

1,442 VOLUNTEERS
put in a total **8,457 HOURS**

26 RIVER CLEAN-UPS

27 COMMUNITIES

5 RIVER RACES

564 TIRES

20 EDUCATIONAL TRIPS
44 PRESENTATIONS

3 STATES

45 TONS OF TRASH

1,029 STUDENTS -and- TEACHERS

ONE RIVER.



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

2014: EDUCATION ON THE RISE

Missouri River Relief's mission is to **engage individuals and communities** along the Missouri River in the **exploration, enjoyment, restoration and care** of the river through hands-on river **clean-ups, education events and stewardship activities.**



MRR's unique brand of education blasted off in 2014 with a commitment of resources in time, energy and money.

We hired an education coordinator which boosted our full-time professional staff to four people. This expansion allowed us to initiate a river camp for the first time in conjunction with Summers@Mizzou and we started making in-school presentations.

These new projects complemented our regular menu of educational programs and the monthly Big Muddy Speakers Series. That was on top of our clean-ups, boat rides and educational events we host every year.

In 2014, MRR discovered that the Missouri River is more than a classroom and more than a laboratory—this tremendous natural treasure provides a huge CAMPUS that can teach lessons to people of all ages. I encourage you to enroll in a “river course” at one of our events

See You On The River,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JM Barrow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jeff Barrow,
Director, Missouri River Relief

MEET THE STAFF & CREW

Steve Schnarr has been **Program Manager** for MRR since 2005. He's also secretly a fantastic cook, talented writer and calm force behind nearly all 2014 events.

Melanie Cheney's nickname is “Reminder in Chief” and for good reason—she is a demon with details. Her floral arranging skills know no bounds and she has been **Assistant Program Manager** for MRR since 2008.

Alex Prentice is a prairie fish scholar, catfish cook and a creative **Education Coordinator**. An outstanding addition to our growing staff.

Mary Stilwell, Accountant, updates MRR finances every week—a task worthy of sainthood for such an active crowd.

John Brady is MRR's **Fleet Manager** and poet laureate.

Racin' Dave Stevens, MRR **Mechanic** cares for our vehicles and boats with the attention he gives to motorcycles in his shop. A high honor indeed.

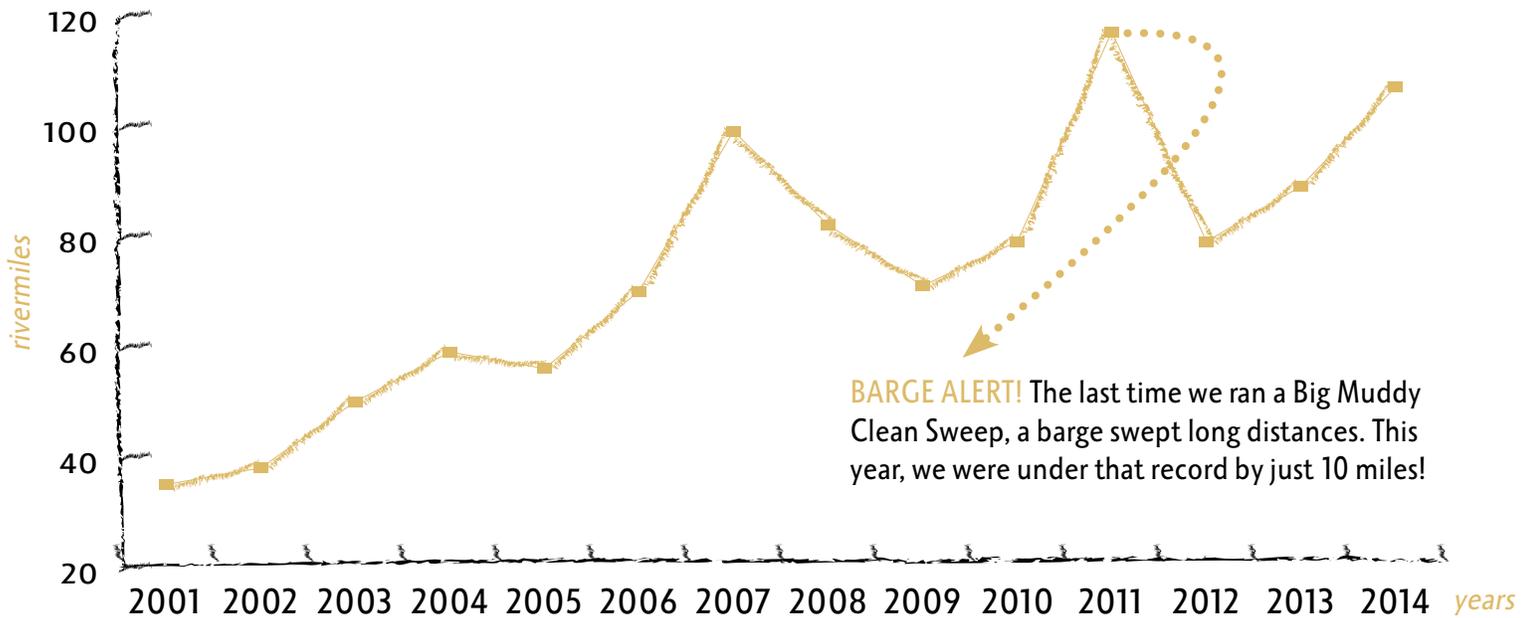
Gale Johnson was crew cook during our Big Muddy Clean Sweep. She's also a fitting masthead as first mate and overall asset to the crew.

Anthony Pettit served on the Clean Sweep crew. He's best known for easy boat rides and locks in his earlobes.

Jen Davis was an invaluable seasonal crew member on the river and a hard-working intern in our office.

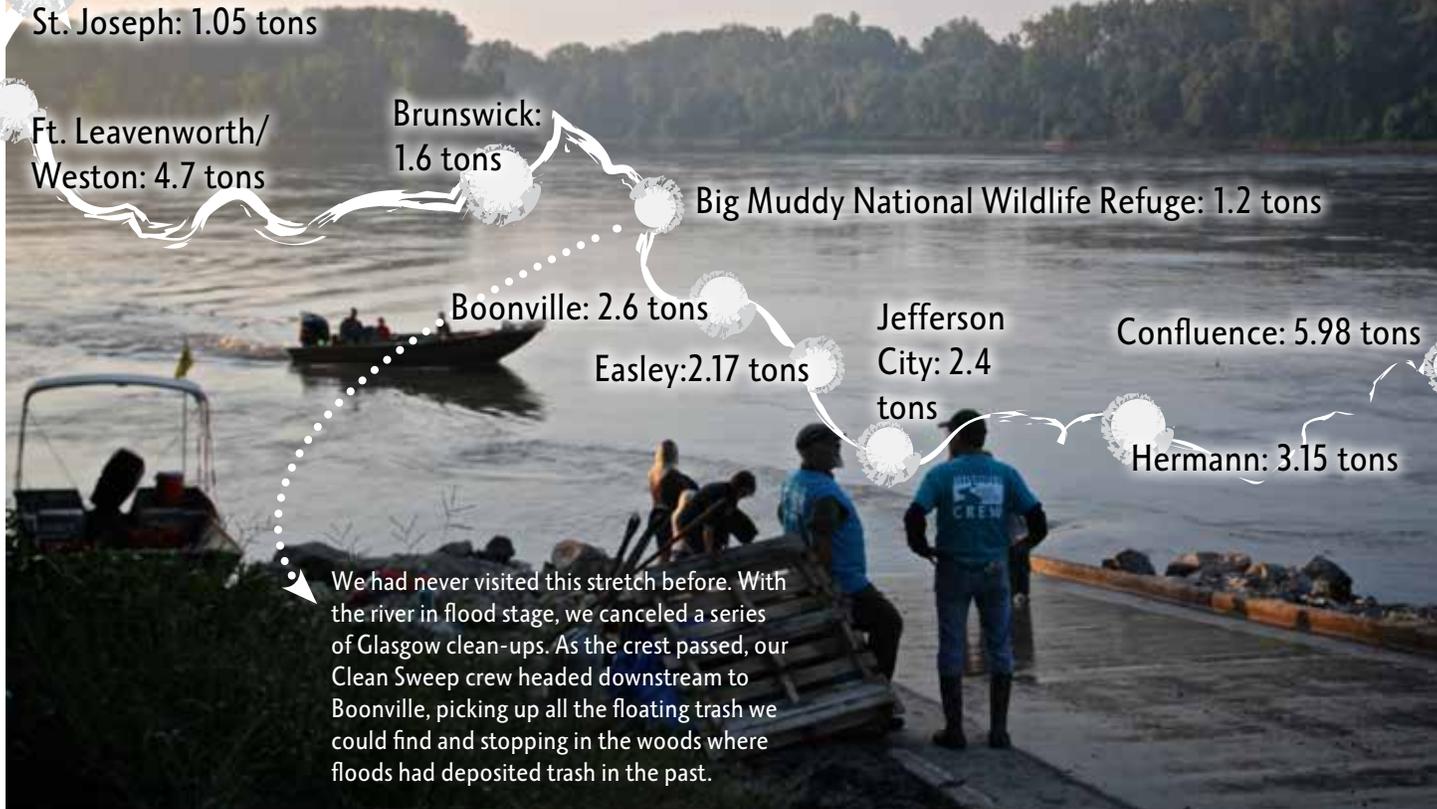
Tim Nigh was also on the Clean Sweep crew. He is our sage advisor in seasonal on- and off-river events as well as a founding member of MRR.

WE CLEANED 107 RIVERMILES IN 2014



...AND 76,000 LBS OF TRASH

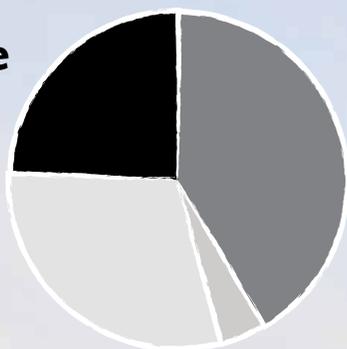
* 2014 MRR cleanups more than 1 ton are indicated on map



FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING: Our first clean-ups of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers properties in the Kansas City District at Providence and Weston Bends. We found glass galore—a strange trait we see at sites that haven't been cleaned since the 1993 flood.

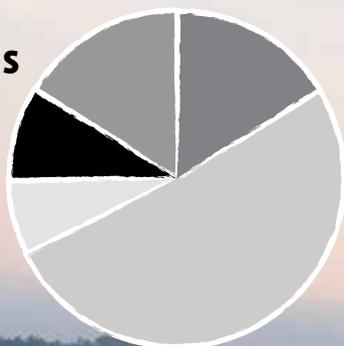
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Revenue



Total: \$221,643

Expenses



Total: \$243,810



2014
Missouri River Relief
Partner
of the Year

awarded to

JOAN READ,
“Pick-Up Boonville,”
Community Organizer

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THE **FIRST** STEP



For many citizens along the Missouri River, a River Relief clean-up, canoe race or education event is their **FIRST STEP INTO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RIVER** we share.

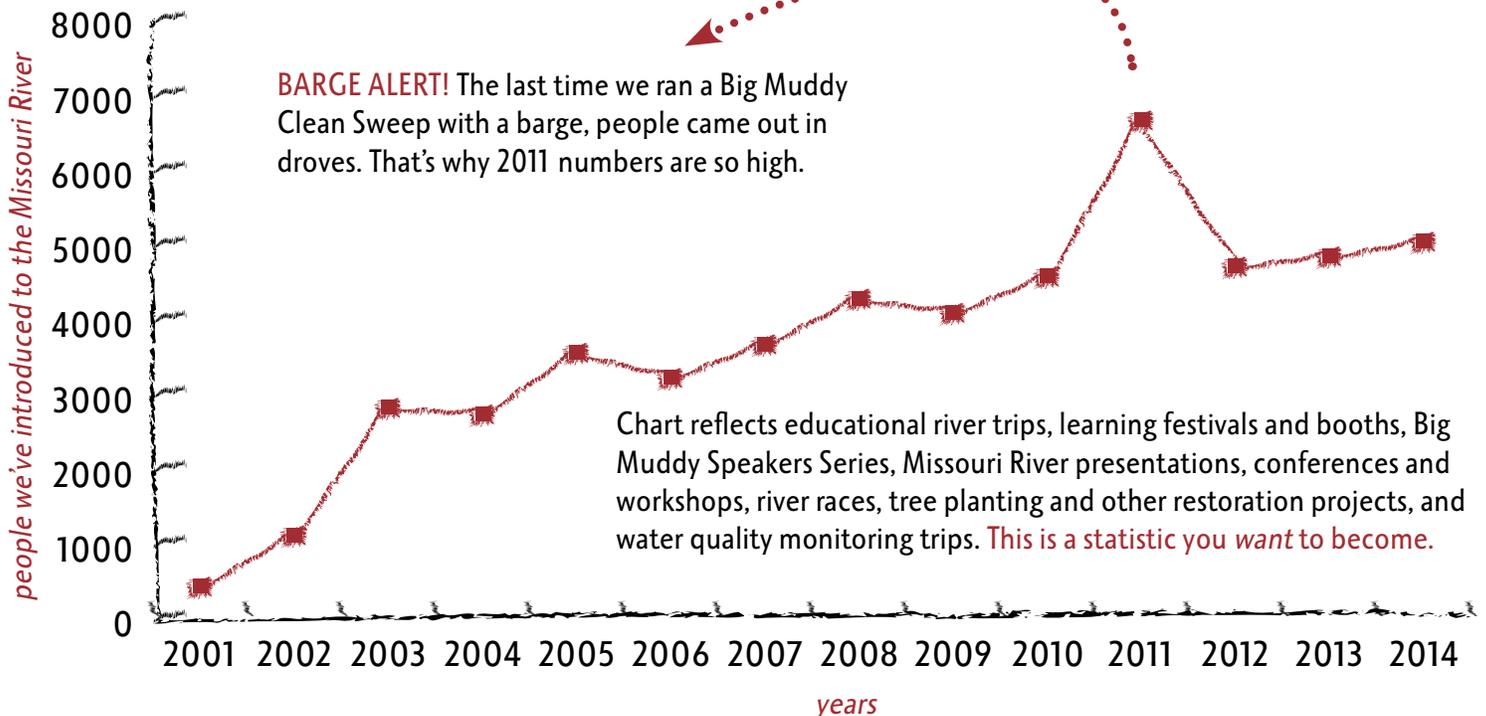
YOU HELPED US CONNECT PEOPLE TO THE MISSOURI RIVER 51,313 TIMES*

“While it has been a great experience getting to meet everyone involved in MRR, I have also used my new-found affiliation with them to bring friends of mine into the fold. **THIS CONTINUATION OF STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION IS INVALUABLE**, as that is how others learn to value these qualities, and rather than let the legacy flounder with one person, they spread the word to others long down the road.”

- Ashley White, MDC, in a nomination letter for the G. Andy Runge Award, presented by the Wildlife Society in 2014



*Since 2001, instances of high-quality river experiences



WE EDUCATED 5,000 PEOPLE IN 2014



BIG MUDDY SPEAKERS SERIES

Learn more about it at bigmuddyspeakers.org



LEARNING FESTIVALS

Including booths and festivals across Missouri



WATER QUALITY MONITORING EVENTS



RIVER TRIPS THAT WERE EDUCATIONAL

Shh! Don't tell the students!



MRR Education Coordinator Alex Prentice shows an enviroscape illustrating pollution to students at New Franklin Elementary. Principal Dawn Shipp writes, "The kids really enjoyed it and I've heard many positive comments. THANKS AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL AND EDUCATION IN GENERAL."

OUR 2014 SPONSORS MADE THIS HAPPEN

\$20,000 TO \$30,000

Missouri American Water
Missouri Department of
Natural Resources

\$10,000 TO \$19,999

Pat Jones
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Ecological Services
Columbia Field Office
Hulston Family Foundation
Missouri Department of
Conservation

\$5,000 TO \$9,999

National Environmental
Education Fund
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District
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PAT JONES



OUR WISHLIST:

- Stream Table that simulates River Processes: \$5,000
- Wild and Scenic Film Festival: \$2,800
- Wilderness First Responder Training for Staff: \$750 (per person)
- Waterproof Digital Camera: \$300
- Pop-Up Tents: \$150 each

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