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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - Almost 250 athletes from about 20 schools and agencies participated in the Southeast Area spring games of Special Olympics Missouri held Friday, April 22, at Poplar Bluff Junior High School.

It was the most participation in recent memory, according to Development Director Penny Williams, who noted Special Olympics Missouri has partnered with Junior High for nearly two decades, and has been a part of the community for even longer.

Principal Bob Case was recognized for his continuing support of the organization, along with the Parks and Recreation Department. Athletes from Senior High, Junior High, Middle School and O'Neal Elementary competed in events including the standing long jump, 100 meter run and 4x100 relay. PBHS Student Council along with multiple agencies volunteered to help organize the games.

Shown in the photo: Ember Cowin of PBJHS wins first place in the tennis ball throw.

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