

## ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP AND ROCK PARTY

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The Roadside Clean-up was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and a very slight breeze was blowing. Usually the wind makes it difficult to keep the garbage bags from turning into balloons that carry us off into the atmosphere! But this day was lovely.

Although it was Nebraska Football Homecoming, a group of 17 people assembled to tackle the shoulders and ditches of U.S. Highway 77. We met at the Hickman Rest Area at 1:00 to receive our road segment assignments and safety gear. We broke into eight groups, each tackling a half-mile stretch of roadway. The shoulders had been mowed the week before, so it was easy to spot litter. However, the mower ran over everything in its path, so there was lots of shredded trash to pick up.

The clean-up went quickly; it took a little over an hour to complete. The group then met up at the Marburgers' residence to watch the recorded football game, visit, and work on projects.

Around 4:00, Jim fired up the grill to cook the dogs and jalapeno poppers. The assorted foods were set out and soon we were all filling our plates and eating. There was a lot of laughter, stories of past events and field trips, and just good ol' camaraderie.

It was wonderful to have this dedicated group turn out for the twice-yearly roadside clean-up, especially on game day. I personally thank each and every one for your service to the club, our community, and the earth.

GO BIG RED!!

It was very nice to see some of the Mineral Monkeys working on projects. I did not get a picture of Logan's cabochon, but it was very nice. Below is a picture of Brooklyn's agate. Corey is a very good teacher!

