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ATHENS, Ohio – Cleanup efforts in preparation for the annual Buckeye Classic held in Nelsonville brought out participants from the Athens County Empowerment (ACE) Program. Volunteers helped to make sure Boston Field was in tip-top shape before kicking off the day long band competition.

The Athens County Prosecutor's Office gathered the group to aid in picking up the Nelsonville-York football stadium early Saturday morning. There is often a lot of work that goes into keeping the field and surrounding areas clean following a Friday night football game. Brian McDonald, an organizer for the event, asked that the Prosecutor's Office coordinate to bring individuals to help ensure everything was presentable for the event.

Prosecutor Keller Blackburn aims to coordinate with various organizations for community service opportunities, "a lot of schools travel to participate in the Buckeye Classic and my office was happy to help with the event. My staff, who supervised the cleanup, said everyone was thankful for the nice weather and all the participants worked really hard."

The Athens County Prosecutor's Office continues to coordinate with townships and non-profits to offer community service opportunities to those who participate in the ACE program in order to give back to the county.

Pictures included with email.