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Every spring and summer for the past 10 years, Shaunna Scarrow has been toting her softball glove and shoes around wherever she goes.

Softball has been a part of who she is since she started playing in Gothenburg when she was 8 years old.

The sport will continue to take up a large chunk of her time when she moves on to college next fall.

Scarrow signed a national letter of intent last week to play softball for the North Platte Community College Knights.

“I really wasn’t sure about playing in college,” Scarrow said. “I didn’t start looking into it until just recently.”

A long time or a little didn’t matter to NPCC coach Jack Daniels, who recruited Scarrow as a pitcher.

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"I've been pitching forever," Scarrow said, "and I play center field."

It's pitching, though, that has forced Scarrow to cart her glove around.

"You have to pretty much practice year-round," she said. "Otherwise you can lose a little of the touch."

Scarrow said she chose NPCC because it's close to home.

"I don't think I'm ready to move very far away," she said, noting laundry and home-cooked meals as a reason to stay close to her parents, Shawn and Lorrie Scarrow of Brady.

Playing for the North Platte Belles since she was 14, Scarrow said she's made many close friends. A couple will be joining her at NPCC.

"I think when I'm a sophomore there will be a lot of Belles on the college team," she said.

Scarrow plans to live in North Platte with a friend and pursue an associate's degree in business.

Then when her game improves, she said she'd like to transfer to the University of Nebraska at Kearney to play for the Lopers and work toward a bachelor's degree in business.

"Someday I want to have my own business," she said.