

## **YOUR TRASH COULD HAVE ANOTHER PURPOSE**

Dennis Butler, Education Coordinator of the Council Bluffs Recycling Center, described the many ways materials are collected and sorted so they may be reused for manufacture of other goods. Markets for recyclable glass, plastic, paper, rubber, and metals have varied and their use for remanufactured products is evolving. There are environmental incentives to discover more ways to reuse products. Butler noted the Recycling Center has been in business for about ten years and last year it processed about 2.4 million tons of paper. It is a regional center and receives a wide spectrum of materials including hazardous household and lawn and garden products. Butler encouraged all to reduce, reuse, and recycle to minimize the bulk of materials ending up in landfills. The Recycle Center takes tree limbs and grinds them into wood fiber mulch. They have donated many tons of mulch for our Arbor Day tree planting projects which now totals nearly 70 trees.