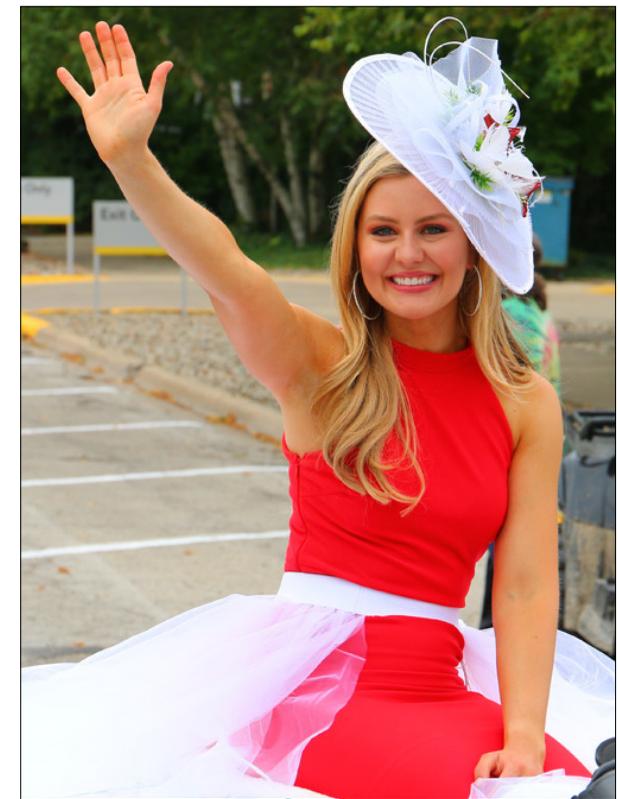


Photo by James Eyrich

Miss California, Jane Kennedy, waves to the crowd during Saturday's National Sweetcorn Festival Parade.

California woman takes home National Sweetheart honors

California Sweetheart Jane Kennedy, chose "The Impossible Dream" as her vocal for the talent portion of the National Sweetheart Pageant.

The dream only wasn't impossible, it was very possible. Kennedy was one of 30 contestants in this year's pageant. She is a political science and communication major

See SWEETHEART on other side

From the Blotter

Gage Fouse, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:31 a.m. Friday at Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, he was taken to the police station and later transferred to Iroquois County.

Daryl W. Fink, 44, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a Hoopeston woman complained at 7 p.m. Friday that he did not keep his dog on his property. Fink was charged

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday for a brush fire at 1118 N. Dixie Hwy. Police were also called to the scene. No injuries were reported.

Hoopeston Fire, Arrow Ambulance and Vermilion County Sheriff's Department were called at 10:08 p.m. Thursday to 1130 East 4200 North Rd. for a single-vehicle accident. The unidentified driver was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Briefly

Rep to discuss direct, home repair loans

Dale Stocker, of USDA Rural Development, will be at Hoopeston City Hall at 1 p.m. September 4 to discuss 502 direct loans for purchase and 504 home repair loans. This could be beneficial to senior citizens in need of home repair. For information or application, call (217) 352-3536, ext. 4.

Change in court time

Hearings for people set to appear in Hoopeston City Court Thursday will start at 10 a.m.

Cub Scout signups

Boys interested in joining Cub Scouts may sign up from 5-7 p.m. September 6, 13, and 20 at Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main. For more information, call Jim and Christie Pancake, (217) 274-3927 or (217) 260-6238.

Shimkus continued from other side

first elected to the House in 1996, representing the then-20th District.

The 61-year-old Shimkus is on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and would have been the most senior member eligible to be chairman of the powerful committee if Republicans win the House in 2020.

Shimkus is the ninth Republican representative not running for re-election in 2020.

with restraint of dogs by owner and was mailed a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Joshua Edwards, 41, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 7:40 p.m. Friday to Tedd's Home Beverage, 101 W. Main for a man causing problems. Edwards, who was previously banned from the property, was charged with trespassing and possession of cannabis prohibited. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Jerry Hebert, 57, of Watseka, was arrested after police were called at 5:39 p.m. Saturday to McFerren Park for a report of a verbal dispute. He was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct and disobeying police and was released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Zacaria C. Sage, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 5:27 a.m. Monday for a burglar alarm at Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn.

Sweetheart continued from other side

at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her platform is to empower others to Cultivate their Confidence as they learn, grow and serve. It's a message she's shared with more than 10,000 people. From sitting on the ground with a preschool class to standing on a stage talking with middle school students, Kennedy shares practical ways everyone can cultivate their confidence.

The top 10 finalists of the competition included Kennedy, Isabel Ticlo of Arizona; Andolyn Medina, District of Columbia; Jessica Hargrave, Florida; Katrina Schweitzer, Idaho; Chelsea Dubczak, Iowa; Kristen Boxman, Kansas; Molly May, Mississippi; Jessica Milne, New Jersey; and Addison Hadley, Tennessee.

May was named first runner-up, followed by Boxman, Medina and Hargrave.

While not in the top five, Ticlo received the Director's Award, Ronnie Reed Service Award and People's Choice Award. Janet Pugh, Alabama Sweetheart, received the Pam Eldridge Overall Talent Scholarship and the Pat Musk Talent Award. Amanda Ledoux, of New Hampshire, took home the Exercise is Medicine Scholarship and shared, with Madeline Adickes, of Wisconsin, the STEM Scholarship.

Dubczak and May were named Misti Runge Memorial Scholarship winners, while Annaleisa Kress, of Alaska, received the Sweetheart Community Service Award. The John Bitner Memorial Judges Award went to Texas Sweetheart Jessica Zeller.

Police said Sage ran from the scene but was caught and charged with burglary. He was also charged with criminal damage to property for damaging a neighbor's fence.

Sage was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Two Hoopeston people were arrested after a traffic stop at 3:42 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of North Market. Sara Mahorney, 32, and Coty Morgeson, 28, were each charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and released on a notice to appear.

Obituaries

BUCK - Ruth Marie (Laley) Buck, 92, of Armstrong, died at Country Health Care, Gifford. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Blurton Funeral Home, with Rosary service at 4 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Penfield. Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church.

COFFEY - Donna Darlene (Vaughn) Coffey, 64, of Rossville, died at 9:19 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation was 1 p.m. until the 3 p.m. celebration of her Tuesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial will follow in Potomac Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family to help with funeral expenses.

HENRICHS - Melvin L. Henrichs, 86, of Onarga, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2019, at home. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Funeral was 1 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Woodworth. Burial was in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Woodworth. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

HOWARD - JoAnne (Beckner) Howard, 82, of Rossville, died at 8:28 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She was cremated. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the noon memorial service Thursday at Rossville United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, rural Rossville. Memorials are suggested to Rossville United Methodist Church, 116 Maple St., Rossville IL 60963. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

Weather

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The City of Hoopeston is seeking applications for a fulltime Multi-Departmental position. Applicant must have a CDL or the ability to obtain one within 60 days of hire. The ability to operate and maintain equipment a plus. Please inquire at City Hall for more information about the position, 217-283-5833. Applications may be picked up and returned to City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

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