

## Iowa election officials: 'People want their vote to count'

Election officials face threats about the security of the voting system. In Iowa, few issues have been reported.



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Precinct election official James Amlong eats lunch on the steps of Longfellow Elementary School in Iowa City during Election Day on Nov. 8. Amlong has been working at polling locations in Iowa City for over 10 years. "Exercise your right," Amlong said. "It's the only place in the world you can peacefully vote at."

Liam Halawith  
Politics Reporter

Among a national rise in election denial and death threats toward election officials, Iowa election officials sought to prove to voters that the state's elections are safe and secure.

The falsehoods surrounding election security in 2020 led to a rise in death threats toward poll workers nationally. The FBI investigated 1,000 cases of death threats or violence toward election officials, according to a U.S. Department of

Justice press release.

### Election goes smoothly for Johnson County poll workers

Election officials are seeing a nationwide poll worker shortage. According to Vet the Vote, a non-profit focused on advocating for veterans to become poll workers, 130,000 poll workers stopped working the elections over the last three midterm elections.

Iowa saw a high turnout for this midterm election, with 1,220,000 ballots cast,

according to unofficial numbers from the Iowa Secretary of State's office.

High turnout coupled with trouble finding Republican poll workers meant voters experienced longer lines than expected at Johnson County polling sites on Tuesday. Polling places are required to have a balance of Republican, Democrat, and no-party officials under Iowa code 49.13.

Johnson County precincts typically staff eight paid election workers, but this year they had to reduce the number of poll workers at each site to maintain party balance.

"We got help from the secretary of state and from the Republican Party, but we still did not get the number that we wanted to," Johnson County Deputy Auditor of Elections Bogdana Veltrean said.

To compete with other employers, Johnson County gave its poll workers a \$2 raise this year, increasing their pay to \$16.50, as previously reported by the *The Daily Iowan*. Travis Weipert, the Johnson County auditor, expressed their fears to the *DI* after receiving threats and their

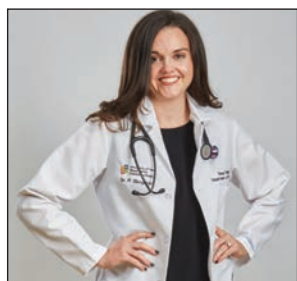
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### IC City Councilor Janice Weiner to resign following Iowa Senate Victory

After winning the Iowa State Senate District 45 election, Iowa City City Councilor Janice Weiner submitted her resignation to the city council, which will be effective on Dec. 31.

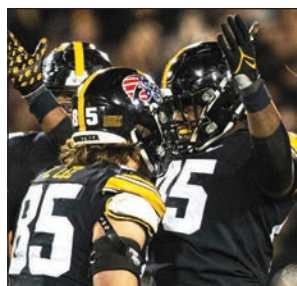
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## IC RVAP heals through art

The nonprofit's new support group works with different art mediums each week.



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The RVAP Building is seen in Iowa City on Nov. 9. The building hosts the new support group "Healing Through Art."

Archie Wagner  
News Reporter

The University of Iowa Rape Victim Advocacy Program launched a new support group earlier this month to help people grow and heal through art.

Titled "Healing Through Art," the support group teaches people methods for coping with trauma or difficulties through different types of art, and the group holds sessions on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The group held its first meeting Nov. 5.

RVAP helps those impacted by sexual violence through advocacy and prevention education. It provides free and confidential services such as counseling and 24-hour crisis lines.

Residents from Iowa counties Cedar, Des Moines, Henry, Iowa, Johnson, Lee, Washington, and Van Buren can use the program's services.

The support group was created by Libby Conley, a master's intern in the University of

Iowa Clinical Mental Counseling program, and Leanne Bender, a student in the University of Northern Iowa Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.

"Last week, we had, I think, seven people there, and it seemed to be meaningful for all the people that came," Conley said.

Conley said people who attend the support group can come to talk while working on art or create art in silence if they choose.

"People have found that when you're working through traumatic events or life difficulties, making art gets you out of verbal processing and into a different kind of processing that is very healing," Conley said. "Whatever little projects you do — even for 45 minutes — changes the way your brain is processing, and that change can help people work through trauma."

As part of her internship at the Iowa City Rape Victim Advocacy Program, Bender said

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## UIHC welcomes new department of cardiothoracic surgery head

Kalpaj Parekh began his role at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics on Nov. 1.

Sofia Mamakos  
News Reporter

After a national search by the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, the chair and executive officer of the newly-reestablished department of cardiothoracic surgery has big plans to improve care.

Kalpaj Parekh started the position Nov. 1 after being named interim chair last September, and he said cardiothoracic surgery hasn't reached its optimal potential at UIHC. The recently reestablished department was previously part of the surgery department because of a loss of personnel.

"I want to create a network of cardiothoracic surgery in the state of Iowa where we can share ideas and processes to improve outcomes across all the centers within the state," Parekh said. "We have a lot more to offer to our patients, to the research community, and for education. We haven't done that as well. It should be done, and it's my goal to improve that."

Parekh has been a cardiothoracic surgeon for 18 years. At UIHC, he held the position of division director from 2016 to 2021 and served as an interim chair of the department of cardiothoracic surgery since September 2021.

In his research, Parekh examines lungs that have been transplanted after a certain amount of time. He is part of the 1.3 percent of cardiothoracic surgeons in the U.S. whose research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, which he thinks made him stand out in the search.

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Featured photo | Tailgates in the cold



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Hawkeye fans talk to one another at a tailgating lot in Iowa City on Nov. 12 before the Hawkeyes battled the Badgers for the Heartland Trophy at Kinnick Stadium. The Hawkeyes won 24-10 over the Badgers.



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Kalpaj Parekh, interim chair of the department of cardiothoracic surgery, poses for a portrait at the University of Iowa Heart and Vascular Center on Sept. 1, 2021. Parekh started as the UIHC director of cardiothoracic surgery on Nov. 1.

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“My lab is focused on understanding what causes these transplanted lungs to fail,” Parekh said. “We are looking at if we can prevent that from happening, and we are looking at the role of stem cells.”

Parekh said his cardiothoracic surgery department is also heavily invested in clinical trials that involve cardiac valves, cardiac assist devices, and cancer care for lung and esophageal cancers.

As a department chair, Parekh is invested in delivering the best possible patient care, supporting research, and providing high quality education.

He also administers diversity and equity in trainees throughout the faculty pool and ensures that patients from all backgrounds get the best possible care.

“Cardiothoracic surgery has, over the years, predominantly white male dominated specialty,” Parekh said. “Our fo-

cus is to make sure that it doesn’t remain that way.”

Matthew Howard, UIHC department chair of neurosurgery and leader of the search committee that selected Parekh, said the selection process was highly competitive.

“There was tremendous interest in this position,” Howard said. “It’s one of the oldest cardiothoracic academic units in the United States, and it is very prestigious.”

The state Board of Regents approved the university’s request to establish a freestanding department of cardiothoracic surgery in summer 2021. The new department was created after clinical needs for cardiothoracic surgery increased, according to the request.

Howard said the search for a department chair took around 10 months and was conducted by a large committee with representatives from every aspect of the institution that’s influenced by cardiothoracic surgery.

Some qualities they look for in the chairs of

surgical departments, Howard said, are outstanding surgeons, accomplished researchers, and exceptional leadership ability.

“The dean VPMA meets with us and talks about his vision, and then we work with a search firm to find the best candidates in the United States,” Howard said. “We look at all their qualifications and then get it down to less than 10 for first pass Zoom interviews.”

After the initial interviews, the committee reached out to the best candidates for on-site visits, Howard said.

Howard said Parekh’s performance metrics stood out clearly from other candidates, and he was well-liked by his students and colleagues.

“As an interim chair, we know how the faculty in his department feel about him, and they were very, very positive about him as a leader,” Howard said. “So, that was critically important in the decision making process.”

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she is tasked with creating and facilitating a new group.

“I wanted to think about creating this group to address survivors’ likely need for empowerment and self-care and to look at boundaries because oftentimes. They have had their boundaries stepped on in some way,” Bender said. “I wanted to provide the healing through a creative outlet.”

Bender said she’s using art as a creative outlet because of the variety of art mediums that can be utilized, whether it’s painting, drawing, or other activities.

“I think that adults can connect with their creative side during art in a way that maybe they don’t give themselves time to do outside of carving this special time,” she said.

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— Leanne Bender, “Healing Through Art” co-founder

Bender said the Iowa City Rape Victim Advocacy Program had received requests from women and sexual assault survivors asking for a support group in the past.

“In a support group, you experience the universality of what others have experienced in their healing or assault as well as just knowing that wherever you are at that moment is okay,” Bender said.

Conley also sees people one-on-one at the Iowa City Rape Victim Advocacy Program and participates in other support groups in different roles as part of her previous occupation as a psychiatric

chaplain.

“It is a group of people that I really like and connect with. And so, I wanted as I ended my Chaplain career, I wanted to continue working with people in a variety of mental health situations,” Conley said.

Conley said support groups also reinforce the message that people are not alone.

“You are one of several people who may have been through similar trauma, and not being alone and having others to process with is basic to our humanity and also basic to healing,” she said.

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concerns about making mistakes under Iowa's new election laws.

Officials can receive criminal penalties for not following election laws — even if it is a mistake.

The Iowa Legislature passed an omnibus election security bill in 2021 that added criminal penalties for election officials that violate election administration laws and shortened the early voting and absentee ballot window.

Veltrean said she attributed the increased number of voters at the polls on Election Day to the shortening of early voting and absentee voting windows, leaving voters less time to cast their ballot.

Veltrean said early voters had less time to be contacted or correct issues if something was wrong with their ballot. For voters who vote by mail, the deadline for receiving absentee ballots is 8 p.m. on election night, meaning the window to send replacement ballots if needed is drastically shorter.

"If they needed a replacement ballot by mail — get it to them and then back to us — the timeframe was tighter."

Becci Reedus, a Democrat from Iowa City who worked the polls this election cycle, said most voters just wanted their vote to count. Reedus said she helped voters if they made a mistake on a ballot or helped them check on the status of their absentee ballot because they wanted to make sure their vote



Iowa City residents enter Longfellow Elementary School in Iowa City during Election Day on Nov. 8.

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counted. "I think the takeaway for me would be that people want their vote to count," Reedus said. "People were coming out and registering as new voters or changing their address. Or, they hadn't voted for a few years, and they wanted to vote again."

Suzanne Micheau, a precinct official and elections assistant at the Johnson County Auditors Office from Lone Tree, said she

thought the elections were secure in Johnson County and Iowa.

"It's so redundant and double-checked that we don't see any problems or have any questions about the security of the votes at all," Micheau said.

**Nationally, election officials face death threats and violence**

One in six election officials have experienced

threats because of their job, and 77 percent say they feel these threats have increased in recent years, according to a poll by the Brennan Center for Justice, a nonpartisan policy researcher group.

Additionally, the Brennan Center for Justice found 20 percent of poll workers surveyed said they didn't plan on returning to the polls this year amid the threats they receive.

In October, a 64-year-old Iowa man was arrested by the U.S. Department of Justice for threatening to murder a Maricopa County, Arizona election official after the 2020 election. Maricopa County was part of many pivotal recounts in the 2020 election, where former President Donald Trump lost 10,000 votes.

The man left a voicemail for the Arizona attorney general that was filled with vulgar language and threatened to hang him.

To combat the threats of violence against election workers, the FBI assembled an elections threats task force. According to an August report from the task force, they saw 1,000 cases since they were formed in July 2021 of intimidation, threats of physical violence, and harassment of election officials.

"To protect the electoral process for all voters, we must identify threats against those responsible for administering elections — whether federal, state, or local," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco in a July 2021 press release. "A threat to any election official, worker, or volunteer is a threat to democracy."

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa partnered with the FBI and U.S. Department of Justice to appoint a district election officer to oversee complaints of election threats, voter intimidation, and violation of voting rights on Election Day.

"Every citizen must be able to vote without interference or discrimination and to have that vote counted in a fair and free election," U.S. Attorney Richard Westphal said in a press release on Nov. 1. "Similarly, election officials and staff must be able to serve without being subject to unlawful threats of violence."

Iowa officials have not reported any threats of harassment or violence against election officials, and the Johnson County Auditor's Office has not seen any harassment or violence at their precincts on or before election day, Veltrean said.

are administered "very well."

With national conversations around election security, Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate wanted to show Iowans their election system is safe and secure. His office issued a press release on Nov. 1, affirming they would expand the state's post-election audits.

Pate announced that all of Iowa's 99 counties will perform two hand-counted audits of two races per county. They had previously only hand-audited one race.

"This is being done to ensure Iowans of the integrity of the vote," Pate said in the press release. "Our post-election audits consistently match the ballot tabulators perfectly. Adding another race to the process gives greater protection, transparency, and security to the process. We want Iowans to know their vote counts."

Pate also oversaw administrative recounts in Warren and Des Moines counties after technical failures caused delays on election night.

Additionally, Pate set up a task force of election security officials to oversee the security of the election, according to a Nov. 3 press release from his office.

Only Linn, Warren, and Des Moines counties did not fully report unofficial results on election night.

"I can't emphasize this enough: The integrity of the vote and the safety of voters are my top priorities," Pate said in the press release. "Pre- and post-election audits, paper ballots, and voter ID are just a few of the many protections in place. Iowans, we've got your back, so go out there, make your voice heard, and be a voter."

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Voters collect their ballots at the Robert A. Lee Recreational Center on Nov. 8. Poll organizers said they were surprised and excited about the large number of University of Iowa students that voted.

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From left: Barbara Broderson, Really O'Gorman, Alison McGoff, and Jeanne Stracuzzi work the polls on Election Day at Longfellow Elementary School in Iowa City, on Nov. 8.

**Iowa Secretary of State reassures Iowans of a secure election**

Among all registered voters, 22 percent of those surveyed think America's elections are administered "very well," according to a Pew Research poll conducted in October. Only 11 percent of Republican registered voters surveyed thought the U.S.'s elections

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University of Iowa second-year students Sophia Claus and Emma Witt vote on Election Day at the UI Campus Recreation and Wellness Center in Iowa City on Nov. 8. "I voted to make sure my opinion has an impact," Claus said.

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# Opinions

## Young people will not stay in Iowa

Right-wing policy will push young people away from the state.



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All I want for Christmas is ... reproductive freedom.

Sadly, the midterm elections diminished any opportunity for reproductive freedom for birthing people in Iowa. Gov. Kim Reynolds intends to reinstate the fetal heartbeat bill, which would ban access to abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected — usually within six weeks of pregnancy.

The right-wing push against reproductive freedom will not only affect the millions of birthing people in Iowa. The right-wing policy agenda will drive more young people out of Iowa.

In the late '70s and '80s, the moral majority made it their mission to oppose reproductive freedom and LGBTQ rights. While the moral majority movement died off in the '80s, their rhetoric takes on a new form in the Republican party today.

According to AP Vote-cast, the only age group voting Republican by majority are adults 65 and older. The politics of baby boomers and Gen X have not been passed down to the majority of Gen Z.

In survey by Intelligent.

com, 1,000 college students were surveyed in states where abortion access is illegal or will soon be illegal. The study found 20 percent of students plan to transfer to colleges in states where abortion is legal, and 25 percent are considering doing so.

In fact, the majority of young adults support access to abortion. According to Pew Research, 74 percent of adults under 30 say abortion should be generally legal, and that includes 30 percent of respondents who say abortion should be legal in all cases without exception.

Iowa is already facing a population decline. According to United Van Lines, more people are moving out of Iowa than moving in. In a poll conducted by Selzer & Co., 34 percent of Iowans ages 45 and younger are likely to consider leaving the state.

Like it or not, Iowa will not be better once the "libs" are gone.

Along with COVID-19, the great resignation has shown us the negative impacts of labor shortage: inflation, supply-chain shortages, and extended wait times. This will only get worse if young college graduates and workers leave the state.

On this path, Iowa can expect a worsening teacher shortage that will impact the future of your children and grandchildren's education. Likewise, fewer doctors and nurses in hospitals will only contribute



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A protester chants at a pro-abortion rights march through downtown Iowa City on June 24.

to Iowa's lack of health care options.

A shortage of educated workers would impact every job industry in Iowa. While right-wing policy is not the only reason young people don't want to live in Iowa, it certainly doesn't help.

People — especially young people — want to live in a state where they have access to expansive health care, quality public education, good infrastructure,

and a growing economy. We want a state government that supports dignity and respect. Iowa simply does not provide that anymore.

I look forward to one day birthing children of my own. When that time comes, I intend to raise my children in a state where they have bodily autonomy. On this trajectory, I would not raise my children in Iowa.

I am not at all against pro-life beliefs and values.

What you choose to believe is your own liberty. But you don't have the liberty to impose your beliefs on others' freedom. You can be pro-life and accept that other peoples' bodily autonomy is at your discretion.

Reproductive freedom is not the only issue Iowa is getting wrong. The limitless access to firearms, excessive parental choice in schools, and transphobic rhetoric do not make young individuals

like myself want to plant roots in the state.

I have lived in Iowa my whole life. While I'm proud of my upbringing in the state, I am disappointed with where we are going. Frankly, it doesn't seem like "Iowa nice" applies to us anymore.

Iowa needs to do better. It's time we elect people who will govern for the future.

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## Lessons from the Affordable Housing Location Model

Models like this restrict the number of affordable homes.



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After 10 years, the Iowa City City Council finally did the right thing and scrapped the poorly-designed Affordable Housing Location Model. The policy — while implemented with the best intentions — ended up making housing unaffordable for low-income residents.

Now, the city must take the next step and revamp zoning policy to make sure we can build affordable housing anywhere in Iowa City.

The Affordable Housing Location Model was a case study in bad housing policy because it restricted where affordable housing could be built. The plan originally envisioned that new housing would not be built in zones inflicted with poverty-related issues.

Proponents of the model believed it would encourage developers to build housing in residential areas where incomes skewed toward the higher end of the income distribution.

What happened instead was that developers were limited in where they could put affordable housing. As a result, the number of affordable housing units built did not meet the needs of the Iowa City community.

The lessons learned from the failure of the Affordable Housing Location Model brings us back to the supply and demand framework and on the supply side in particular.

The Affordable Housing Lo-



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The Iowa City City Council meets at City Hall on Aug. 16

cation Model lowered the supply of housing, thus driving up housing prices for people looking for housing.

Ditching this policy means developers can now build wherever they want to, as there are less building restrictions. In turn, housing units would become more affordable because prices would decrease.

One popular argument against using the supply and demand framework in housing policy is that that developers would build new housing in areas with high poverty. This would then lead to poor people being priced out of their old neighborhoods and forced into worse housing conditions.

This so-called "gentrification narrative" that people hear so much about in opposition to the construction of new housing is fake.

Unfortunately for the gentrification people, building new housing in zones with high rates of poverty encourages a chain effect that ends up bettering the material situation for poor people.

This works because some

middle-class to upper middle-class homeowners are looking to move to a new home for a variety of reasons. For that reason, they move to the new buildings. This makes the homes that they previously occupied affordable for poor people, as landlords and rental agencies decrease prices for those homeowners.

There is a plethora of empirical literature that confirms the chain effect. Research also shows that building new housing — no matter where that housing is built — ends up lowering the price of housing in a market. As I have written in these pages many times before, for every 10 percent increase in housing stock, there is a 1 percent decrease in rental prices.

The Affordable Housing Location Model was a 10-year experiment that failed to achieve its goal. The city council made the right decision to scrap it and is now taking the first steps to make housing affordable for all Iowa City residents.

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## Turn back the clocks

Daylight saving time should be the new standard time.



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November brings the dreaded time of year when days get shorter, and the weather gets colder.

On Nov. 6, the clocks were set back an hour for daylight saving time. As with every year, many people were left confused and unbalanced by the shorter daylight schedule.

But it doesn't need to be this way. The U.S. should stop changing the clocks twice a year and stick to daylight saving because the practice is outdated and interrupts Americans' sleep schedule.

In the U.S., daylight saving time is the practice of advancing clocks forward during warmer month, so darkness falls later. Currently, we are in standard time when clocks advance back.

Daylight saving time was introduced by major railroad companies in 1883 to avoid train crashes. During World War I, daylight saving time became a common practice to ration fuel supplies.

After World War I, the federal government abolished daylight saving time, leaving the issue to the states' discretion. This caused transportation collision and accidents because neighboring states were in different time zones.

In response, the U.S. Department of Transportation uniformly implemented daylight saving time in 1966.

States are not required to reset their clock twice a year. Hawaii and Arizona are the only states that do not practice daylight saving time because both receive excessive sunlight throughout the year.

But times have changed, and the rationale behind daylight saving time is waning. In fact, daylight saving is a source of distress for most people.

In a study by the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers found that changing the clocks for daylight saving time had negative cardiovascular health effects in adults under 65:

"The incidence of acute myocardial infarction was significantly increased for the first three weekdays after the transition to daylight saving time in the spring," the journal reported.

In a separate study by Michigan State University, research concluded daylight saving time led to more workplace injuries:

"Following phase advances, we found that employees slept 40 min less, had 5.7 percent more workplace injuries, and lost 67.6 percent more work days because of injuries than on non phase change days," the study found.

With all the negative effects daylight saving times has on one's health, it is not surprising that two-thirds of pollsters want to change how we handle it, according to the polling firm YouGov. In the poll, 53 percent of pollsters want a permanent daylight saving time, meaning time stays "sprung backward" an hour.

Some argue daylight saving time saves fuel and energy. But today, we use resources at a large enough scale that daylight saving time doesn't make a dent in it. At best, it only reduces energy use by 0.5 percent.

In March, Iowa lawmakers voted 82-13 to pass House 2331, a bill that would make daylight saving time permanent for Iowans.

But we should seek a federal law to make daylight saving time permanent throughout the county.

In 2021, the Senate pushed forward with The Sunshine Protection Act, which would make daylight saving time the permanent standard time.

If the Biden administration and the House of Representatives push forward and pass this act, it would take effect in 2023. If they do, we can finally have more stabilized sleep schedules.

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# Pediatric respiratory infection cases increase

UIHC and Johnson County hospitals have seen an uptick in pediatric respiratory-related illnesses.



University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is seen on Feb. 14.

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reduction in volume of pediatric respiratory illnesses such as RSV and influenza while those measures were in place," Zhorne said.

Now that these mitigation strategies have been reduced, Zhorne believes it has effected the sudden surge of familiar viruses that pediatricians have seen in the past.

Brooks Jackson, UI vice president for Medical Affairs and Carver College of Medicine dean, said during a Nov. 9 state Board of Regents meeting that immunity buildup contributes to more children getting sick.

"Many infected children are becoming severely ill because they have little immunity," Jackson said. "This is either because they were not exposed to these viruses before the pandemic or because it has waned in this context."

Skogman agreed the overall decrease in COVID-19 precautions has impacted the early volumes of these illnesses.

"When we had COVID because everyone stayed home, all the viruses shut down. We didn't have a lot of RSV in August of 2021," Skogman said. "But now, as we're headed back into early winter, we are seeing a bigger surge of them."

As Johnson County heads into the winter season, Skogman and Zhorne stressed using many methods to prevent these respiratory illnesses.

Both physicians said they encourage continuing standard COVID-19 precautions, including masking, hand washing, staying home when you are sick, and receiving vaccinations.

"We don't have a vaccine for RSV. However, we do have influenza vaccines, and we have COVID-19 vaccines," Zhorne said. "So, taking those steps can help prevent severe illnesses from those viruses, and they can overall help reduce pressure on the health care system."

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The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics — alongside hospitals around the country — reported an increase of children coming in with respiratory infections early in the winter months.

In September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released an emergency preparedness and response that stated severe respiratory illnesses are on the rise.

Padgett Skogman, a Mercy Medical Center pediatric hospitalist in Cedar Rapids, said she has seen a variety of respiratory viruses impacting children.

"I think half our census is RSV, but there's also COVID, there's adenovirus, and there's several rhinoviruses," Skogman said.

RSV is a respiratory syn-

cytial virus that attacks the airways in the lungs and causes epithelial cells to die. The cells clump up in the lungs and can make it very hard for young infants to breathe.

Skogman said these respiratory illnesses are hard on kids. Infants are more vulnerable because they have lower immune systems compared to older children.

Skogman thinks the rise in pediatric respiratory illnesses is partially due to seasonal variation.

"I would say the bigger problem is not just RSV, but just that we're headed back into respiratory illness season," Skogman said.

Physicians are concerned about the increase's timing, as the spike in illness has arrived earlier in the winter season than normal.

Derek Zhorne, UI Stead Family Children's Hospital associate chief medical officer, said the hospital has

seen more early cases of respiratory illness.

"There's a pretty clear upward trend in the number of positive RSV tests here in the Midwest that started in September," he said.

Zhorne said the Stead Family Children's Hospital is well-prepared and experienced in handling high demands for care.

"What we are concerned about is instead the volume that children's hospitals are experiencing now at this time in the winter season," Zhorne said.

COVID-19 may have caused the increase of illnesses because of shifted patterns of immunity, he said.

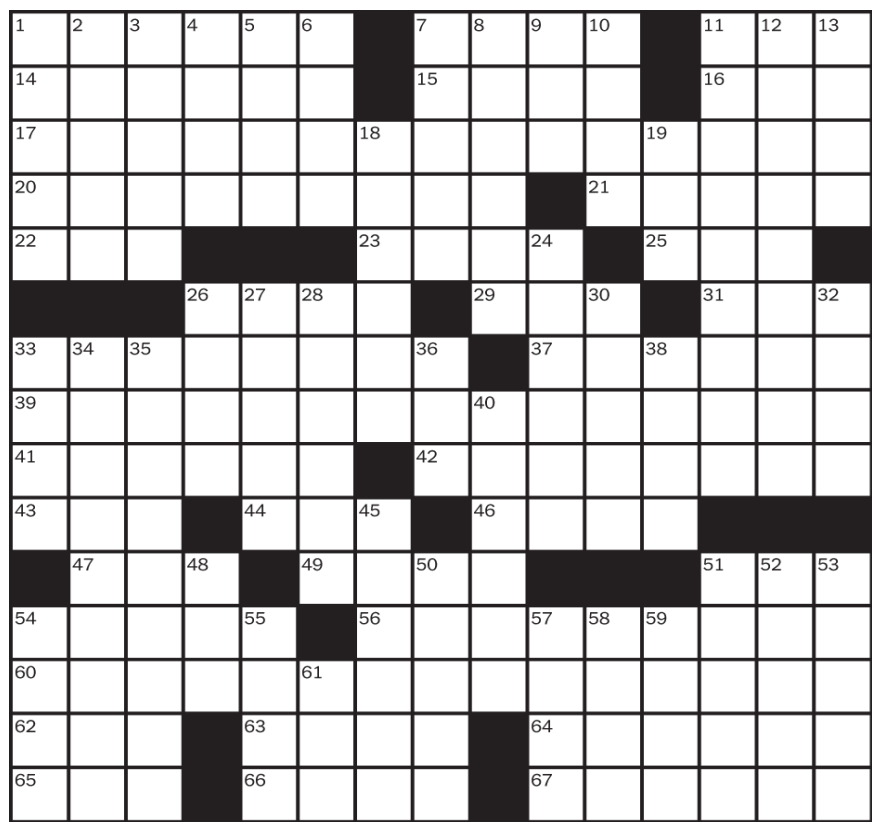
"The COVID-19 mitigation strategies that were used — such as encouraging social distancing, having people wear masks, isolation protocols, and even remote learning — were associated with notable

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Across

- 1 Fusses in front of the mirror, say
- 7 Crudely mimicked
- 11 Show hosts, for short
- 14 Like outdoor photos taken from above
- 15 Peacekeeping grp. since 1949
- 16 Tuna type in sushi restaurants
- 17 Opponent who helps train a boxer
- 20 Tribal family tree?
- 21 Operatic solos
- 22 Broke a fast
- 23 Parsley, sage, rosemary or thyme
- 25 Spotify or TikTok
- 26 \_\_\_ Bell (fast-food chain)
- 29 "Precisely!"
- 31 Female sheep
- 33 Coastal vista
- 37 Gastrophile
- 39 Most difficult challenge for many a student driver
- 41 Related to stars
- 42 White dogs, or bluish-gray cats
- 43 Airport code for Australia's largest city
- 44 End of a soldier's email address
- 46 YouTube button
- 47 Lively energy
- 49 California valley known for its vineyards
- 51 Belly up to the \_\_\_
- 54 Narrative transition
- 56 Lead singer for Culture Club

- 60 Place in an auto dealership to pick up wiper blades or spark plugs
- 62 Take advantage of
- 63 Quentin Tarantino's "\_\_\_ Fiction"
- 64 More ludicrous
- 65 Paintball filler
- 66 Prone to prying
- 67 Common miniature golf goal ... or a hint to what's found in 17-, 39- and 60-Across

Down

- 1 Farfalle, fettuccine or fusilli
- 2 Transplant, as a flower
- 3 Boiling mad
- 4 Bog down
- 5 Dish with chicken, veal or eggplant, familiarly
- 6 Inadvertent error
- 7 What a protractor measures
- 8 Like onion or garlic skin
- 9 Letter after zeta
- 10 "\_\_\_ the Explorer"
- 11 Combo offerings at nail salons
- 12 Cabernet or merlot sold in a box, say
- 13 Titles for knights
- 18 What goners have
- 19 Lead-in to "la-la"
- 24 Happen to

- 26 Bygone Russian ruler
- 27 Happy as \_\_\_
- 28 Dial a radio show, say
- 30 "Ish"
- 32 Brain tests, in brief
- 33 Health resorts
- 34 "So simple!"
- 35 Credential for a painter or sculptor
- 36 Stately shade tree
- 38 "\_\_\_-doke!"
- 40 Tropical fruit with highly nutritious seeds
- 45 Things stuck on file folders
- 48 "To \_\_\_ it mildly ..."
- 50 Red flower of wartime remembrance
- 51 Actor Spiner of "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
- 52 Vice president who resigned in 1973
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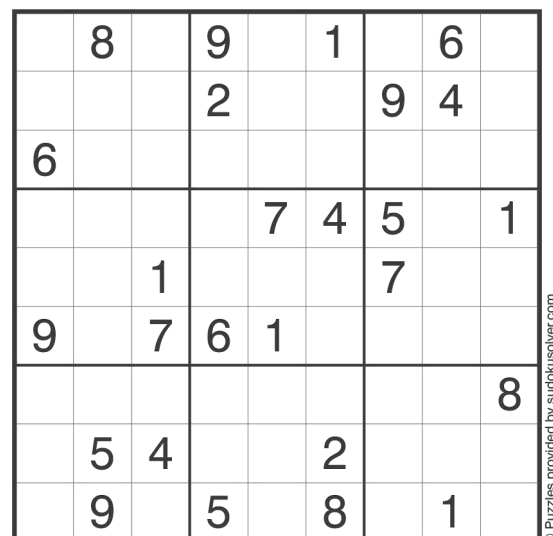
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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

## Grades

## Offense — C—

Iowa's offense started improving. Then, it began to regress again. But the Hawkeye offense scored when it had to on Saturday afternoon.

The Hawkeyes' longest scoring drive on Saturday was 27 yards, and Iowa came out of that with a field goal.

Iowa did score two touchdowns on offense, but it only needed 35 total yards to do so.

Thanks to a blocked punt, Iowa started its first touchdown drive on Wisconsin's 17-yard line. Two plays later, true freshman Kaleb Johnson found the end zone with a 4-yard rush.

Iowa ran five plays to finish an 18-yard drive to the end zone in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Spencer Petras dove into the end zone for his second rushing touchdown of the season.

The Hawkeyes' offensive line struggled again on Saturday afternoon. Offensive lineman Beau Stephens left the game with an injury, and the Hawkeyes allowed six total sacks. Iowa lost 41 yards on Petras sacks on Saturday. The Hawkeyes' line also allowed Wisconsin line-backer Nick Herbig to force a fumble in the first quarter.

Iowa's ground game struggled on Saturday. Counting Petras' loss of yards on sacks, Iowa picked up just 52 rushing yards. Johnson was the Hawkeyes' leading rusher, with 57 yards on 22 carries. Against Purdue on Nov. 5, Johnson tallied 200 yards on 22 carries.

Overall, the Hawkeyes picked up just 146 yards of offense. Petras went 14-of-23 for 94 yards and zero passing touchdowns.

## Defense — A

Other than one play, the Hawkeye defense was flawless on Saturday afternoon.

Wisconsin quarterback Graham Mertz notched the Badgers' lone touchdown of the game on a third-and-18 play in the second quarter. He threw a 51-yard pass to wide receiver Keontez Lewis, who blew by Hawkeye cornerback Riley Moss to catch the ball and get to the end zone.

But the Hawkeye defense — specifically defensive back Cooper DeJean — made up for that play. DeJean intercepted a pass from Mertz at Wisconsin's 32-yard line in the second quarter, returning the ball to the end zone for Iowa's first touchdown on the day. It was DeJean's second pick six of the season.

DeJean also recorded 10 tackles on Saturday afternoon, trailing only linebacker Jack Campbell for the Hawkeyes' team high.

The Hawkeye defense had no problem getting to Mertz on Saturday afternoon, sacking him four times for a total loss of 20 yards. Sophomore defensive end Deontae Craig led the Hawkeyes with 1.5 sacks. Joe Evans and Lukas Van Ness both tallied a sack, while Logan Lee registered half a sack.

## Special teams — A—

Iowa's special teams did everything right Saturday afternoon.

Craig broke through multiple defenders to block the first punt of his career in the second quarter. Linebacker Jay Higgins recovered the blocked punt, setting the Hawkeyes up for a score on the Badgers' 17-yard line.

DeJean, the Hawkeyes' newly crowned punt returner, registered a 41-yard return in the fourth quarter, giving the Hawkeyes the ball at the Badger 17-yard line. DeJean's return led to Petras' rushing touchdown.

To top off Iowa's scoring against Wisconsin, kicker Drew Stevens made a 44-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. He also cashed in on all three of his extra point attempts.

Punter Tory Taylor averaged 43.4 yards per boot on Saturday, punting nine times for 391 total yards.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It'll keep him humble a little bit."

— Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz on the FGA K Drew Stevens' missed against Purdue.

## STAT OF THE DAY

# 72 lbs

— Weight of the Heartland Trophy.



Iowa defensive lineman Deontae Craig and defensive lineman Logan Lee tackle Wisconsin quarterback Graham Mertz during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 12.

## CRAIG

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"It's not just me. If it wasn't for my teammates — you know — pushing me like they do, holding me accountable every day in practice, I mean, we wouldn't be here today," Craig said. "It just goes back to trusting the work. The coaches do a great job of always putting together great schemes, and we get out there and execute at a high level."

Craig's teammates said he has been ready to take advantage of his opportu-

nities to make plays.

Craig's 13 tackles, four tackles for loss, and three sacks over the last three games are more than he had in any of those categories during the season's first seven games combined.

"Any given Saturday, anybody on the defense can have a crazy career game like that," senior defensive back Kaevon Merriweather said. "I think we do a great job preparing, and our coaches always say, 'When the play comes your way, make sure you're there to make

it.' And I think he always does a great job being where he needs to be, like everybody else on this defense — you know — we have a really sound defense. I think we all know what we need to do."

"He was just where he needed to be every single time during the game today, and he made huge plays on the field, so kudos to him for being prepared."

Craig's impressive performance was part of another stellar outing from Iowa's defense as a whole. The Hawkeyes racked

up three takeaways — two interceptions and a fumble — and held Badger sophomore running back Braealon Allen to 40 yards, keeping Wisconsin scoreless in the second half.

Prior to Saturday's game, Allen averaged 110 yards per game and tallied over 85 yards on the ground in all but one contest.

Although Wisconsin quarterback Graham Mertz threw for 176 yards, his two interceptions tied a season-high. His 45.7 percent completion percentage marked his sec-

ond-lowest of the year.

Mertz completed 16 of 35 attempts on the day and was sacked four times.

"I think the coaches came up with a great game plan this week, and then it just comes down to putting it on the field on Saturday," DeJean said. "You know, we really played well. There's obviously still some things we can clean up. Defensive line played well, then the linebackers, then the DBs. It was a collective effort, everybody doing their job."

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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras throws a pass during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022. The Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers, 24-10.

## COLUMN

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## Division title.

But an Illinois' loss to Michigan next week would give Iowa the opportunity to pave its own path to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The Hawkeyes' early season woes have been well-documented. Iowa ranked last in the 131-team FBS in total offense for much of the season. Before its win over Wisconsin Saturday, Iowa was 129th.

However, Iowa's offense has played better over the last couple weeks, scoring 81 points in its last three contests. In its first seven, Iowa scored 98. The Hawkeyes have put up 920 yards of offense since Oct. 29 compared to the 1,591 yards of total offense they accrued in Weeks 1-8.

But I wouldn't call Iowa's offense the source of the Hawkeyes' late-season resurgence. The Hawkeyes are just finding ways to win games via defensive scores, forced turnovers, and key special teams plays. Even with a well-below average offense, Iowa has done enough to qualify for a bowl game.

As Ferentz teams always have, the 2022 Hawkeyes don't seem to be concerned about how they win games or style points. Rather, they just want to pick up victories any way they can.

Iowa showcased its uncanny ability to win in

flabbergasting fashion on Saturday. The Badgers outgained the Hawkeyes, 227-146, but Iowa still outscored Wisconsin, 24-10. Even if you take away defensive back Cooper DeJean's pick six, the 17 points Iowa's offense scored still would've been enough to win the game.

Iowa put up 2.1 yards per play against Wisconsin, marking the fourth time this season the Hawkeyes have averaged fewer than 3 yards per offensive snap. In those games, Iowa has gone 2-2. Iowa is the only FBS team to win a game this year averaging fewer than 3 yards per play. Not counting the Hawkeyes, teams that have averaged fewer than three yards per play in a single game are 0-22 this season.

During his weekly pregame presser, Wisconsin head coach Jim Leonhard best articulated Iowa's oddball style.

"I think they've accepted who they are and how they have to win," Leonhard said Tuesday. "They're playing with a lot of confidence and finding ways to move the football. You know, finding ways to get some points on the board."

Even as Iowa struggled early in the year, linebacker Jack Campbell and tight end Sam LaPorta insisted the Hawkeyes would get better as the year went on, as all Ferentz teams do. And to their credit, the Hawkeyes have seemed

to improve in each of their games this season — excluding their Oct. 22

matchup with the Buckeyes.

"Like I mentioned last

week, I feel like we have our best football to play, and I still believe that," LaPorta said. "A few weeks ago, it just wasn't showing yet, and I think it is starting to turn around a little bit. But we have to keep progressing."

After Iowa's loss to Ohio State in Columbus, Ferentz said his team was capable of making a run at the end of the season. And to this point, he's been right. The Hawkeyes haven't lost a game since the trip to Columbus.

"That part's easy," Ferentz said on Oct. 22. "I not only think it's possible, I believe it's gonna happen. But it's up to us to make it happen ... That's our job, that's our goal, is get yourself in a position where you can go out and be successful."

Iowa will head to Minneapolis next Saturday for a matchup against Minnesota. The Hawkeyes and Golden Gophers are currently tied for first place in the Big Ten West.

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# Battle for the Bull

The Hawkeyes reclaimed the Heartland Trophy with a 24-10 win over the Badgers.



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Pregame festivities are seen during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City on Nov. 12. According to ESPN, 69,250 fans attended the game. The theme for the game was military appreciation.



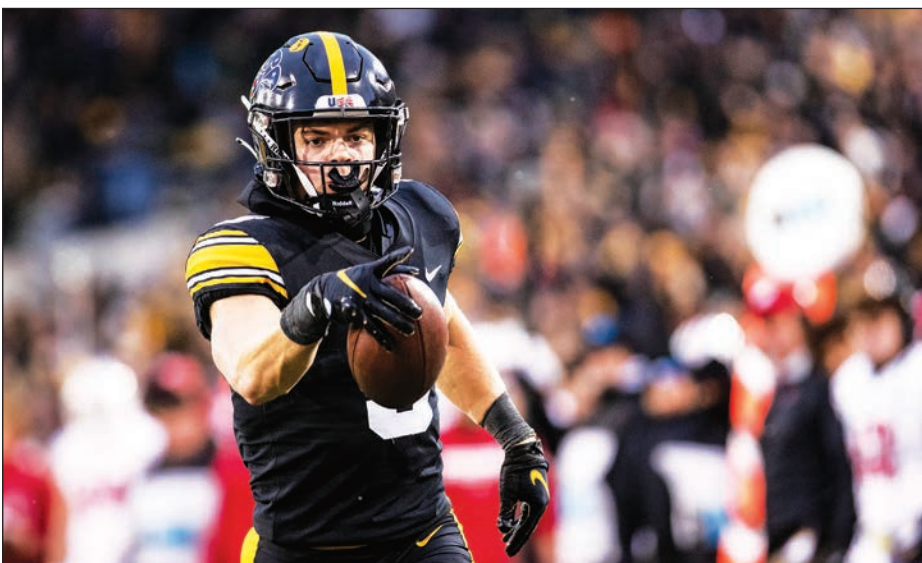
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Wisconsin linebacker Nick Herbig sacks Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City. The Wisconsin defense combined for six sacks.



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Iowa offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz walks on the sideline during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium. The Iowa offense recorded 146 yards.



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Iowa defensive back Cooper DeJean returns a pick six during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City. DeJean had 10 tackles on the day.



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Iowa defensive back Cooper DeJean celebrates his pick six during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium. DeJean recorded seven solo tackles and an interception.



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The Hawkeyes rush the Heartland Trophy during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City.

# Postgame

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## Craig takes a piece of victory

The sophomore defensive end recorded five tackles and 1 ½ sacks in Iowa's 24-10 victory over Wisconsin.



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Iowa defensive linemen Deontae Craig and Logan Lee celebrate a tackle during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 12. The Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers, 24-10.

**Chris Werner**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Iowa defensive end Deontae Craig did not play against Wisconsin as a true freshman.

Craig was dressed during the Hawkeyes' 28-7 win over the Badgers on Dec. 12, 2020, but he didn't see the field.

During his redshirt freshman season in 2021, the Fort Wayne, Indiana,

product missed Iowa's 27-7 loss to Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison with an injury.

On Saturday afternoon, Craig finally got his chance to play against the Badgers. The 6-foot-3 266-pounder helped Iowa pick up a 24-10 win over Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium by recording five total tackles and 1 ½ sacks — both of which are career-highs.

Craig also blocked a punt at the Wisconsin 19-yard line. After Craig batted the punt off the foot of Badger Andy Vujnovich, Hawkeye linebacker Jay Higgins scooped the ball up at the 20-yard line and returned it to the Wisconsin 17.

"All week, [special teams coach LeVar Woods] had been pulling older clips of pro-style protection," Craig said of

his punt block postgame. "The first couple of times on the rushes, I saw [my blocker] kind of duck his head inside a little bit. So, third time, you know, coach gave me the freedom all week to take it up the field or duck it off inside, and I saw an opening, reached out, and was able to get a piece of the ball."

It turns out Craig didn't just get a piece of the ball

— he got the whole thing. "I'm feeling it a little bit right here on my forearm right now, but a W takes all the pain away," Craig said with a smile.

During his near-five-minute meeting with reporters, Craig never stopped grinning. The sophomore had good reason to smile postgame, as his team won its third consecutive game.

Before Saturday's

contest, Craig had been trending upward, recording five total tackles in each of the last two games he's played in. Craig also racked up 2 ½ tackles, 1 ½ sacks, and a forced fumble before the Iowa-Wisconsin game.

Craig credited his recent success to his teammates and the Hawkeyes' coaching staff.

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### COLUMN

## Iowa football keeps finding ways to win

The Hawkeyes have found unconventional ways to win all season long, frequently relying on defensive scores and explosive special teams plays.



**Austin Hanson**  
Pregame Editor

Iowa football's 2022 campaign might find an odd place to sit in fans' minds come January.

Four weeks ago, Iowa was under .500 with the worst offense in the country. The Hawkeye faithful frequently jeered their own team off the field.

Now, it's possible the Hawkeyes might finish the season 8-4 and in the Big Ten Championship Game. After their 24-10 win over the Badgers on Saturday, the Hawkeyes exited Kinnick Stadium with the Heartland Trophy in their hands. Iowa fans celebrated with their team to the tune of "Jump Around" — a song the Badgers play during their home games at Camp Randall Stadium.

The 2022 Hawkeyes feel like they have all the tools needed to become one of head coach Kirk Ferentz's trademark zero-to-hero teams that struggle early in the season and get hot at the end of the year when the race for a division title ramps



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Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz smiles after a forced fumble during a football game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 12. Iowa secured bowl eligibility with the win.

up. "Really, a good team should be peaking in November," senior quarter-

back Spencer Petras said postgame. "You do that by compound interest of months and months of

work. It's been something our teams have done recently, and we have to continue to do it because

it pays off. This is when the games really count. Chips are on the line." Iowa still doesn't con-

trol its own destiny in the race for a Big Ten West

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