Wigginton withdraws from draft

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Iowa State standout guard Lindell Wigginton announced his decision to return to Ames for his sophomore season on Wednesday. 247Sports first reported the news.

Wigginton waited late in the NBA Draft process to remove himself from the pool of draft eligible players, announcing the news hours before the deadline.

The NBA Draft attention reached Wigginton after a solid individual season on a below .500 Iowa State team.

Wigginton has piqued the interest of some draft experts, finding himself at No. 28 in NBADraft.net’s 2019 mock draft, and No. 32 in ESPN’s first 2019 mock draft. It’s safe to say the Cyclone guard has a lot to gain in the upcoming season.

Wigginton averaged a team-high 16.9 points per game and tied for first on the team with 55 turnovers. Wigginton turned the ball over 92 times in his freshman season. (to compare, Nick Weiler-Babb was second on the team with 55 turnovers).

At the charity stripe, Wigginton hit 66 percent of his free throws.

With Wigginton’s return, the sophomore-to-be will be expected to shoulder a good chunk of the offensive scoring again.

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Artwalk showcases local artists

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The Ames ArtWalk is a showcase of downtown businesses and local artists. Over 60 artists, ranging from painters, jewelry makers, sculptors and musicians and more, come together to place creativity at the front of the Ames community.

The Ames ArtWalk celebrated its 24th year on Main Street with new and returning artists on Friday.

"The ArtWalk is a great community event," said Maggie Wynja, owner of American Country Home on Main Street. "We can discover a lot of artists that are local and all of one kind."

Wynja featured three artists in her store this year, one of those being Susan Hafermann. Hafermann is a weaver and has been weaving for over 20 years. She likes to collect scraps from antique stores and relates to make unique purses and scarves.

Anahy Corujo is an international student from Puerto Rico studying graphic design at Iowa State. When she was younger, she enjoyed making clothes and doing photoshoots with her friends. She started her own clothes line, ARD, and looks forward to events like the ArtWalk, to show her pieces.

"My clothes are my passion," Corujo said. She continues to discover her style while representing her home. "I want to bring color back to my country while also putting myself in my pieces."

The Ames ArtWalk is important for many artists, but is also important to the city of Ames. The Ames Community Arts Council is focused on bringing attention to the bike racks on Main Street.

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‘BLIND. IT’S WHAT I AM.'

Stargardt disease does not slow Leland Smith

Leland Smith’s peripheral vision isn’t affected by Stargardt disease, which is why he runs close to the wall.

Watch him hang at the opening of the track, listening to determine how busy it is.

Then, watch him gently place his white cane on the floor, seconds before taking his first step onto the track.

Smith is blind.

Smith, junior in bioinformatics and computational biology, has Stargardt disease, which is why he runs close to the wall.

"I have Stargardt disease, it’s an old person eye condition at a young age."

Stargardt disease is a juvenile form of macular degeneration caused by a reduction of photoreceptor cells in the middle of the retina. It’s estimated that one in 8,000 to 10,000 people have the condition.

Smith was born sighted, but began losing his vision at age six. He was then sent to Dr. Edwin Stone at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Smith said Stargardt disease is a juvenile form of macular degeneration.

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On any given weekday, take a look at Leland Smith as he runs at State Gym.

His shaggy, dirty blonde hair bounces with each long stride. His fists swing consistently between his hips and chest.

His breathing is controlled, inhaling and exhaling every few steps.

He is displaying proper track etiquette, running along the inside of the track, right up next to the wall.

But look a little closer, before he steps onto the track.

Watch how he climbs the stairs up to the second level of State Gym with ease.

Watch him stand at the opening of the track, listening to determine how busy it is.

Then, watch him gently place his white cane on the floor, seconds before taking his first step onto the track.

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**WEATHER AT-A-GLANCE**

Monday, June 4, 6 p.m.,
Photography: The Art of Seeing, Reiman University Blvd

Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.,
APR June Poetry Slam, DG’s Tap House, 127 Main St

Wednesday, June 6, 3 p.m.,
North Grand Farmers’ Market, North Grand Mall, 2100 Grand Ave, JC Penney’s Parking Lot

Thursday, June 7, 6 p.m.,
Symposium on Science Communication, Memorial Union- Campanile Room

Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m.,
Ames Municipal Band Concert - The Green Oaks Band with Regge Greenlaw, Durham Bandshell, 6th St and Duff Avenue

Friday, June 8, 8 a.m.,
Niz Mitrou-Long Basketball Camp, All Iowa Attack Fieldhouse, 1010 Dickinson Ave

Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m.,
Free Yoga in the Park at Ames Bandshell, Durham Bandshell, 6th St and Duff Avenue

Saturday, June 9, 4 p.m.,
Saturday Night Lights Football Camp, Bergstrom Football Complex

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PRIMARY ELECTIONS

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Primary elections for the 2018 mid-terms will be held on Tuesday. Elections will determine the candidates for governor, the US House of Representatives, the Iowa Secretary of State and the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture.

How to Vote
Tuesday’s election will be the first one in which Secretary of State Paul Pate’s “voter integrity” bill will be in effect. The bill, House File 516, was officially signed into law by Gov. Branstad shortly before he left his position in 2017.

Voters will now be required to present either their Iowa driver’s license, their Iowa non-operator identification or their voter identification card at the polls. If a person’s current address does not match the address on their driver’s license, they will be required to present a residential lease, property tax statement, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document dated within forty-five days prior to election day.

If any person sees or suspects illegal activity at the polls, they are encouraged to fill out the Voter Hotline Form online or call 1-888-SOS-VOTE.

Where to Vote
Voting locations are assigned by precinct. There are 20 precincts in Ames and an additional 23 throughout Story County.

A voter’s assigned precinct will be displayed on their voter identification card. The Secretary of State’s website also has a tool to help voters find their precinct and polling locations.

Who’s on the Ballot
For Governor
On the Republican primary ballot, Gov. Kim Reynolds is unopposed.

There are six contenders on the democratic ballot. Sen. Nate Boulton’s name does appear on the ballot, however. Boulton withdrew from the race on May 24, following allegations of sexual misconduct.

The five remaining contenders on the ballot are Fred Hubbell, Cathy Glasson, John Norris, Andy McGuire and Ross Wilburn.

The candidates participated in a series of three debates on May 13, May 16 and May 30. Fred Hubbell is a longtime businessman and advocate in the Des Moines community. In the past, he has served as chairman of the Iowa Power Fund, interim director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development, chairman of Youngkers, president of the insurance company Equitable of Iowa and on the board of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

Hubbell’s platform focuses on education, healthcare, the environment and workers’ rights.

Cathy Glasson is a union leader and advocate in the Des Moines community. In the past, she has served as director of the Iowa Utilities Board and chief of staff at the United States Department of Agriculture.

Andy McGuire is politically most well known as former chair of the Iowa Democratic Party, the Iowa Farm Unity Coalition, the Iowa Democratic Party chair, Chair of the Iowa Utilities Board and Chief of Staff to former Governor Terry Branstad.

McGuire has run a campaign focused on three key issues: raising Iowa’s minimum wage to $15 per hour and increasing Iowa workers’ access to unions.

John Norris has served as the state director of the Iowa Farm Unity Coalition, the Iowa Democratic Party chair, Gov. Vilsack’s chief of staff, chair of the Iowa Utilities Board, chair of staff at the United States Department of Agriculture and a commissioner on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and as the United States representative to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and World Food Program.

Norris has emphasized inclusivity in his campaign and focuses on what he calls basic Iowa values: love of the land, a sense of community and public education as an opportunity equalizer.

There are also two libertarians, Marco Battaglia of Des Moines and Jake Porter of Council Bluffs, running for governor. They held one debate in November of 2017.

Porter, former Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Iowa, runs a campaign focused on three key issues: mass incarceration, corporate welfare and fiscal irresponsibility. Within his first 100 days, Porter promises to restore felons’ voting rights, form a committee to examine and eventually commute sentences for “any and all prisoners held only for victimless crimes such as marijuana possession,” begin forming a plan to phase out Iowa sales tax and work with the legislature on an updated, comprehensive, medical cannabis bill.

Battaglia, a radio journalist and active member of the state and national libertarian parties, runs a campaign focused on medical, agricultural and economic freedom. He sees these freedoms manifesting through the legalization of medical cannabis and hemp farming and a complete phase out of the state income tax. Battaglia’s campaign also puts a strong emphasis on the importance of mental health.

For U.S. House of Representatives Fourth District
Incumbent Rep. Steve King will face Dr. Cyndi Hanson of Sioux City on the republican side of the primary.

King, a Storm Lake native, has represented Iowa in Congress since 2002. He currently serves on the judiciary, agriculture and small business committees.

King has made waves in recent years as a proponent of immigration reform and as a pro-life advocate.

Hanson has run a campaign focused on what being an Iowan means. She has...
emphasized the importance of agriculture and fiscal responsibility as being necessary to Iowa's success. She also believes it is "time to bring an end to career politicians."

Hanson states on her website, "Our current representative has forgotten who he represents."

There are three contenders on the democratic ballot: J.D. Scholten of Sioux City, John Paschen of Ames and Leann Jacobsen of Spencer. All three candidates participated in a public forum held at Iowa State earlier this year.

Scholten, a former professional baseball player, lists three goals on his campaign website: create new opportunities for Iowa's middle class, ensure access to healthcare for all Iowans and put Iowa values back at the center of public service.

John Paschen has served as president of the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council and is currently the chairman of the Story County Board of Health. Paschen's campaign focuses on setting partisan politics aside to unite Iowans, as well as improving healthcare.

Jacobsen founded both Capitol Gains, an advocacy firm focused on business, economic development, arts and culture, and child welfare and Iowa Women in Public Policy, an organization that encourages women to engage in public office. Jacobsen's campaign emphasizes improving education, fighting for healthcare, saving natural resources and bettering the economy by helping small businesses and the middle class.

For Iowa Secretary of State

Paul Pate, R-Des Moines, is currently serving his second term as Iowa's Secretary of State. He is unopposed in the republican primary.

Competing in the democratic primary are Jim Mowrer and Deidre DeJear, both of Des Moines.

Mowrer, an Iraq war veteran and former leader of the Pentagon's Army Office of Business Transformation, aims to keep Iowa's electoral system open, free, fair and secure.

On his website, Mowrer states, "We need a secretary of state who will put Iowans' voting rights ahead of party politics."

DeJear has found three organizations in central Iowa: Calico Enterprises, which provides entrepreneurs with marketing tools and business strategies; the Financial Capability Network, which provides low to middle income Iowans with financial management tools and skills; and Back 2 School Iowa, which connects corporations and communities to encourage youth to stay in school and think about their futures.

DeJear's platform also alludes to new voter identification regulations. "As Secretary of State, DeJear will ensure our voter process is secure, accessible and fair for ALL Iowans — meaning rural and urban, young and young-at-heart, those with disabilities, people with money and people without."

For Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

Incumbent Mike Naig of Des Moines faces four challengers on the republican primary ballot for Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture.

Naig was appointed to the position in March when his predecessor, Bill Northey, was selected to serve as USDA Undersecretary. Prior to his appointment, Naig served as Northey's deputy secretary.

His opponents in the republican primary are Ray Gaesser of Corning, Chad Ingels of Randalia, Craig Lang of Brooklyn and Sen. Dan Zumbach of Ryan.

Gaesser, originally from Indiana, has served as President of the Iowa Soybean Association and Chairman and President of the American Soybean Association. He runs a four point platform of maintaining stewardship while increasing profitability, open doors of trade, "long term policies and innovative practices," and ensuring food safety without infringing on farmers' rights.

Ingels is a fourth generation hog farmer from Fayette County who has also worked with ISU Extension and Outreach to improve water quality around the state. He has also served on the Iowa Environmental Farm Bureau Water Advisory Committee, the West Central School Board, as the district director for the Iowa Association of School Boards, and on the parent advisory committee for the National Commission for Social, Emotional and Academic Development. The focus of Ingels's goals as Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture would be working with Iowa farmers to ensure water quality.

Lang, a fifth generation farmer, has served as president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and of the Iowa Board of Regents. On his campaign website, alongside aspirations to bring together the public and private sector, rural and urban Iowans and business and farm interests, Lang lists three clear goals: cleaner water, healthier soils and a stronger rural economy.

Sen. Zumbach currently represents Iowa's 48th district at the statehouse. He chairs the agriculture committee and serves on appropriations, commerce, legislative council and transportation committees.

Democratic Tim Gannon of Des Moines is unopposed in his party's primary.

Uncounted Primaries

Primaries are also being held for the Iowa Senate and the Iowa House of Representatives and several additional state offices. However, none of the races in Ames districts will depend on primary outcomes. Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, currently represents Senate District 23 and is running unchallenged in the primary. He will face libertarian Eric Cooper in November. There is no republican nominee for this office.

Incumbent Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, D-Ames, who represents House District 45, is also unopposed in the primary. In the general election, she will face Ben Brown, R-Ames.

Rep. Lisa Evans, D-Ames, is the incumbent for House District 46 and will run unopposed in both the primary and general elections.

State Auditor Mary Masco, R-Ames, is the unopposed incumbent in her primary. She will face Rob Sand, D-Des Moines, in the general election.

Both incumbents, State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald, D-Waukee, and Attorney General Tom Miller, D-Des Moines, are running unopposed in both the primary and the general election.
The “Big Four” in sports refers to the four largest American sports leagues. These are the MLB, the NBA, the NFL, and the NHL. A Big Four sports team is an incredibly coveted prize for any city. Unfortunately, Iowa will not be getting one any time soon.

Iowa is no stranger to success in sports. Take football for example: the University of Iowa has had sustained success and Iowa State’s incredible 2017 season, which ended in a Liberty Bowl win over the University of Memphis, won coach Matt Campbell the Big 12 Coach of the Year award.

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Iowa is home to both minor league teams and teams in independent leagues, like the Iowa Cubs in baseball and the Iowa Barnstormers in indoor football. However, we must drive over to Minneapolis, Chicago, Kansas City, Mo. or St. Louis (depending on your location) for the nearest major league sporting event.

Many Iowans would be thrilled to have a Big Four team in the state. There is no doubt that plenty of Iowans would attend games. Iowa State and the University of Iowa finished in the top 30 nationwide for average fan attendance in the 2017 football season, according to the NCAA 2017 Attendance Survey.

Unfortunately, hosting a dominant sports team is about more than solely fan attendance. A healthy financial demographic and large market size is also essential to supporting a team in the big leagues.

Des Moines is the largest city in Iowa, boasting a population of just over 200,000. The only city hosting a Big Four team with a population less than Des Moines is Green Bay, Wis., home of the NFL’s Green Bay Packers. The Packers, though, are one of the NFL’s original teams and has had the same name and location since it was founded. History is on its side, and it can also count on both financial and fan support from nearby Milwaukee.

However, while fan support is certainly present in Des Moines, the finances, TV and corporate ticket incentives are not. If Green Bay never had the Packers and tried to lobby for a Big Four team, they would have no chance. A corporate sponsorship base is also vital. Des Moines can claim Wells Fargo and Principal as significant presences, but the level of support needed is simply not present. While it could be argued that a Des Moines area team would also draw in support from the large Omaha, Neb.-Council Bluffs, Iowa area, it is too far for their businesses to support as a regional entity.

Thus, Des Moines’s market is too small to sustain a large franchise. It is also important to note that there are a plethora of other cities that franchises may look into first before thinking about Des Moines. Austin, Texas; Louisville, Ky.; Birmingham, Ala.; or Omaha itself are all more attractive destinations than Des Moines.

The relative size of those cities, as well as the surrounding teams in Minneapolis, Chicago, Kansas City, Mo. and St. Louis, further lower the chances of Iowa getting a big team.

We do not have a shortage of sports talent — quite the contrary, in fact. Former Cyclone basketball coach Fred Hoiberg proudly represents Iowa in the NBA as the head coach of the Chicago Bulls. Iowa also brings a lot of talent for our competitive college sports teams as well as the state’s minor league and independent league teams.

Some of these minor league and independent league players have gone on to be stars for their respective major league franchises. A prime example is former Iowa Barnstormers quarterback Kurt Warner, who went on to win a Super Bowl with the St. Louis Rams.

The “Big Four” in sports are all quite well-established, after all. Fans have settled for a team and support is stable. As much as I’d get a kick out of hearing Iowa State football players celebrate their 21-20 win over Memphis by ringing the Liberty Bell trophy after the 59th Annual AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee on Dec. 30, 2017.

The “Big Four” in sports are all quite well-established, after all. Fans have settled for a team and support is stable. As much as I’d get a kick out of hearing Iowa State is home to many high-caliber athletes who always showcase their passion and talent in every game, match, race and bout. While we may not be able to share our love of a Big Four team in Iowa, we can all take part in our school pride by shouting “Go Cyclones!” from the stands and sidelines.

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Artificial intelligence will revolutionize the world. Many have heard of terms related to it like machine learning, neural networks and data mining. Besides the computer scientists and engineers that are developing these technologies, though, very few completely understand what they are.

This new technology will have a tremendous impact on the lives of all people in the future. It is, therefore, vital for people to understand how they will be affected.

Google recently held its annual Google I/O developer conference near its headquarters in sunny Mountain View, Calif. While the company showed off innovations on its already existing products like the new Android P version of its popular smartphone operating system and improved walking directions for Google Maps, the showstopper was something we had never seen before: a new service called Google Duplex.

Duplex is an artificial intelligence system which calls restaurants, hair salons, mechanics and other businesses to book reservations for you without you interacting with anyone at the business.

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An interesting facet of Duplex is its insertion of speech disfluencies like “hmm” and “um” into parts of the conversation when it is trying to come up with the best response, something that makes the conversation more natural. As with all new technologies, the pros and cons of Duplex must be carefully considered.

On one hand, it is disconcerting to think that in the very near future you could receive a phone call and not know if you were talking to a robot or a human. Additionally, Duplex could be employed to handle unpleasant or awkward conversations that its owners should handle personally.

However, the amount of time that Duplex can save its users is not insignificant. It can also allow reservations to be made at smaller businesses that don’t have a website or app. Duplex also has potential to benefit businesses as well. For example, it can be deployed to take calls while the business is closed. Reservations and orders can be placed and ready for the business owner to peruse in the morning.

The rise of Google’s new system only serves to illustrate how quickly artificial intelligence is advancing. Systems are quickly reaching the point where audio and video can be convincingly faked, bringing a whole new meaning to fake news and raising even more questions about what can be believed on the internet.

Cambridge Analytica used Facebook and machine learning to improve its voter targeting in the 2016 election. Microsoft is applying artificial intelligence to health care with its Healthcare NEST initiative to try and find treatments to diseases like cancer.

Artificial intelligence is coming and we need to have a comprehensive understanding of how it will affect us in the future. Whether it is used for good or evil is largely up to us. As with all new technologies, we have a chance to influence this exciting new advancement. We can only do that, though, if we are fully informed.
The NCAA’s early-entry deadline has passed, with collegiate players having made their decisions on whether to stay for another season of college or take their chances in the NBA Draft. The Big 12 landscape shifted a lot with the decisions that players in the conference have made over the past two months, let’s look at how teams were impacted by the draft process.

Baylor: No non-senior athletes in the NBA Draft process.

Iowa State: Lindell Wigginton announced he’ll return to Ames for a sophomore season on May 30.

Kansas: Lagerald Vick declared for the NBA Draft in April. Vick was the fifth-highest scorer for the Jayhawks, averaging 12.3 points per game. Against the Cyclones, Vick scored eight points in the first meeting and 16 points in the second matchup. Vick is projected to go undrafted.

Malik Newman hired an NBA agent in April, solidifying himself in the NBA Draft pool. Newman was the third-highest scorer last season for Kansas, averaging 14.2 points per game. Against Iowa State, Newman scored 27 points and eight rebounds in January. In February, Newman dropped 17 points and six rebounds. Newman is projected to be the 44th pick in the draft by The Ringer.

Billy Preston failed to appear in any games for the Jayhawks, but Preston spent time playing in Bosnia this season. Preston is ranked No. 73 in Sports Illustrated’s top 100 prospects. Kansas center Udoka Azubuike removed himself from the NBA Draft before the deadline. Azubuike averaged 13 points and seven rebounds last season. Azubuike scored nine points and six rebounds against Iowa State in January. He bounced back in the second meeting, scoring 19 points and three rebounds.

Kansas State: Barry Brown decided to return for a senior season. Brown was the second-leading scorer for the Wildcats, contributing 15.9 points per game. Against the Cyclones, Brown exploded for 21 points in December. In February, Brown scored 20 points to help complete the season sweep of Iowa State.

Oklahoma: Trae Young declared for the NBA Draft after completing one of the top freshman seasons last year. Young averaged 27.4 points per game for the Sooners. Young tallied a double-double in Oklahoma’s first game with Iowa State, scoring 22 points and dishing 11 assists. Young scored 15 points at home against the Cyclones. Young is expected to be a lottery pick.

Oklahoma State: No non-seniors expected to be drafted.

TCU: No non-seniors in the NBA Draft process.

Texas: Mo Bamba declared for the NBA Draft after his lone collegiate season. Bamba averaged 12.9 points per game and 10.5 rebounds per game. Bamba contributed a double-double in his first game against Iowa State, scoring 10 points with 16 rebounds. In the second meeting, Bamba added another double-double with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

West Virginia: Sagaba Konate also returned to West Virginia.

Bamba sat out for the Big 12 Tournament game against Iowa State. Bamba is projected to be a top-10 pick in the draft.

Eric Davis Jr. declared for the NBA Draft as well.

Kerwin Roach will return to Austin for his senior season. Roach averaged 12.3 points per game last season. Against Iowa State, Roach had four points in the first game. In the second meeting, Roach went off for 22 points. In the Big 12 Tournament, Roach contributed nine points, seven assists and six boards against the Cyclones.

Texas Tech: Zhaire Smith declared for the NBA Draft after his freshman season. Smith averaged 11.3 points and 5.0 rebounds a game. Against Iowa State, Smith had 10 points and two rebounds in the Red Raider’s loss to the Cyclones. In the second meeting, Smith put 21 points on the scoreboard with eight rebounds. Zhaire Smith is expected to be a first round pick, with The Ringer projecting him to go 18th.

West Virginia: Esa Ahmad decided to return to the Mountaineers for a senior season. Ahmad averaged 10.2 points per game and 5.5 rebounds per game. Against Iowa State, Ahmad had 17 points and eight rebounds in Ames. In Morgantown, Ahmad contributed 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Sagha Konatte also returned to West Virginia.

Konatte averaged 10.8 points per game and totalled 116 blocks last season. Against Iowa State, Konatte scored 17 points and grabbed six rebounds. In the second meeting, Konatte had 14 points and nine rebounds.

The Iowa State women’s soccer team released its 2018 schedule on Wednesday, and head coach Tony Minatta’s squad will once again face a tough schedule. Iowa State finished last season with a 3-12-3 record, but the season was tainted by countless injuries to key contributors.

The Cyclones have many key contributors returning, including junior attacking midfielder Hannah Cade and senior winger Brooke Tasker. Opening the season with home games against South Dakota State and Missouri (on Aug. 17 and Aug. 19, respectively), the Cyclones then go on the road to play four straight road games against Northwestern, Purdue, Denver and Colorado (the latter two teams were NCAA Tournament qualifiers in 2017). The Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk game against Iowa will take place on Sept. 7 in Ames.

The Cyclones’ first conference game is on Sept. 21, when Iowa State will play at TCU. Iowa State faces four home games and five road games in conference play, ending the season with a home game against Kansas State on Oct. 25. Minatta said in a press release that the Cyclones “gained valuable experience from last year and will be able to draw from that this season.”

“We are looking forward to another challenging non-conference schedule,” Minatta said.
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Stone at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Smith said Stone saw a yellowing of the retina, and then recognized it as being a sign of Stargardt’s.

Smith isn’t totally blind, though. He said his peripheral vision isn’t affected, which allows him to see things to either side but not straight on, which is why he runs so close to the wall.

“You just have to be aware of your surroundings,” Smith said.

He doesn’t usually run outdoors, because the environment is variable. Potholes, cracks, branches and curbs are a lot to memorize, he said.

Additionally, Smith longboards, kayaks, rollerblades and plays video games.

“I honestly do a lot of things,” he said. “One of the things that drives me crazy is when people say that they couldn’t handle being blind.

“What would you do if you went blind right now? Sit around your house and do nothing? It’s human nature to adapt.”

When running, Smith focuses on using his sense of hearing.

“People always make sounds,” he said. “You can hear the openings in the gym.”

And while Smith doesn’t run with his cane — because he’s “not about that life” — he uses it for just about everything else that requires navigation.

Smith chose to use a cane four years ago — the summer after graduating high school. He signed himself up what he called “blind training” at the Iowa Department of the Blind, knowing that it would save him stress in the long run.

He decided that he would spend the sum-

Before Leland Smith began using his white cane, he would slide his feet when approaching stairs, tentatively getting to the first step. Now, his cane finds the stairs first, so he doesn’t have to slow down and shuffle his feet anymore.

I know how to make situations fun,” Smith said. “I realized a long time ago, [being shy] is a hindrance on me. How else am I going to share my experience? I don’t pay to be shy.”

Sometimes though, Smith experiences the stigma attached with being blind, like when he’s standing at a crosswalk, listening for traffic.

“They’ll automatically go for the extreme and think I’m totally blind. They try to be over-helpful and will drag me across the street,” Smith said.

Or people will talk loudly when trying to get his attention.

“They see the cane and think I can’t hear either,” Smith said.

Smith said that one of the hardest things about being blind is not the blindness itself, but other people’s perceptions of what it is like to be blind.

He said people will often see the disability, but not the person.

“I’m blind, but I’m still a student, a gamer, a gym rat… all of those other identities on top of being blind,” Smith said.

And he doesn’t consider being blind to be a disability, but rather a trait.

“Eventually you stop seeing [it] as a disability. It just becomes part of your life. So to go up and say, ‘I’m so sorry you’re blind’ or ‘I’m so sorry you have a disability, that’s really insulting,” Smith said. “That’s like saying ‘I’m sorry that you’re tall.’”

But he wouldn’t have it any other way.

“Being Leland involves being blind,” he said. “They kind of go hand in hand. You take away the blindness, and you take away a lot of what makes me pretty awesome.”

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Leland Smith has Stargardt disease, which is a juvenile form of macular degeneration. Smith’s peripheral vision isn’t affected, but he can’t see things straight ahead.

“Each collage has a story to tell,” said Brown. “My intent is to create bright spots of color and humor.”

Brown placed his work in his wife’s yoga studio and caught the public’s interest. Events like the ArtWalk help Brown’s art grow and reach new audiences.

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The commission is committed to “the creation of a visual and aesthetic environment that integrates art into the lives of Ames citizens,” said commission representative Claire Kneusel.

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“It is summertime in Ames and [the Arts Council] wants to represent bikers in the city of Ames,” said Jenni Brockpahler, a representative for the Arts Council.

Throughout the night, community members could decorate four bikes that would be showcased around Main Street. These bikes were also to represent Ames as it is a stop for RAGBRAI for 2018.

In Ensinger Footwear, David Brown showcased his new hobby. Brown has been involved with digital illustration for over 30 years, but picked up digital collages a few months ago.

“Each collage has a story to tell,” said Brown. “My intent is to create bright spots of color and humor.”

Brown placed his work in his wife’s yoga studio and caught the public’s interest. Events like the ArtWalk help Brown’s art grow and reach new audiences.

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HKOI 91.1 FM radio station was at the event promoting local musicians. Inside the radio station, community members could add to the mural wall, a yearly tradition for KOHI.

“We encourage people to come in and add to [the mural],” said Gale Seiler, a volunteer for KOHI. “It is interesting to see how the mural will take shape every year.”

You can find the mural at the Fourth of July parade downtown, as well as the sculptures by the Ames Public Art Commission. All artists from the ArtWalk can be found on their website.
There’s ‘moore’ to north Ames than the mall and several neighborhoods— that is, if you’re willing to look for it.

Tucked away in a neighborhood off of Northridge Parkway, Moore Memorial Park is home to 1.5 miles of paved trails, 16 acres of prairie grass and a 1.3 acre pond.

The park was named for Fern and Bertha Moore, who owned and operated a dairy farm northwest of Ames, according to the Ames Historical Society. Bertha Moore came to the U.S. from the Netherlands in 1914 and became a nurse. Fern Moore graduated from Iowa State in 1925, and was part of a national champion dairy judging team.

The Moores donated a 90 acre tract of land to the city for the park in 1987, and plans for the park were drawn up in 1988.

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Want to visit Moore Memorial Park?
Here’s what’s available and what you need to know before you go:

- Basketball courts
- Covered shelters
- Nature area
- Paved bike path
- Walking path
- Playground
- Handicap accessible

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