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## Duncan running for Illinois 15th Congressional District seat in March primary

Conservative Vermilion County Treasurer Darren Duncan, a seventh-generation farmer from Rossville and advocate for reduced spending and common-sense government, is formally launching his campaign for the GOP nomination for the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the March 2020 primary.

Duncan, 48, made his formal announcement in a [campaign video](#) released Monday morning, and in a speech to Vermilion County Republicans in Danville.

He has served as Vermilion County Treasurer since 2017, improving technology in the office, getting tax bills out on time for the first time in years, and making distributions to local school districts and townships earlier than ever. He previously worked to stop unnecessary spending as a member of the Vermilion County Board. He also served two terms on the Rossville-Alvin school board, where he worked to reduce the district's reliance on debt.

"All government needs is a little more common sense like we have here in central and southern Illinois," Duncan said. "We need fewer politicians going to Washington to try to become rich or game the system. I'm going to help clean the system up."

Duncan wants to help President Trump pass a conservative agenda through Congress that benefits rural areas and small communities throughout Illinois.

"I fully support President Trump's USMCA trade deal with Canada and Mexico that will boost access to American farm and manufactured goods to our neighboring countries," he said, "and I stand with President Trump in his efforts to stop bad actors on the world stage taking advantage of our current trade system."

Duncan supports closing the \$134 billion budget deficit, strengthening security along our southern border, and protecting the constitutional rights of gun owners while keeping firearms out of the hands of



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people who shouldn't have them.

While Duncan made his run official Monday morning, a November 9 post made it "Facebook official." In that post, Duncan said for the previous two months, a group of people had urged him to run and even began circulating petitions, "which showed me the strong feelings in my potential candidacy." However, Duncan was still reluctant. But after talking with his wife, Natalie, family and friends, and praying for direction, "I'm excited to say I'm running full out," he told his Facebook friends and followers. "This is a

huge endeavor and I will need and am asking for the support of you all," he wrote. "I've been blessed with great support in many elections. I thank you for that and hope you will join me in this endeavor. I would appreciate it greatly."

Duncan is a graduate of Western Illinois University and has lived in northern Vermilion County his whole life. He and Natalie, who serves as District 1 representative on the Vermilion County Board, have four children.

More information about Duncan's campaign for Congress at [www.duncanforillinois.com](http://www.duncanforillinois.com).

The 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District covers all or parts of 33 counties in central and southern Illinois. It stretches from Champaign and Ford Counties to the north, all the way south to the Ohio River and across to Madison County, just outside of St. Louis. The district includes Danville, Mattoon-Charleston, Effingham, and Collinsville.

Current Congressman, John Shimkus, is not seeking re-election. However, Duncan is not the only one hoping to win the seat. In fact, Rossville had a second person taking the first step towards filing.

Chris Quick, pastor of Rossville United Methodist Church, had considered running and was in the process of collecting the 987 signatures necessary to make the primary ballot but did not formally launch a campaign.

Before coming to Rossville, Quick served one term as Wabash County state's attorney and one term as in Lawrence County, also as state's attorney.

Other Republicans who worked to get on the primary ballot include Charles Ellington, Kent Gray, Mary Miller, Alex Walker and Kerry Wolff.

On the Democrat side, Craig Morton and Kevin Gaither, who lost to Shimkus in 2018, are expected to run.

Monday was the last day to file for the primary.





## A magical evening

Top, Hunter Clingenpeel looks a little unsure of Santa at Saturday's Magical Express at McFerren Park Civic Center. Left, a festive Brandi Totheroh, and her husband, Aaron work the hot cocoa stand and, right, Anna Schenk, nine, of Bloomington, gets a red nose from Emily Fier as part of her reindeer face painting.

## Briefly

### Card shower

Former Hoopeston resident Terry Meador is very ill and friends are holding a cheer or Christmas card shower for them. Cards may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Meador, P.O. Box 182, Collison IL 61831. Prayers would also be appreciated.

### Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hoopeston City Hall. A public hearing on the tax levy will be held at 6:45 p.m.

### Koffee & Konversation

Come join us at Hoopeston Methodist for Koffee & Konversation! We start at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday with coffee and donuts or rolls. There is always laughter and sometimes some very interesting conversation. We do not meet on holidays or during blizzards, ice storms or -10 degree days. All are welcome.

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Tickets now available** for the FREE presentation of the 1940s radio drama, "Amazing Dr. Tweedy, which will be performed at 4 p.m. Friday at the library. Seating is limited. There is a two-ticket per person maximum.

**Stitchin' Time**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Crochet instruction provided. Other needle crafters welcome.

**Builder's Club**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. All ages welcome.

**Vermillion County Crafters**, 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Open to all crafters who bring projects to work on individually.

**Cooking the Books Holiday**, 6-7 p.m. Thursday.



## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 40. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow mostly sunny. High 42, low 27.

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