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Andrea Dostal was the biggest weight loser in the 2009 Shape-Up Jackson County.

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# Memorial Day observance held



MSP photo by Douglas Melvold

Flags at the Avenue of Flags in Mount Hope Cemetery in Maquoketa flutter in the breeze on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Each flag was donated by the family of a deceased veteran. The flags are displayed each Memorial Day.

#### By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Jackson County residents joined those from across the nation on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, remembering America's military veterans, particularly those who have died in the cause of freedom.

Maquoketa residents gathered in the Maquoketa Middle School gym Monday morning to attend the annual Memorial Day program co-sponsored by the O'Connor-Regenwether Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3633, the Timber City American Legion Post 75 and their ladies' auxiliaries.

State Rep. Tom Schueller gave the Memorial Day address. He recounted measures taken by the Iowa Legislature in recent years to help veterans.

He noted that veterans are given preferences in hiring for government jobs and 700 veterans are cared for at the Iowa Veterans Home, which will undergo a \$100 million renovation that will be completed in 2021.

He noted that the Legislature in its just-completed session, prohibited the foreclosure of mortgages on active members of the National Guard. Reservists and their families.

Another new law requires community colleges and the state universities to charge in-state tuition for undergraduate study for veterans who are eligible for benefits under, or who have exhausted the benefits of, the federal Post 9-11

Veterans Educational Assistance Act.

Schueller noted that the Legislature this year approved another \$1.6 million for the Veterans' Homeowners Assistance Program, which helps those who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan with the down payment on a home.

Another law requires each county to have a well-trained executive director of county veterans' affairs and must keep the office open at least 20 hours per week.

"Taking care of our veterans is one way we can repay them," Schueller said.

"You are here today because you care about your country and your community," he said. "We must never forget the past and the men and women who served their nation.'

"Although Memorial Day is officially a time to remember those who died for our country, it is also a good time to remember all those who served our nation and those who continue to do so, especially the young men and women from our community and state who are still in harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan," Schueller said.

"We pray that they may all come home safely.

Clifford Merrick, Legion post commander, listed the new members of the Avenue of Flags. They are Merlin "Toby" Saunders, Donald Small, Cecil

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## Candy wrapper purses and recycling dreams

#### By KELLY GERLACH

That candy bar wrapper that's about to be tossed into the garbage - it could become a coin purse. Or that old wheel cog could become a votive candleholder.

They represent only a couple of ways the public can reuse and help the environ-

Jackson County is by no means a sprawling metropolis with millions of residents. But those who live in the county sure produce enough garbage. According to 2008 data collected by the Jackson County Sanitary Disposal Agency, the county transfer station handled 10,836 tons of waste.

However, Jackson County and its residents have stepped up recycling efforts. For instance, the transfer station sold 63 tons of scrap metal to area dealers and recycled 21 tons of tires, 29.6 tons of appliances and 25.6 tons of electronics. In decades past these items would have been left to rot (and they don't decompose) in the landfill.

Residents increasingly accept the challenge to recycle in recent year as well, with many taking their recyclables to DAC, Inc. Lenae Owen, DAC vocational director, reported that the facility's recycling volume has increased by more than 2,000 pounds in the past year.

In 2008, DAC recycled 59.3 tons of glass, 320 tons of cardboard, 91.8 tons of plastic, 73.9 tons of tin and 31.3 tons of textiles. The facility recycled 614.5 tons of paper, saving about 10,447 trees in the

This shows great strides in conserving and preserving Earth. But officials at

DAC say there is much more that can be done – simple projects to purchase or create - that recycle common items and keep them out of the landfill.

Owen and Margarette Bickel, DAC production coordinator, toured local schools and groups promoting the benefits of reducing, reusing and recycling. The women showed the kids exactly how much of a visible, tangible market there is for the simplest of reusable items.

Bickel and Owen showed the kids examples of ordinary every day items that, after their original intended use, were reengineered to be used yet again.

"I would hold these items up and ask the kids what (the items) were made out of and then laugh at their answers," Owen

For instance, Owen showed them a red chair in the shape of a cupped hand. The chair was made of 65 recycled milk jugs. It's strong enough to hold hundreds of pounds. The chair's popularity keeps it on backorder at Recycled 2 You, a retail store in Burlington that sells goods made entirely of recycled or reused items.

Students examined birdhouses - not wooden ones but ones made entirely of recycled plastics.

"The quality of this birdhouse is better. It will last many, many years because of the strength of the plastic versus the decaying of traditional wood," Owen said.

ated from recycled tires. There were pots **■** RECYCLING,

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The kids saw supple T-shirts made of

recycled plastic and day planners cre-



MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

Cadet Troop 2230 of Maguoketa displays some of the recycled and reused items people can purchase or make to help conserve natural resources. The troop visited DAC, Inc. in Maguoketa to learn more about the recycling facility and even items they could make to reuse items and reduce the amount of garbage that gets dumped and wasted in the landfill each year. Troop members sat on a chair made of recycled milk jugs and held candy wrapper purses and recycled plastic birdhouses among other items.