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## Teamwork, service learning skills presented by Missouri River Relief in New Haven

Owensville High School and Owensville Middle School students form a circle Thursday morning with Missouri River Relief staff members on Thursday (top, left) to begin their day of team-building workshops and service learning through a clean-up project on the Missouri River at New Haven. "Open mind and bringing it" was the theme for the group's opening exercise conducted by Kristen Schulte (fourth from left), Missouri River Relief's education coordinator. River Relief's Jenn Davis oversees an exercise (right) where students teamed up to lower connected tent poles in a straight line using only their fingertips to support them. During the "helium stick" exercise, the poles tend to rise when they attempt to lower them and students must work together to get lower them to the ground without them disconnecting. They would put their team-building skills to work during a clean-up project 4.5 miles upstream of the New Haven boat ramp. Students learned also about navigation and some river history during their ride to the clean-up site. See page 10 for additional coverage.



**OWENSVILLE MIDDLE** School students work as a team Thursday while attempting to free an old water heater buried to its top on a high bank about 4.5 miles upstream from New Haven during a service learning project hosted by Missouri River Relief. OMS student include Cody Linders (left on the water heater) and Trevor Abernathy (to his left), Justin Garner (far right), Charlotte Kopp (on the left from front to back), Jeff Barrow (River Relief director), and Daxton Merhoff, and, on the right (from front to back), Boston Belk, Cory Rau, Tracey Machelett, Corvin Bertram, and Boyd Nicks.

## Missouri River Relief hosts OMS, OHS students for day of learning at New Haven



**BOYD NICKS** found this extremely rusted out top to a navigation buoy during Owensville Middle Schools service learning clean-up project Thursday near New Haven.



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**OWENSVILLE MIDDLE** school students Arisa Ison (top) and Marissa West Derby enjoy the water spray and sunshine as they head back to the boat ramp in New Haven following their clean-up project.



**OWENSVILLE MIDDLE** School Principal Teresa Schulte records video during the "Team Trash Badger" boat ride to the clean-up site upriver from New Haven. Enjoying the ride were (from left) Charlotte Kopp, Christin Lowes, Tracey Machelett, Seth Luncelford, Corvin Bertram, Teresa Schulte, Gayle Hinch (STRIVE director), Arissa Ison, LeAnn O'Toole Emily Copeland, and Marissa West Derby. **OWENSVILLE HIGH** School students Miles McKinney (left) and Carter Brocato carry a long-ago destroyed navigation buoy up the New Haven boat ramp. Metal was sorted for salvage. Alexis Fulkerson, a member of the "Team Muddy Buddies" hauls a farm bucket she removed from a high bank which was filled with mud to the collection point. **RIVER RELIEF** staff Steve Schnarr (top, on right) and Jeff "Boot" Barrow given safety instructions prior to the high school students loading the boats for their clean-up experience. Schnarr is event coordinator for River Relief and Barrow is the executive director.