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## Friends will honor memory of Bart Hinners

The family of Bart Hinners is moving ahead with plans to add a wooden train to the playground equipment in the city park. The train will be positioned in the area north of the new tire swings. Barb Grove, mother of the young man who passed away in 2004, addressed the city council

March 13, explaining the plans and requesting permission for the project. There will be no cost to the city. The four-car train will be approximately 30 feet long, and it is scheduled to be in place by the June 16-17-18 Quasquicentennial. A model of the train is shown above.

Friends of Bart will

construct the train in his honor.

"They have wanted to build something," Barb stated. "Jason Rasmussen is heading it up. Rasmussen Lumber is helping and the crew building it is a bunch of Bart's friends."

Bart was a member of the class of 2004.

## Community partners will provide community care

Partnerships are forming that will bring two programs to Manning offering education and assistance to people throughout the area in the weeks ahead.

Partnering are Manning Regional Healthcare Center, Ohde Funeral Home, United Methodist Church and the West Central Iowa Healthcare Foundation which has received a grant to aid the programs.

"Part of the funding is for a grief support program and a community education program, but they are distinctly different things," said Pastor Lanette Plambeck of United Methodist Church who will serve as facilitator.

The grief support program, entitled "Friend-to-Friend" will hold its first meeting April 24 and will continue to meet regularly on the fourth Monday of each month.

Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. at United Methodist Church. Each program will include a speaker, time for sharing and refreshments.

A variety of topics will be discussed, such as, dealing with the holidays without your loved one, things you can do to remember your loved one, and things you can you do

for your family. It includes ways to talk with your children and grandchildren, and ideas for birthdays and anniversaries - not only the birthday of the one who has passed away, but how you can bring your loved one into the ongoing celebrations of life.

The programs will be presented by local clergy and people trained in specific areas.

She said, "We'll bring in speakers who specialize in the various forms of grief. In addition to educating, there will also be the aspect of care - What are you doing? How are you doing that? How are you getting a handle on the finances? How are you filling his or her presence in your home even though he or she is no longer there?"

She added, "The program will provide educational and personal support. The nature of Friend-to-Friend involves people who are grieving alongside of you. We anticipate that the direction of this program will really match the needs of this community."

Pastor Lanette has extensive experience with grief counseling. It is an aspect of life that affected her at an early age.

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## The history books are here

Manning's Quasquicentennial History Book is finished. The books arrived March 17 - much earlier than expected - and hundreds are already into the hands of readers. Distribution began March 20 when 330 pre-ordered books were picked up within the first day. With attractive red cover and

excellent photographs, Manning's newest history book is receiving rave reviews.

Above, Dave Kusel and Chuck and Jan Moore are shown with the shipment of 1500 books. The co-editors invested hundreds of hours to bring the project to completion. Work began

two years ago and, at one time, 80 people were assisting with compilation of the 480-page book. Books can be picked up and purchased at Manning Pharmacy. Cost of the book is \$45. Mail orders require a \$7 shipping fee. An order form can be found inside today's paper on page 12.

## For your calendar ...

**April 8** - Quasquicentennial FUN-raiser at VFW Hall with 6:00 p.m. box social, 7:30 p.m. Americana concert, 8:30 coin auction.

**April 10** - Joint meeting of the Manning School Board and the IKM School Board at 6:00 p.m. in the old IKM gym in Manilla. The agenda calls for discussion of high school and middle school curriculum.

**April 10** - Regular meeting of the Manning School Board at 7:30 p.m. in Manning High School library.

**April 15-May 15** - Community clean-up and beautification sponsored by Manning Chamber of

Commerce. See page 4.

**April 24** - A new grief support program, "Friend-to-Friend," begins at 6:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church, Manning.

**May 1** - The Hausbarn Heritage Park will open for tourists.

**June 16-17-18** - Manning's Quasquicentennial celebration with Kinderfest parade and events, all-school reunion, steer & heifer show (16th); road race, tours, parade, entertainment and rodeo (17th).

**July 24** - The Des Moines Register's RAG-BRAI will pass through Manning enroute to Audubon.