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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named the Boys Tennis team and track star Kaylee Eakin the Poplar Bluff High School Athletes of the Month for May.

Kaylee, an incoming junior, was recently invited to compete for Team Missouri at the 41st annual Great Southwest Classic track and field meet in Albuquerque, N.M., placing third out of 20 states. She was an All State athlete for the past two years, was named 2016 conference champion and made the state champion team in 2015. Kaylee holds school records in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays, and the 800-meter run. In the classroom, she maintains a 10.5 GPA.

“Kaylee is an extremely hard worker and very dedicated to her sport,” Girls Track coach Beth Lewis-Muse said.

Ending the season with a 13-3 record, the Boys Tennis team went on to win districts. Individually, Peyton Bradley and Eduardo Martinez took first in doubles, with Gregg Roberson and Ben Stewart being named runners up, and Humza Siddiqui took runner up in singles. The team also took first place at the Poplar Bluff and Farmington Invitationals.

“I expect another good season next year defending (our) district title,” stated Boys Tennis coach Charley Harper, noting that his top returning players will be attending Bearcat Camp at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar led by legendary coach John Bryant.

(From left) Booster Club representative Brian Taylor; Tennis players Peyton Bradley, Gregg Roberson, Humza Siddiqui, Ben Stewart and Diego Rivetti; and track runner Kaylee Eakin.

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