

Area Pastor releases daily devotional book

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Life-long Columbus Junction resident and area pastor Ramona Wink recently released her first book, "Walk the Walk with Ramona Wink for 60 days and with JESUS CHRIST for a lifetime." The book consists of 60 daily devotionals that one can read to help focus on their spirituality and begin or deepen their walk with Jesus. Each devotion includes space at the end for the reader to record their thoughts or reflections and set out an action plan if they choose to. The book also features a new poem written by Ramona's Father, Tom Paulding.

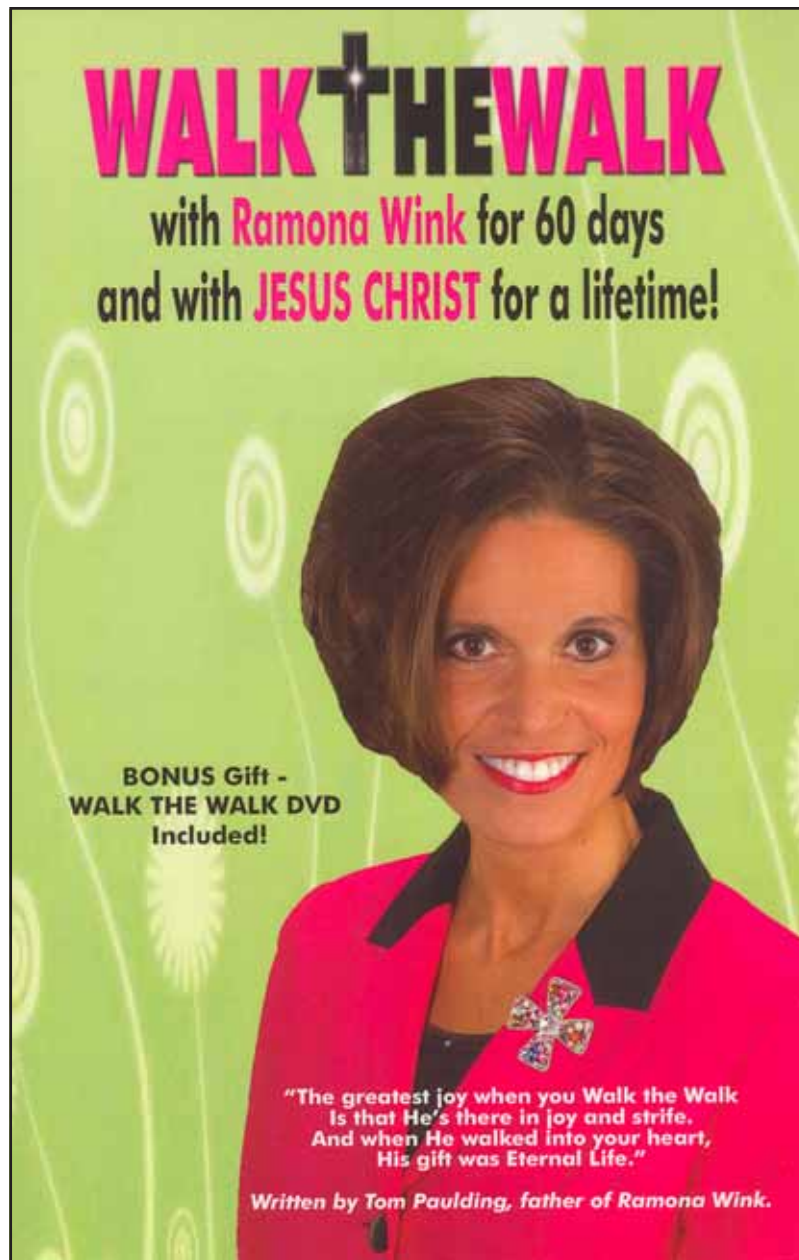
Wink is the pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church in Morning Sun and is a weekly contributor to the Columbus Gazette. She also hosts WALK THE WALK, a weekly Christian television show produced at KFXB TV 43.1 in Dubuque, Iowa. WALK THE WALK is now seen on 10 Christian television stations throughout the country, reaching over 2 million people! Those stations cover Dubuque, Iowa; Quincy, Illinois; Jefferson City/Columbia, Missouri; Decatur/Springfield, Illinois; Macon, Georgia; West Palm Beach, Florida; Tallahassee, Florida; Columbus, Georgia; Knoxville, Tennessee; Tulsa, Oklahoma. (ADVD of one of her WALK THE WALK shows is included in the book.)

In discussing her television ministry, Wink points out that Christian television programming has no commercials to distract the viewer from God's message; there are no commercials to pay for God's messages. Christian television is funded by ministries and their partners. If you would like to partner with Ramona

Wink and support what God is doing through her ministry, go to her website www.winkforjesus.com and fill out the donation form or contact Ramona for a donation form. Wink has made giving easy to do-partners can donate monthly by check, MasterCard, VISA, Discover, on-line bill pay, auto debit from some banks. All donations are tax-exempt. Wink is a graduate of the Billy Graham School of Evangelism and is an Ambassador for the Jesus Name Project. She is a regular speaker throughout the Midwest where she encourages others to begin their walk with Jesus.

This wonderfully written collection of devotionals will not only give you an uplift in your daily life, but would also make a heartfelt gift to others as you encourage them to begin their walk with Jesus. Wink says, "This book would make an ideal gift for Mother's Day, a graduate, Father's Day or a birthday or anniversary. It's practical, inspirational and motivational! The book is designed to help readers grow in their relationship with God and experience joy in their journey with Jesus!"

A book signing is scheduled for this Friday, April 23rd at the Columbus Gazette office from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The book was published by C.J. Communications and is available by contacting Ramona Wink at 319-728-7041 or e-mail: wink123@lisco.net. The book can also be purchased at the Gazette office. The price of the book is \$20.00. Make checks payable to WINK FOR JESUS. Credit card orders are also accepted. Books can also be shipped. Send payment in advance to Ramona Wink, 211 Flatiron Drive, Columbus Junction, Iowa 52738 and add \$3 for shipping/handling per book. All proceeds from the book go to the non-profit 501(c)3



status ministry, WINK FOR JESUS which funds Wink's television ministry.

Briefly -

CCHS Alumni Banquet set

The annual Columbus-Cotter-Conesville Alumni Banquet will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Roundy Elementary School. Reserve the date on your calendar and plan on celebrating with fellow graduates!

C.C.I.C. to meet

C.C.I.C. will meet on Tuesday, April 27th at the Columbus City, City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Kay Perkins will be hostess.

City wide clean up this week

Columbus Junction City Wide Clean Up Day will be held on Friday, April 23rd ONLY! Appliances will require a \$15.00 tag, which can be purchased at City Hall. No appliance will be taken without a tag. Separate items such as: Metal, appliance, or furniture. We will not pick up: Tires, batteries, paint, paint cans, hazardous materials, chemicals, spray cans, windows or any glass items. No wood or building materials. Do not put anything in garbage bags - they will not be picked up. All items must be set out by 7 a.m. the day of clean up. This clean up day is for Columbus Junction residents only. Any questions, call City Hall at 319-728-7971.

Conesville School reunion

The Conesville School Reunion is slated for May 29, 2010 at the Community Center in Conesville, Iowa. Invitations have been sent but anyone interested in this event is more than welcome to attend. You may call Fran Morrison at 319-728-2319 or Rose Wagoner at 319-728-2027 for reservations. The doors will be open at 11:30 a.m. and Kalona Kountry Katering will be serving a full meal at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Don't let this reunion be something you've always wanted to attend but didn't. Just do it!

FFA to hold blood drive

Columbus Community FFA is sponsoring a blood drive today, Wednesday, April 21st from 1:30-6:30 p.m., at the Columbus Junction American Legion Hall, 99 2nd Street, Col. Jct. To donate call Katie McWhirter at 319-728-2231. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors who last gave blood on or before February 24, 2010 are eligible.

Mother-Daughter banquet at Letts Bible Church

The Letts Bible Church will be hosting a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Friday, April 30th at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Tanya Hakes of Muscatine. The theme will be "Heavenly Handbags." All ladies and girls are invited to attend. Please bring a salad to pass. No charge, but reservations would be appreciated by Wednesday, April 28th. Please call these numbers for more information and reservations: 319-726-4911 or 319-729-5042.

Master Gardeners plant sale

Louisa County Master Gardeners are planning a plant sale on May 1st at the First Presbyterian Church in Wapello from 9:00 a.m. - ?

Columbus City town clean-up

Columbus City will hold their town wide clean up on Saturday, May 1st.

P.E.O. Salad Luncheon

If you want to see "Stars" before your eyes and have wonderful food and companionship, come to the P.E.O. salad luncheon. This lovely meal will be served at the American Legion on Monday, May 3rd, 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Take-out meals are available. Tickets may be purchased at Plants and Things (who has a special bouquet/ticket combo available), Special Effects, The Feed Wagon, or any P.E.O. member. Proceeds from the luncheon go to a senior scholarship.

Tennis Anyone?

Tennis anyone? Any retired senior citizen interested in dusting off their tennis racquet and tennis skills should come to the tennis courts at Columbus Junction at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, April 21st. Bring an unopened can of tennis balls. If the weather does not cooperate, we will try every Wednesday afternoon until it does! Let's have some fun! Questions, call 319-725-6425.

Wapello All-Alumni Banquet

The planning committee for the Wapello All-Alumni Banquet needs to know if any graduates did not receive letters regarding the July 17 event. Anyone who did not get the letter is asked to contact Jean Brauns at 319-523-3462 or by email at bjbrauns@mchsi.com or Paula Buckman at pbuckman@louisacomm.net. The letters are needed for making reservations.

Wine and Beer tasting at Two Rivers Lodge

There will be a wine and micro-beer tasting on Saturday, April 24th, 2010, at the Two Rivers Lodge (Conesville Rodeo Ground) from 6-9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be available and entertainment will be by Ryan Persinger. Grobans will be in attendance from the Jasper Winery. The cost is \$20 per person and you must be 21 to attend. Come relax with friends in a country setting and sample wines and micro beers from Jasper Winery and other distributors. Please call 319-726-5322 or 319-725-6180 for more information.

L-M Kindergarten and pre-school

The L-M School District is in the process of identifying next year's kindergarteners. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 15, 2010, or know of one please contact the elementary office at 319-726-3634. Kindergarten "Round Up" will be Thursday, April 22nd and Friday, April 23rd. This will be a 2-hour session. Teachers meet with students and the Principal will meet with the parents. You must be pre-registered, please call the elementary office to set up a time at 319-726-3634. We are also accepting students for our pre-school / child-care program located in the elementary building. Please call busy Hands Pre-school / Child-care at 319-726-3634 ext. 200. The pre-school and child-care have limited space so sign up soon.

2010 County Fair dates set

The dates for the 2010 Louisa County Fair are: July 24 - Parade and Fair Kickoff; and Fair - dates July 26-31. Dates for the Iowa State Fair are August 12-22.

Are you ready for a little cleaning??

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City officials and residents, with the help of graduate students from the University of Iowa, have been anticipating an Earth Day in town that will be remembered for a long time. A full schedule of events have been organized for this week, with the remaining events listed at right. So everyone, come on out and help us in our effort to Keep Columbus Beautiful. Below are some additional items that should be of interest in celebrating this event:

Columbus Junction Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

ONLY on Wednesday, April 21, Columbus Junction residents are encouraged to dispose of any household hazardous wastes by bringing them to the City Shop on Walnut Street anytime between noon and 7:00 pm. Residents will be able to drop off the following items: latex paint, oil based paint, spray paint, herbicides, pesticides, cleaning products, pool chemicals, automotive products and varnishes. These items should not be placed in the normal garbage! Motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will NOT be accepted. Please take this opportunity to do some spring cleaning around the house. This event is done in partnership by the City of Columbus Junction, the Keep Columbus Beautiful Committee and the Muscatine Recycling and Transfer Center.

Earth Day Poster Contest Winners & Art Display



EARTH WEEK 2010

Clean Your Home, Clean Your Community

WEDNESDAY, April 21	Clean Up Your Household Hazardous Wastes Limpie sus Desechos Peligrosos
ACTION:	Remove household hazardous wastes from the back of your closets, kitchen, bathroom and garage. Acceptable items: latex paint, oil based paint, spray paint, herbicides, pesticides, cleaning products, pool chemicals, automotive products and varnishes. Motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will NOT be accepted.
WHEN:	TODAY ONLY, from 12 pm - 7 pm, citizens of Columbus Junction are invited to drop off household hazardous waste at the City Shop on Walnut Street. **Ink cartridges and cell phones can be dropped off at the Public Library.
THURSDAY, April 22	Clean Up Your Community: EARTH DAY! Limpie su Comunidad: ¡DÍA DE LA TIERRA!
ACTION:	Help pick up litter downtown and then join us for free refreshments courtesy of local businesses, information booths and Keep Columbus Beautiful student artwork. All ages welcome! Youth games and activities will take place at the same time as the clean-up!
WHEN:	4:00 - 6:00 pm Arrive anytime, pick up trash bags & gloves at the American Legion and Keep Columbus Beautiful by picking up litter in our downtown business area 6:00 pm Return to the American Legion for a community celebration with snacks from local businesses, informational booths and view student artwork from the Keep Columbus Beautiful poster contest!

The Keep Columbus Beautiful Committee with help from students from the University of Iowa sponsored a poster contest for elementary students last month in gearing up for Earth Day. Students were asked to draw posters on the following theme: "What would you do to Keep Colum-

bus Beautiful?"

Two winning posters were selected for each grade, the winning artists are listed below.

3rd Grade - Molly Milder & Fernando Zepeda; 4th Grade - Isaiah Sents & Lexee Hartsock; 5th Grade - Sayri Reyna & Danny; 6th Grade -

Jessica Jasso & Marisol Jasso

Poster contest winners are encouraged to stop by the American Legion on Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm to claim their prizes and take a group photograph with their artwork!

Roundy teachers visit Arizona to observe SIOP model in other schools

Over the past year, 16 elementary teachers had the opportunity to complete a Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Travel Experience. This experience allowed Roundy Elementary teachers to travel and visit Lela Alston Elementary in Phoenix, Arizona, and seven elementary schools in the North Clackamas School District in Portland, Oregon. During the visits the Roundy Elementary teachers had the opportunity to observe teachers and districts in their implementation of the SIOP model.

Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) is a framework for delivering content by way of instructional techniques that allow students to gain a better understanding of the English language as well as developing content knowledge.

SIOP is organized by way of eight major components and 30 sub-features in a lesson plan design. The SIOP model has been the focus of the 2009-2010 professional development and will continue to be the focus over the next few years.

The funding for the Pearson staff training and the SIOP travel experiences to Arizona and Oregon came from the federal stimulus money (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - ARRA) and federal Title One funding. The district is mandated to spend a percentage of each of these funding sources on professional development for the staff. To date, local and state tax dollars have not been used to fund these professional development experiences.

During the last trip to Arizona, the traveling teachers had the opportunity



to visit Mr. Beryl Roundy at his Paradise Valley home in Arizona. The teachers delivered cards, a Roundy Elementary t-shirt, and a DVD to Mr. Roundy. It was a great pleasure and

honor to spend some time visiting with him and thanking him for his dedication to the education of Columbus Community students.