The United States Department of Agriculture is making $12 billion worth of taxpayer money available to farmers in the wake of the recent trade war. Opinion columnist Zachary Mass says that farmers want work, not an aid package.

City of Ames officials said there were a few problems associated with RAGBRAI as more than 20,000 cyclists and their support staff entered, and exited, Ames on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"It went better than we had expected," said Susan Gwiasda, public relations officer for the City of Ames. "All of the months of planning and identifying challenges paid off with a very safe, very smooth day." Gwiasda explained there was some minor irritation about delays, but those were to be expected.

"We expected there to be more confusion with the closed streets," Gwiasda said. "We thought there would be more issues with people being irritated about delays, but people seemed to be very aware of what had happened."

While most things went well, there were some issues throughout the day regarding the confusion of RAGBRAI participants. Where people could dump liquids from their RV or where people could access water were two questions Gwiasda said were common.

People also needed help traversing Ames. Whether it was finding food, hardware stores or convenience stores, volunteers with maps were readily available to assist those who needed it.

According to Julie Weeks of the Conventions and Visitors Bureau (CVB), there were 1,100 volunteer shifts. One shift constituted two-to-three hours of work, and many people did more than one shift. These volunteers helped with directing traffic, providing medical assistance, giving directions and more.

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Hiking
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Monte Q&A
Monte Morris walked in the shoes of many former Cyclone basketball stars before him as he watched YMCA Capital City league action. The Daily spoke to Morris during his Cap City visit, discussing his new contract and his feelings on the new Cyclones.

Recruiting roundup 7/22-7/29
It’s been a big week for Iowa State football and men’s basketball on the recruiting trail.

2019 wing player Marcedus Leech commits to Cyclones over Kansas and others
Steve Prohm and the Cyclones got their first class of 2019 commits on Wednesday with small forward Marcedus Leech. Travis Hines of the Ames Tribune first reported the news on Twitter.

Leech’s commitment had been in rumblings for months. Leech had suffered a broken leg in August of 2017, but according to Hines he expects to be able to play by October. Before his injury, Leech was regarded as a five-star recruit.

The Jonesboro, Arkansas student is a three-star player, according to his 247Sports Composite rating. Leech is ranked as the No. 3 Missouri recruit, the No. 53 small forward and the No. 218 best overall player by 247Sports.

Leech’s offer list featured Kansas, LSU, Missouri and a handful of other Power Five conference teams. Leech is listed at 6-foot-5, 170-pounds.

2020 in-state linebacker picks Iowa State
Iowa State’s football team received its second commitment for the 2020 class on Wednesday evening.

Linebacker Cole Pedersen announced his commitment to the Cyclones on Twitter, saying that Iowa State was "the college of my dreams."

Pedersen is from Central Decatur High School in Leon, Iowa, and has played receiver and safety for the school. However, 247Sports.com’s Allen Halil reported that Pedersen will play linebacker for the Cyclones.

Pedersen joins Minnesota quarterback prospect Aidan Bouman as the only other 2020 commit for Iowa State’s recruiting class is now ranked No. 24 in the country, according to 247Sports.

Aid package to offset tariffs
Farmers across the United States will receive an aid package of up to $12 billion to help with the falling prices of crops globally.

President Donald Trump announced this plan on July 24, which will provide relief from his increasing tariffs on overseas trade.

In a speech at a Veterans War convention in Kansas City, Mo., Trump said farmers will be the biggest beneficiaries of the markets that will be opened by the tariffs he is imposing on foreign countries.

These tariffs, or taxes on imported goods, are Trump’s reaction to the $505.5 billion amount of imports the United States accepted from China, compared to the $129.9 billion that China accepted from the United States according to data collected by the Census Bureau.

As of July 20, $34 billion worth of Chinese products have been tarifed, but Trump stated in an interview with CNBC’s Joe Kernen that he is willing to raise those tariffs to $500 billion, which would essentially match the trade from the United States to China. In retaliation, China has matched the tariffs on goods coming from the United States.

“The president has heard from the agriculture workers that his tariffs are hurting them,” said Chad Hart, Iowa State associate professor of agricultural and natural resource economics. “It relates to the relief package. “This shows that he recognizes that, and is providing money offset the low crop income.”

In the short term, farmers know they will be getting help from the government to cover significant losses during the fall harvest season. Hart said this is a mixed bag, however, as farmers would have preferred a long term solution of new trade deals with other countries which improve their profits.

The Farm Bureau Federation President Craig Hill also said in a statement on the Farm Bureau website, “the bottom line is that farmers prefer trade over aid.”

He continued, saying as costs to run farms are a global demand for Iowa crops grow,
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Sudoku by the Mepham Group

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### New Catt director chosen

**Kedrowski set to lead Catt Center January 1, 2019**

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Karen Kedrowski has been named as the next director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women in Politics starting January 1, 2019.

"I saw the announcement and looked at the description out of curiosity," Kedrowski said about the position when it opened. "As I kept reading about the job I realized it was perfect for me."

Kedrowski has a doctorate and master of arts in political science from the University of Oklahoma as well as a bachelor of arts in political science, French and history from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

She currently teaches political science at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She is also the Executive Director of the Center for Civic Learning and the co-director of the John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy.

Kedrowski said she has gained extensive experience with the courses and programs at Winthrop which will help her at the Catt Center. These include teaching a course about women in politics, hosting a breast cancer symposium, fundraising for different causes, writing and grants.

Outside of teaching at Winthrop, Kedrowski has been crucial in growing the political climate on campus. She coordinated campus visits of presidential candidates during their campaigns and was also able to designate Winthrop as a voter friendly campus and obtain an award for the All In Campus Democracy Challenge.

When an institution obtains the voter friendly designation, it is put in a group of up to 150 other institutions nationwide. This group then shares resources and ideas to increase student voter turnout and ways the campus can help students become more informed during voting seasons.

The All In Campus Democracy Challenge tracks student voter turnout at universities across the country and gives awards based on the amount of students that vote and the members who help lead on campus voting. Kedrowski says Iowa State would have won an award in 2016 because of the high voter turnout in that year.

"The Catt Center has a lot of very good programs that I don't intend to take apart, but the voter friendly designation and the All In Campus Democracy Challenge are two things I want to introduce to Iowa State," Kedrowski said.

As for other parts of her job at Iowa State, Kedrowski said she is excited to work with the Catt Center, not only because it has a good tradition of political involvement but also because it is one of the most highly targeted states in large political races.

She says these reasons make Iowa a great place for the political science field, especially in the upcoming years. 2020 is the centennial anniversary of the 19th amendment, which made it illegal to deny a voter based on sex. The American Association of University Women already has plans for the celebration, which includes recognizing different suffrage related sites and events around Iowa, bringing public speakers to the state to speak about the women's suffrage movement, and other celebrations like taking part in the Iowa State Fair parades and having art pieces created to commemorate suffrage.

The Catt Center has 17 scholarships listed on their website, and Kedrowski said she hopes to continue these while also continuing the tradition of political involvement within the Catt Center. With things like the centennial anniversary and the next presidential election in 2020, she said she wants to take these opportunities to strengthen women's voices in politics.

Kedrowski also said that meeting with other people interested in similar issues is important. She would like to work with other political entities in the state of Iowa, mentioning programs like 50-50 in 2020, to further strengthen women's voices in politics, especially in Iowa.

As for the job at Iowa State, Kedrowski said she will spend about a quarter of her time devoted to political science. She will teach one course every year and will do departmental work, which includes things like sitting in on master's thesis presentations.

Kedrowski also hopes to increase her work in areas like women and gender studies, and she said she would like to make alliances with different campus groups. Above all, she hopes students see her at in classes and at work and get involved with the Catt Center.

"The prospect of leading the Catt Center is exciting," Kedrowski said. "The next few years are huge for women and politics, and I look forward to continuing building this great think tank with women in politics."

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### Rental cap exemptions: passage Tuesday

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The July 31 City Council meeting will include the final passage of rental cap exemptions that have been discussed since May.

The ordinance, if passed Tuesday, would create a new set of criteria for people to receive a Letter of Compliance (LoC), the document needed to rent out a property.

Under the first exception, which is the broader of the two exemptions, the property owner must have owned the property as of Oct. 27, 2017 and the property must be the primary residence of the property owner, or the property owner must have obtained a building, electrical, plumbing or mechanical permit within one year before the date of Oct. 27.

Based on a staff report provided at the July 10 meeting, 52 properties would be able to receive an LoC under the permit section of the exemption. Ward One representative Gloria Betcher said the time period used would allow too many people to get an LoC who never intended to get one.

"Fifty-two eligible properties," Betcher said. "I don't know how many of these 52 properties actually intended to get an LoC. I don't see how 52 potentially new LoCs doesn't undermine the value of the cap."

"People could see this opportunity and seize it," she said.

Ward Three representative David Martin said it would be unlikely for people to go to those lengths to receive an LoC.

"It is use it or lose it," Martin said. "If they don't renew their LoC every year then they won't be able to keep it."

All applications for this exemption must be received by Sept. 1, 2018, and property owners will then be given six months to make the necessary changes to fall in compliance with the LoC. LoCs every year then they won't be able to keep it."

Homeowners may be able to apply for the exemption if they have rental properties surrounding them on three sides or the substantial equivalent of three sides and have been on the market for nine consecutive months.

People who apply for this exemption will be required to provide all declined offers on their house.

These houses must have home inspections similar to the previous exception. The exemptions were proposed to provide financial relief to those who were negatively affected by the rental cap in neighborhoods near campus passed earlier this year. The cap limited the number of properties with an LoC to 25 percent.
In 2008 as experience, Gwiasda said the city was able to improve.

“We made improvements from the 2008 experience,” Gwiasda said. “This year, the University wanted to play a larger role in the route and so the route was reconfigured. In doing so, we also looked for a route that would inconvenience the least amount of people.”

Gwiasda said Mortensen was a great road to use to mitigate the number of people affected, and looking at 2008 as a case study was a good way to make a more “strategic route.”

Other departments, like the Ames Police Department, said RAGBRAI had few issues associated with it.

“[RAGBRAI] was good,” Commander Geoff Huff said of the Ames Police Department. “The average age of a RAGBRAI rider is in their mid 40’s, so you would hope that you wouldn’t have a lot of shenanigans going on in that kind of age group. People were really well behaved, they appreciated all of the work the university, city and CVB put into it.”

While the police can’t track the exact number of arrests that were directly related to RAGBRAI, there were three public intoxication violations Huff said could have been related to RAGBRAI. Two of them happened where the nightly festivities were happening and another arrest was made on Stanton Avenue.

“Two of the arrests happened in the downtown area where everything was happening,” Huff said. “The other one was way out west, but that could have still been related because the bikers were all over the place.”

Huff said there were not problems associated with bike thefts either. However, there was an incident where one bike was returned after being found in a front yard from where it had not been left by the owner and another incident where a bike had been locked to a fence in downtown and was later found around 11:30 p.m.

Standard and allow Iowa products to be sold across the globe. Iowa farmers are the most productive in the world and will always win when they have unrestricted access to markets. I will never stop fighting for Iowa families affected by this trade war.”

By announcing the aid package, Hart said the Trump administration is likely indicating these tariffs, which have been going on for months, will continue through the end of 2018.

“Agriculture is a global market, once you go down the path of trading with the world, you don’t typically back out of it,” Hart said.

On July 25, Trump began talks of a new trade deal with the European Union, which ended the escalation of tariffs in most of Europe. Specifically, it stopped plans the tariffs the United States imposed on European steel and aluminum and the tariffs that the European Union imposed on cars and crops.

Hart said Iowa State will not be noticeably affected by the trade war, but the enrollment of students in the agriculture programs will typically follow the economic trends in agriculture, so there is a potential for a decay in enrollment in the college of agriculture. If there is an effect, he said, it will be small and unnoticeable.

“Because of these tariffs, Hart said he will spend more time teaching his agriculture students about global trade and business practices to prepare them in case situations like this happen again in the future.
**Farmers need work, not a bailout**

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On July 24, United States Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced that the Department of Agriculture would make available $12 billion of taxpayer money to be paid to producers of soybeans, sorghum, corn, wheat, cotton, dairy and hogs. The money will also be used to buy surpluses of those products and develop new markets.

The implementation of these measures to support farmers comes as a result of President Donald Trump’s tariffs on products from several nations, including steel and aluminum from Canada, Mexico, China and the European Union.

These tariffs, in turn, led these nations to retaliate and place their own tariffs on American agricultural goods. Tariffs on agricultural goods saw the American farm economy take a nose dive as the sale prices for these goods plummeted.

Lower prices mean less money for farmers who rely on the sale of corn, soybeans and other grains and livestock for their income. This poses a huge problem for Trump, as farmers and rural Americans were integral to his election victory.

In the key states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, the number of farmers is greater than Trump’s 2016 margin of victory. Together, these three states make up 48 electoral votes, a large number when calculating the 270 votes needed to win the presidency.

Trump’s solution to this problem is to give farmers a $12 billion check to buy their excess goods and make up for the money they would have made if he hadn’t bumbled his way into a trade war.

Frankly, farmers don’t want a bailout. They just want to be able to sell their goods to other countries that will pay good money for them.

For example, Kevin Skunes, the President of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), reaffirmed the organization’s opposition to Trump’s tariffs.

“NCGA’s grower members are confronting their fifth consecutive year of declining farm incomes while facing high levels of uncertainty due to ongoing trade disputes and disruptions in the ethanol markets,” Skunes said in an official statement on the NCGA website on July 24. “Corn farmers prefer to rely on markets, not an aid package, for their livelihoods.”

Additionally, politicians in farm states like Iowa have weighed in. Governor Kim Reynolds was vocal in her opposition to the plan.

“The $12 billion in farm aid announced today will provide a short-term fix, but it’s not a long-term solution,” Reynolds said on the Office of the Governor of Iowa’s website on July 24. “As I’ve said all along, nobody wins in a trade war. We must continue to expand and open markets, protect the Renewable Fuel Standard and allow Iowa products to be sold across the globe. Iowa farmers are the most productive in the world and will always win when they have unrestricted access to markets. I will never stop fighting for Iowa families affected by this trade war.”

We need more voices like Reynolds’ and Skunes’ to push for these changes to happen.

If we really want to help American farmers, we should work to end this trade war and restore the export markets for farmers to send their products to, instead of trying to ignore the problem by spending hard earned American taxpayer money to alleviate the pain.

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**Extracurriculars are more than resume fillers**

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In an era of competitive college admissions and job markets, it has become increasingly important to stand out in the sea of applicants vying for the same spot as you. Some common ways of achieving this are through going on essay-ready vacations for college essays or applying for a job solely to show it off on a resume.

Unfortunately, many people nowadays take on activities, leadership roles and experiences just to have another line on their resume. Instead, we must seek out these experiences to make an impact and develop as individuals.

Ivy League applicants are common victims of this phenomenon. For example, Harvard accepts a mere 5 percent of applicants. The reason that number is so low is because the astronomical standards they have for their selections. For extracurriculars, it is a lot for a student to participate in fully, but they often find that’s not nearly enough to gain entry on the top schools.

When the most competitive students make it into these schools, they realize that the reality there is very different. William Dersieszczewicz, a professor at Yale University, reveals that many of these students find themselves lost at college in an essay titled “Don’t Send Your Kid to the Ivy League.”

“Our system of elite education manufactures young people who are smart and talented and driven, yes, but also anxious, timid, and lost, with high intellectual curiosity and a muted sense of purpose. Great at what they’re doing but with no idea why they’re doing it,” Dersieszczewicz states.

A common misconception is that we live in a culture of meritocracy. The most qualified individuals should be getting into the best schools and taking on the most critical job roles, right?

However, socio-economic factors play a significant role. Undoubtedly, students from higher income families have access to greater application building opportunities. Access to quality schools, tutors, coaches, facilities and even essay-ready service vacations all drastically increase a student’s chances of entry.

To add to the misconception of meritocracy, there is a group that has used Harvard University for patterns of discrimination against Asian-Americans. They claim that Harvard is capping Asian-American admission numbers, penalizing their high achievement as a group and skewing bias toward other ethnic minorities.

Harvard’s tentative defense is that the rejected students scored lower on their ratings of personality traits. While these are intangible factors that can’t be reliably captured in any statistical analysis, it does raise an important point. A resume is not the only thing that matters in an application. Personality development mostly happens outside the classroom and workplace. Extracurricular activities will give you however much you put into them. Rather than a line on the resume, these clubs give you the chance to network, gain leadership experience and make an impact on the community.

Iowa State has over 550 student organizations, so there’s something for everyone. When you invest in these clubs and pursue leadership roles, you can lead the club in better shape than when you joined. That’s more important for an employer to see.

I grew up participating in almost every sport. The one I connected with the most is tennis, which I have been playing avidly for a while now, and I extended my passion past my interest and started coaching younger players looking to get involved with the sport. It is indeed a fantastic feeling to pay it forward and inspire the next generation with whatever your passion is.

I encourage all Cyclones to try a new club at school this year, whether it’s trying out ultimate or joining a book club. It is also possible to start a club to spread your interests and passion around campus. Just make sure you aren’t doing it to put it on the resume.
A moment with Monte
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Monte Morris was walking in the shoes of many former Cyclone basketball stars before he hit the road as YMCA Capital City league action on Sunday, July 22.

Morris was back in town to throw the first pitch at Principal Park for an Iowa Cubs game, and he decided to stick around to check out the next group of Cyclones.

He was awed by fans asking for pictures and autographs in the hallways of Valley High School, and approached by some fans in the stands for the chance to shake his hand. Morris is a celebrity, and as more former Cyclones get chances in the NBA, it becomes crystal clear: when former Cyclones return to central Iowa, it’s an event.

Morris recently received a 3-year, $4.8 million deal with the Denver Nuggets (the first two years of the deal are fully guaranteed). Morris will spend this season competing with veteran guard Isaiah Thomas in the backup point guard positions behind third-year player Jamal Murray.

The Daily spoke to Morris briefly during his Cap City visit, discussing a number of topics from his new contract with the Nuggets to his feelings on the new Cyclones freshmen.

Q: How does it feel to have a new contract?
A: It feels good. The work is far from done, but it’s a start.
Q: What do you think of the new freshmen class?
A: I like ’em. Talking to Talen, you know he’s a big-time recruit coming in, so we got a lot of the freshmen guys having their core like we did that could be around for a long time, unless they’re fortunate to go pro early.

They got a good group, and they’ve already got Lindell and Terrence and Cam and I think the squad is going to be great this year.

The Black Powder shooting and Hoover ball competitions were both take place next weekend, with Hooverball taking place in former President Herbert Hoover’s hometown of West Branch, Iowa.

Iowa Summer Games continue
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The city of Ames continued to be busy with events as the 2018 Iowa Summer Games played out this weekend.

On Saturday, six events took place, all of which took place in Ames. Soccer, baseball, cross country, flag football, figure skating and pickleball all took place across the city, from on-campus sites at Iowa State University to the Hunsicker Youth Sports Complex.

Four events, adult soccer, cross country, figure skating and pickleball all took place across the city, from on-campus sites at Iowa State University to the Hunsicker Youth Sports Complex.

Also taking place this weekend in Ames was the cross country portion of the Des Moines Corporate Games. The Des Moines Corporate Games, a relatively new event, is a series of events that are run similarly to the Iowa Games.

According to dmcorporategames.org, “The Des Moines Corporate Games is a company-based competition, starting June 1 and ending July 31, that enables and supports team work, company pride and corporate wellness through healthy competition. There are 25 events and competitions offered that include both competitive and non-competitive events.”

For some athletes, the Corporate Games offers the same unique experiences as the Iowa Games.

“It helps you network and meet with other people in the community that are in similar industries,” said Des Moines native Brandon Eckhardt.

Like the Iowa Games, the Des Moines Corporate Games is a series of events that promote physical activity: “It’s good because it prioritizes health and awareness of good health practices,” Eckhardt said.

Participating in the Des Moines Corporate Games not only can be beneficial for the athletes participating but also the entire business.

Barquin Arozamena wins European Ladies Amateur
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The accolades keep on coming for former Cyclone golfer Celia Barquin Arozamena.

On Saturday, Barquin Arozamena won the European Ladies Amateur, qualifying for the Ricoh Women’s British Open in the process.

The victory comes just a couple of weeks after the recently graduated Cyclone was named the Iowa State Female Athlete of the Year for the 2017-18 season.

The 2018 Iowa Summer Games continued on Sunday in Ames with the adult soccer, baseball, diving, flag football and volleyball events all taking place on Sunday.

Sunday morning, the diving and volleyball competitions were held on the Iowa State campus, with diving occurring at the Beyer Hall Pool and volleyball at State Gym. The flag football competition was held at Ames Middle School. The baseball competitions at Hunsicker Youth Sports Complex and Brookside Park also concluded on Sunday.

The black powder shooting and Hoover ball competitions will both take place next weekend, with Hooverball taking place in former President Herbert Hoover’s hometown of West Branch, Iowa.
Ames offers recreational spots for summer adventures

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Fall semester classes are only three weeks away, making the next few weeks of summer critical for last minute outdoor adventures. Throughout the summer, members of the Iowa State Daily staff traveled to hiking spots across the surrounding Ames area, highlighting the best regions for outdoor recreation. Before hitting the books, check out these locations for some scenic, summer views.

Ada Hayden Heritage Park
Located at 5205 Grand Ave., Ada Hayden Heritage Park opened in July 2004 and is home to three miles of hard surface paths, two miles of crushed rock paths, a parking lot, two lakes, restrooms and a pedestrian bridge, according to the City of Ames.

Don Williams Park
Named for the Iowan singer, Don Williams Park is located about 26 miles from Ames (about a 33 minute drive) and has hiking trails, a 150-acre lake, campsites and a nine-hole golf course.

McFarland Park
Tucked away about two miles down a dirt road in north Ames, McFarland Park is a 200-acre park that is home to a lake, 5.5 miles of trails and an observatory. The park is open year round and offers different activities, depending on the season, from hiking and biking in the warmer months to ice fishing and cross country skiing in the wintertime.

Moore Memorial Park
There’s ‘Moore’ to north Ames than the North Grand Mall and several neighborhoods – that is, if you 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.

River Valley Park
Hidden away in northeast Ames, River Valley Park is a public park located off of the Skunk River and offers horseshoes pits, sand volleyball and a nature area. The Skunk River attracts various wildlife, and visitors can observe ducks and other birds, deer and tadpoles.

Emma McCarthy Lee Park
Located west of Iowa State’s campus, Emma McCarthy Lee Park, or Lee Park, is home to tennis courts, playgrounds, sand volleyball courts and, of course, hiking trails.

Inis Grove Park
Tucked away off Duff Avenue, Inis Grove Park offers basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts and a large nature area. The park includes hiking trails that wrap around the Skunk River and provide opportunities to see streams and wildlife, such as deer, frogs and insects.

Jester Park
A 35-minute drive from Ames, Jester Park offers nature enthusiasts a variety of outdoor activities to experience on its 1,675 acres of land. Located off of the western shore of Saylorsville Lake, the park attracts much wildlife throughout all seasons and provides many opportunities for camping, fishing and boating. Hikers can explore more than eight miles of trails, including Lakeshore Trail and Hickory Ridge Trail, which leads to a bison-elk herd enclosure.

Ledges State Park
Although Iowa is commonly thought of as flat, hidden away in Madrid, Iowa lies magnificent canyons and bluffs, with sandstone ledges rising nearly 100 feet above creek beds. A 23-minute drive from Ames, Ledges State Park offers outdoor activities such as camping, boating and fishing.

Soper’s Mill
Located in north Ames, Soper’s Mill is a 16-acre historical site on the Skunk River and offers activities including canoeing, kayaking, stream fishing and hiking. While floating on the river is best when the water level is high, there are also river hazards such as log jams and sharp turns.
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Significant flooding at Ledges has forced low-lying trails to be closed.

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A 35-minute drive from Ames, Jester, Lewis A., Park offers nature enthusiasts a variety of outdoor activities to experience on its 1,675 acres of land.

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The Des Moines River is located on the western side of Ledges State Park.

McFarland Park’s 6.5 acre lake is stocked with various species of fish. The park is open year round and offers different activities, depending on the season.