

Crawford to play football with cousin at Southwestern College

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PAOLA – JJ Crawford is headed to Southwestern College to play football and track and field.

Crawford, a Paola senior, signed a national letter of intent during a ceremony held at Paola High School. Southwestern College is in Winfield, Kan.

“It’s truly a blessing,” Crawford said. “God gifted me with the athletic ability to play these sports at the collegiate level, and I couldn’t be more thankful and happy.”

Crawford was recruited to play safety for the football program. He will compete in the long and the triple jump in track and field.

“I was having a hard time deciding what sport I wanted to do,” Crawford said. “Southwestern came along and said I could do both, and I knew that was the place I wanted to be.”

Crawford will be joining his cousin, Isaiah Roseberry, at Southwestern College.



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Paola senior JJ Crawford signs a national letter of intent to play football and track and field at Southwestern College. Pictured with JJ are (in front, from left) his mother, Charisse, and father, Jeremy; (standing) siblings Ally, Caylee, Abby and Case.

Roseberry, a senior at Mount Juliet High School in Tennessee, was signed as a wide receiver.

“The deciding factor to sign with Southwestern was the fact that my cousin goes there as well,” Crawford said. “To be able to play football with my cousin at

the collegiate level and do everything with him is a special thing not many get to experience.”

Crawford started playing flag football when he was 5. He began playing tackle football in the fifth grade. He went out for track in seventh grade, but the season was

canceled due to Covid-19. Crawford competed in his first season of track and field in eighth grade.

“In track, the results are all up to you,” he said. “There isn’t a team to depend on. I love the brotherhood that you have in football. It is a second family that gets to

do what they love every day and compete.”

Paola coach Mike Smith was at the signing for Crawford. Smith coached Crawford in football and track and field.

“It was exciting to have JJ sign with Southwestern for football and track,” Smith said. “He is an amazing athlete and a hard worker. He was multi-year starter for us in football and an Elson Award winner.”

Crawford was the Class 4A state runner-up in the triple jump last season.

Crawford joins another football program with a familiar face on the coaching staff. Mike Smith’s son, Drew, is the defensive coordinator at Southwestern College.

“JJ Crawford has been a leader for us in football and track,” coach Mike Smith said. “It was neat to see him sign with Drew, who is a Paola and Southwestern graduate. We are looking forward to big things from him moving forward with his college career.”

Paola Panther coach Mike Smith and Southwestern College coach Drew Smith were at the signing to support Crawford.

“It was cool and meaningful to have coach Drew Smith there,” Crawford said. “It shows how much he truly cares about his players.”

Crawford was selected for the VJ Elson Award during the Paola High School football team banquet. The award is given to an outstanding player who has been with the program all four years. He must give 100 percent of himself in all situations, be a good role model on and off the football field and demonstrate leadership, team spirit and dedication to the football program.

Crawford was named the best defensive player by his teammates.

Crawford made a team-leading 80 tackles. He had six tackles for a loss of yards.

JJ is the son of Jeremy Crawford and Charisse Kane.

Leonard, Mather wrestling for Ottawa University

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OTTAWA – Kena Leonard and Camryn Mather are wrestling for the Ottawa University women’s wrestling team.

Leonard and Mather, 2024 graduates of Paola High School, helped lead the Lady Panther wrestling team to fifth place in the Class 4A state tournament last season.

Leonard and Mather wrestled for Ottawa University during the Warrior Open at Fort Wayne, Ind., on Jan. 25.

Leonard won three matches, placing fourth at 207 pounds in the Maximus Division. She is ranked 10th in the nation.

Mather won a match for Ottawa University at 137 pounds, competing in the Pancake Division.

Ottawa University defeated Wayland Baptist

and Avila during the Eagle Duals in Kansas City, Mo., on Dec. 13. Ottawa scored a 25-21 victory against Wayland Baptist. Ottawa scored a 41-5 win against Avila. Ottawa fell to Indian Hills in a tough dual, 23-21.

Mather pinned her opponent in the dual win against Wayland Baptist. She won her match against Avila by technical fall.

Leonard and Mather were both state medalists for the Paola High School Lady Panthers.

Leonard won the 235-pound state title. She was 4-0 with a pin and three decisions. She scored an 8-1 decision against Ciara Rawson of McPherson in the title match. She was 34-2 on the season.

Leonard was the Tri-County Spotlight Girls Wrestler of the Year. She also earned first-team honors.

She signed with Ottawa



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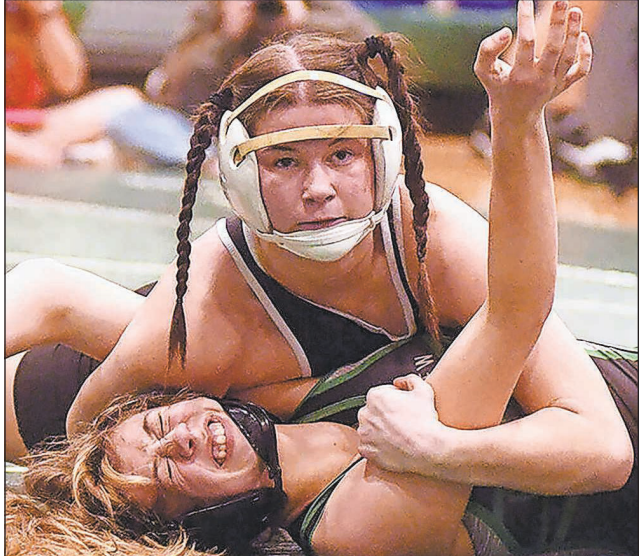
Kena Leonard, the Class 4A state champion for Paola last season, is wrestling at Ottawa University.

University to throw the shot and discus for the track and field team. Leonard also decided to try wrestling at the collegiate level.

Leonard followed in her parents’ footsteps as she walked onto the campus at Ottawa University. Her

parents, Justin and Callie Smail of Paola, are Ottawa University graduates. Justin Smail was a four-year member of the Braves football team, playing tight end.

Leonard was selected to the Tri-County Spotlight Girls Track and Field Team.



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Camryn Mather, a Paola graduate, placed fifth in the state last season. She is wrestling for Ottawa University.

She won the Class 4A state shot put title with a mark of 42 feet, 1.25 inches.

Mather was 4-2 in the state tournament, placing fifth at 140 pounds. Mather had a tough road to win a state medal, losing her first match in the state tournament. She won three

consecutive matches with pins to move into the medal round.

She was a first-team selection on the Tri-County Spotlight Girls Wrestling Team. Mather was 34-7 on the season. Camryn is the daughter of Jared and Jessica Mather.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. Bank, National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust
Plaintiff,
vs.
Kathleen S Adams, et al
Defendants,

(First Published in The Miami County Republic, March 5, 2025) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. MI-2025-PR-000015
LOIS M. STILES, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on February 25, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Last Will and Testament and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Dale W. Stiles and Keith M. Stiles, the Co-Executors of the Estate of Lois M. Stiles, Deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
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Case No.MI-2023-CV-000034
Court No. Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Miami County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Miami

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County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand in the lobby of the Miami County Courthouse, Paola, Kansas, on **March 19, 2025 at the time of 10:00 AM**, the following real estate:
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE SITUATION IN THE COUNTY OF MIAMI, STATE OF KANSAS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS, THENCE SOUTH 0°00'00" WEST 331.02 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89°08'48" EAST 1323.92 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, THENCE SOUTH 0°08'57" WEST 330.58 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH 89°09'55" WEST 1323.05 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, THENCE NORTH 0°00'00" EAST 331.02 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF

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SAID QUARTER SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SUBJECT TO ANY PART THEREOF IN ROADS., Parcel ID No. 0873600000001090. **Commonly known as 28385 Woodland Road, Paola, KS 66071 ("the Property") MS180226**
to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Miami County Sheriff
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COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS - PROBATE DIV.

In the Matter of the Estate of: PHILLIP J. FORSLUND, deceased

Case No. MI-2025-PR-000011
K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Eric T. Forslund, one of the heirs of Phillip J. Forslund, deceased, requesting that descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Miami County, Kansas:
Lot 46, BLACKHAWK ESTATES II, a subdivision in the City of Spring Hill, Miami County, Kansas
and all personal property and other Kansas real estate

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owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before **March 24, 2025, at 1:30 o'clock p.m.** in the city of Paola, Miami County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. This hearing will occur remotely. If you wish to participate in the hearing, please go to Zoom link: **https://app.zconnect.io/r/APZV90**. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Eric T. Forslund
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