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On the campaign trail

Four candidates are running for two open seats on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors in November 2022. In the third and fourth installments of a four-part series, *Daily Iowan* photojournalists Ayrton Breckenridge and Grace Smith examined the daily lives of candidates Phil Hemingway and V Fixmer-Oraiz.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan

Johnson County Board of Supervisors Republican candidate Phil Hemingway works on a car in his repair shop on Sept. 18. Phil's Repair was founded in 1997 and has moved to multiple locations throughout the Iowa City area. The shop currently sits at 3852 Liberty Drive in Iowa City. Regardless of whether Phil wins a seat on the board, he said, "I will be working with my hands 'til the day I die." It's a skill he said he learned at a young age after growing up on a farm in Johnson County and working regularly with equipment.



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Johnson County Board of Supervisors Democratic candidate V Fixmer-Oraiz and their son, Emmons Fixmer-Oraiz, 7, take a campaign sign out of V's truck to place in a supporter's yard on Oct. 15. V said Emmons has been more interested in the election process because of their candidacy. "I don't want [Emmons] to grow up railing against one side or the other," the Iowa City resident of about a decade said. "I want him to see what it is for what it is, and understand at least the breadth of it — if not the depth of it."



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Phil and his wife Anita Hemingway wave to potential voters outside of the Johnson County Republican headquarters in Iowa City before Clash at Kinnick on Aug. 26. Hemingway recognizes the challenges a Republican candidate faces in the largely liberal Johnson County and said, "I'm hoping the community will give me a fair look and not just at my party affiliation but look at what I've done when I had the public trust — like serving on the school board."



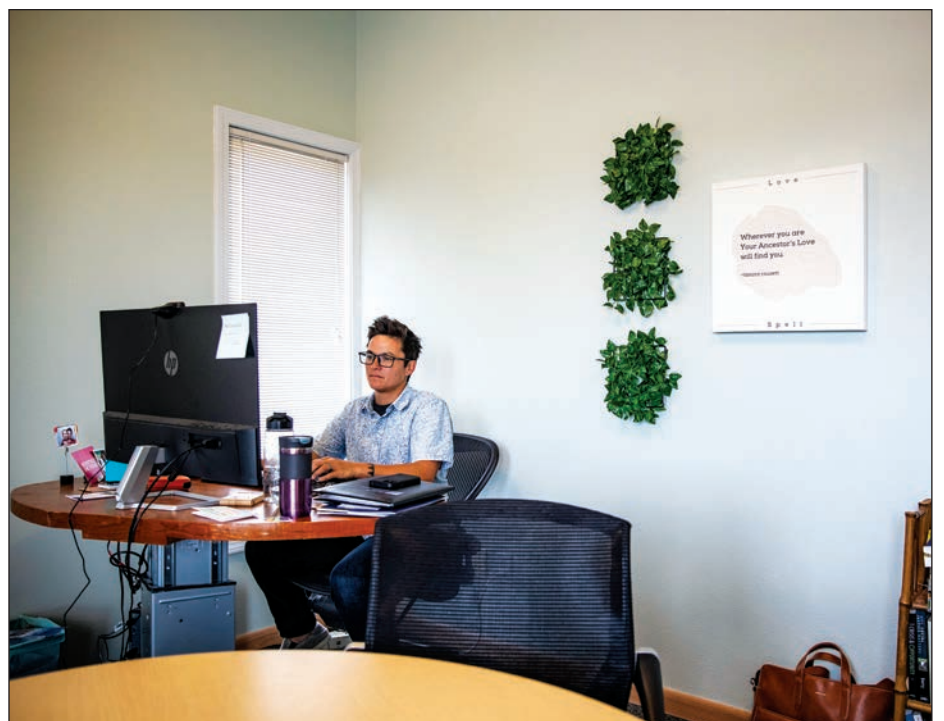
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V, Emmons, and V's four-year-old Celso Fixmer-Oraiz look at a book at the Iowa City Public Library on Sept. 16. V said they like to encourage their children's curiosity about politics, and said Emmons talks more about Democrats and Republicans since V's been in the race than he ever has before. "It's not because I'm this die-hard Democrat," V said. "It's the ways our society pins these things against each other. And I think our responsibility as parents is to just retain that curiosity."



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Phil and Anita dine at El Señor Cactus Authentic Mexican Cuisine in Iowa City, a favorite restaurant of the couple, on Sept. 18. Anita has been supportive throughout Phil's campaigns for public office over the past decade and said, "I just want to see him succeed in what he wants, and it's just part of being a couple." Phil campaigned for the Iowa City Community School District School Board and served for one term before running for the Johnson County Board of Supervisors in 2018. He has run four times since his first bid, including this fall's campaign.



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V types on their computer in their office space at Astig Planning, a planning service striving for healthy ecosystems and equity through advocacy, in Iowa City on Sept. 16. V started Astig Planning in February 2019. Now, the planning firm operates in the South District on Keokuk Street, a street near communities V hopes to help through planning. "In the face of climate change impacts, people who are under-resourced or underestimated are going to be impacted — more so than those that are not," V said. "So, how do we plan for those folks to be successful in life, to have dignity and respect and care and all the things that they need?"

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Editor's Note: These two stories are the third and fourth installments in a four-part series on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors election taking place on Nov. 8. The first two parts were published in The Daily Iowan's Oct. 10 print edition and online.

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Four candidates are currently vying for two open seats on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. The general election on Nov. 8 will determine who will fill those two positions between candidates Jammie Bradshaw, R-Lone Tree; V Fixmer-Oraiz, D-Iowa City; Jon Green, D-Lone Tree; and Phil Hemingway, R-West Liberty in Johnson County.

Bradshaw and Hemingway ran unopposed in the June 7 primary, while Fixmer-Oraiz and Green beat out primary opponent

Seth Zimmermann by 2.7 percent and 1.5 percent respectively for their spots on the general election ballot.

All five initial candidates announced bids for the two seats in March.

Green previously beat Hemingway in a special election for an open Board of Supervisors seat in summer 2021, replacing Janelle Rettig. Green earned 66 percent of the vote and Hemingway earned 31 percent.

Bradshaw and Fixmer-Oraiz have not previously campaigned for a seat on the board.

Starting Oct. 19, absent-

tee ballots can be mailed into the county while in-person early voting begins. Johnson County residents can vote early at the county Auditor's Office at 913 S. Dubuque St. The voter registration and absentee ballot request deadlines are Oct. 24 at 5:00 p.m.

The polls are open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 8 in Johnson County. All absentee ballots must arrive by the 8:00 p.m. deadline to be counted in the election.

Polling places were updated in January following redistricting by the state legislature. Gov. Kim

Reynolds signed the new maps on Nov. 4, 2021. All new polling locations can be found on the county's website.

These candidates are on the ballot during the 2022 midterm elections, where the state's governor's office, one U.S. Senate seat, all U.S. House seats, and all Iowa House and Senate seats are up for grabs.

Three *Daily Iowan* photojournalists spent time with the four candidates, learning about who they are in their personal lives and who they are outside of their campaigns. They captured the stories of the four can-

didates in four photo essays.

Today's edition features stories on Hemingway and Fixmer-Oraiz, which focus on how they got their starts in politics and what they're focusing on in the county supervisors' race. The profiles of Green and Bradshaw and their campaigns were published on Oct. 10 both in print and online editions of the *DI*.

Additional photos of the candidates and graphics about their campaigns can be found at dailyiowan.com.

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BLUE COLLAR CONSERVATIVE:

Phil Hemingway's ride to politics

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors candidate hopes to be the first full-term Republican in 60 years.



Ayrton Breckenridge/ The Daily Iowan

Phil Hemingway works with his wife, Anita Hemingway, to go over the books for Phil's Repair. Anita also works as a nurse at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and helps Phil in her free time. "I just want to see him succeed in what he wants, and it's just part of being a couple," Anita said.

Ayrton Breckenridge
Films Editor

In a small shop on the edge of Iowa City lies an auto garage where the walls are decorated with family pictures and the ground is coated in shoeprints revealed by gravel dust. The door is stickered with red and blue text that reads "Phil's Repair LLC."

At the helm of the garage stands Phil Hemingway, a career mechanic born and raised in Johnson County. He carries a funnel and quart of oil in hand.

Phil has worked in and around a garage since 1997. Today, the 62-year-old lifelong Johnson County resident hopes to take the wisdom he's gained working and living in the community to set him apart as a candidate for the Johnson County Board of Supervisors in the Nov. 8 elections.

David Hemingway, Phil's older brother, points out that Phil has a remarkable talent for connecting with others. He recalls a moment as kids, when they lived on a farm outside of Morse and Oasis, when he was working on farm equipment with Phil. At the time, David remembers 12-year-old Phil turning to him and saying, "David, you lack structural visualization."

Phil's knowledge of farm equipment revealed to David not only Phil's knowledge of mechanics but his innate ability to speak to people. Phil recognizes this is an advantage and said he's been a strong communicator throughout his life. He pointed to his four years

on the Iowa City School District school board from 2015 to 2019. He said that transition into public office allowed community members to come and speak their minds with him, which is an activity he enjoys and something he did himself for six years.

Phil sat down with a DI reporter to discuss his campaign, meeting at his home in rural Johnson County on the outskirts of West Liberty. Phil relaxed on a recliner in the living room while a high school football game played in the background. Photos capturing family memories sat atop the mantel, overlooking the scene. Outside, the farmhouse is surrounded by corn and the yard is sprinkled with fallen walnuts.

Finding Anita

In the '80s, Phil jumped on the opportunity to manage Roy Carver Sr.'s cattle ranch in Belize in the '80s when he was in his 20s. Carver's son, Roy Carver Jr., hired him for the oversight position in 1984.

It was there that he met his future wife Anita Hemingway, and it is also where the two recently celebrated their 30th anniversary. Soon after getting married, the couple moved back to Iowa and had their daughter Monica Homann in 1994.

Anita is another staple at Phil's Repair. When she isn't working as a nurse case manager for the surgery specialty unit at the University of Iowa's Hospital and Clinics, Anita keeps Phil's books up to date, gathers fresh oil, and picks up parts. She

has stood with Phil for three school board campaigns and five supervisor campaigns.

"I can see the passion in wanting to make a difference in the community, and that's what keeps him going," Anita said.

Anita sees Phil's passion for politics and his natural ability to talk to people as an advantage compared to other competitors.

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—Phil Hemingway's wife Anita Hemingway

"There are always people who will want to talk

to you, and if you do not make time for them, you're nothing," Anita said while chopping onions with a knife for a dish called curtido, which she brings to book club.

Family focus

Belize was not the only foreign country Phil called home.

From 1990 to 1994, he lived in several African

countries and within the former Soviet Union. At one point he served as an agricultural consultant; at another, he was a grain vacuum technician on several humanitarian foreign aid ships. The ships consisted of American workers, but Phil said the stevedores originated from multiple countries and all worked together toward a common goal to unload the cargo in a timely manner.

While he enjoyed working with people from backgrounds different from his own, he chose to move back stateside to spend more time with his wife and daughter.

David wrote in a statement to *The Daily Iowan* that Phil's experience abroad gave him a large

er perspective and more experience to his bid for public office.

"His experience working with and getting along with vastly diverse colleagues make him particularly qualified for public service," David wrote.

Phil's flip to politics

The prospect of running his own business allowed Phil to help raise Monica and let her work in the shop. Eventually, Monica became his campaign manager when Phil ran for school board.

Monica even designed the campaign sign he still uses to this day. Early in his political career, his campaign budget was low,



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Phil Hemingway assembles signs in the Johnson County Republican headquarters on Aug. 26. Heminway's sign design was created by his daughter and has been the same since he first ran for school board.



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Hemingway was born and raised in Johnson County and grew up on a farm. He currently lives in a rural portion of West Liberty, Iowa.



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After a day spent working in the shop, Phil cleans the grease off his hands before making the trip home.



Ayrton Breckenridge/ The Daily Iowan

Phil looks at his flip phone after clocking out for his job with Greg's Lawn and Landscaping in Cedar Rapids. He typically leaves his house for work before 5:30 a.m. and comes home at around 5:30 p.m.



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Phil speaks with community members on the T. Anne Cleary Walkway in hopes of connecting with younger voters as they walk to class. He has increased his presence and said, "My name is more recognizable now than it has been in the past, just because of the fact I've been persistent with it."

so he would take old political signs and paint over them to make them his own. Phil raised \$790 in 2022 for the reporting period spanning Jan. 1 through July 14, according to a report from the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board.

During his campaign, Phil makes it a point to show the pay raises county supervisors received from 2018 to 2023. A sign mentioning those dollar figures is prominently displayed wherever Phil campaigns.

When Phil first ran for a Board of Supervisors spot in 2018, the salary was \$71,240. For the 2023 fiscal year, the salary is set at \$92,558 without benefits.

Phil's initial promise back in 2018 during his first bid for a supervisor position was to not seek or accept a raise during his term. He still stands by that promise. With the \$20,000 raise in pay be-

tween 2018 and 2023, Phil plans to take that money every year and donate it to every school in Johnson County that has an agriculture or Future Farmers of America (FFA) program in place.

"Agriculture is the one thing that every single person in the world is involved with every day," Phil said.

During his time on the school board, Phil said he supported bringing those programs into the school system because they offer young people access to different trades and open the door to new job opportunities.

Phil was also chairman of the board's finance committee and ties his work there to the current salary increases with the board of supervisors.

"The budget for the Iowa City school district is larger than the county's budget," he said. "[The school district] also has

more employees than the county has employees. I oversaw the largest bond issue at the time in the state of over \$193 million-plus of spending to renovate our schools ... and I did all of that for free," Phil said.

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—Board of Supervisors candidate Phil Hemingway

He was one of two board members at the time to vote against sending the bond to the full referendum and said there wasn't enough in it for special education, career and technical education — and it left Hills Elementary out. Though the referendum passed, Phil saw it as his responsibility as a leader in political office to oversee the bond.

"Sometimes you're on the winning side of it, and sometimes you're not, but you still have to go on and make sure everything you

do is for the betterment of the community," Phil said. "You can't hold grudges and things like that, you just have to go on and continue to work ... I'm running to be a voice for everyone in the communi-

tion. Looking at his eight campaigns, Phil and Anita are familiar with the struggles that come with achieving success, but they see their Republican Party affiliation as an extra barrier in a largely Democratic county. Among the county's 90,213 active voters, 46,645 are registered Democrats, and 16,571 are registered Republicans. The rest are mostly registered as no-party voters.

"A lot of people in this town and in this county only look at the consonant behind the name and immediately get turned off," Anita said. "Some of them lump all Republicans in the same category not realizing that there's different shades of Republicans."

Phil ran uncontested in the June Republican primary with Jammie Bradshaw. They will face off against Democratic candidates Jon Green and V Fixmer-Oraiz on Election Day.

Phil and Anita both mentioned the benefit of having people from different backgrounds represented on the board.

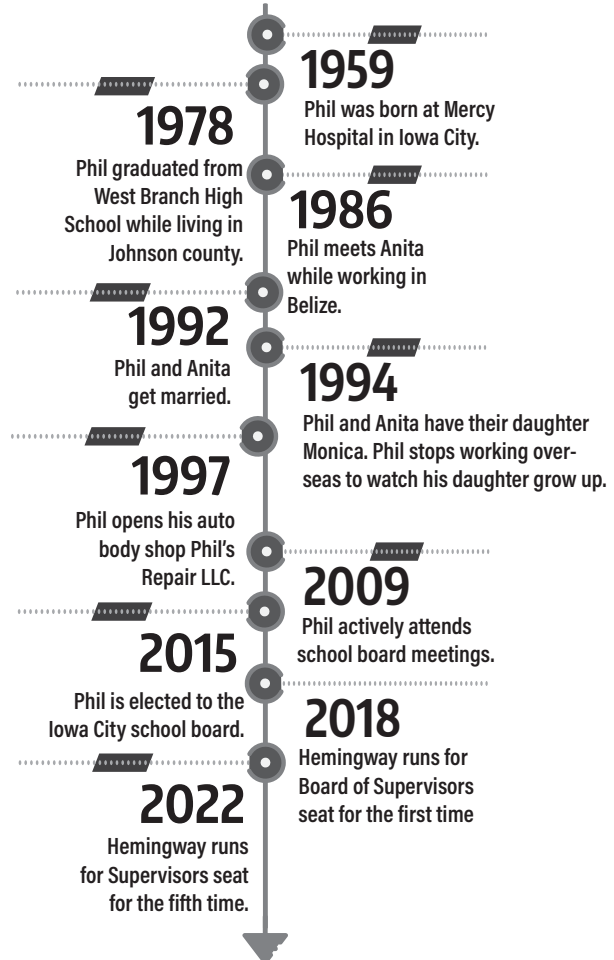
"When you have five people of one political thinking making decisions for a community that is very diverse in their thinking," Phil said. "I would think the community would recognize the benefit from having a diverse group of leaders."

Phil's older brother David is a self-proclaimed "liberal Democrat." Even though he doesn't always politically align with his brother, David said they end up supporting the same goals.

Phil said he plans to treat a supervisor's seat as a full-time job, referencing the amount of pay received, while some still consider the role a part-time endeavor.

"You don't take this on to pad a resume," Phil said of the position. "You take this on to provide a service to the community."

Timeline of Phil's journey



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Phil sweeps the floor after completing a day at Greg's Lawn and Landscaping on Aug. 26. He took up a mechanic job at Greg's as another job outside of Phil's Repair to keep busy.



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Phil looks at his phone with his wife Anita after a day of working. Most nights in the fall, the couple finds football games to watch together.

Opinions

The US needs to care about Ukraine

With the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, it is vital for the U.S. to continue supporting Ukraine.



Elise Cagnard
Opinions Columnist

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February, we have all been aware of the devastating war. Whether it was through news outlets or social media, it seems we couldn't escape the news coverage.

Over time, the constant exposure in the media has died down, and this let people push it out of their minds and forget about the travesties taking place. Unfortunately, even if we stop hearing about the war, that it not mean it is over.

When the public loses interest in events like this, it takes the pressure to act off the government. Without people demanding action from the U.S. government, change is slow, and the people of Ukraine will suffer.

U.S. support in the war is essential to the well-being of the people of Ukraine, whether it be from supplies or funding.

The U.S.'s backing of Ukraine in this war, including an approximated \$2.98 billion for civilians, is vital to the ongoing war efforts. If the U.S. stops aiding Ukraine, other nations are likely to follow, and Ukraine will have a much higher probability of losing this war.



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Demonstrators listen to speakers during a pro-Ukraine demonstration on Feb. 27 at the Pentacrest at the University of Iowa. Around 80 people attended the demonstration.

Below are major updates that have occurred this past week in the Russian-Ukrainian war:

There was a bombing on the Russia-Crimea bridge. Crimea was previously part of Ukraine, but in 2014 it was annexed by Russia. This blatant act of disrespect for the Ukrainian government built up added resent-

ment between the countries, so the attack on the bridge came as little surprise.

While Ukraine has not officially claimed this attack as its own, widespread celebration throughout the country following the event makes the connection clear.

This bridge was symbolic of Russia's over-step

into Ukraine before the war even started. Destroying it symbolized Ukraine fighting back against this repressive regime. Additionally, Russia used the bridge to receive supplies, so its destruction has left Russia more vulnerable than before.

In direct response to the bridge bombing, Russia sent Iranian drones to

bomb dozens of cities in Ukraine including Kyiv, Lviv, Dnipro, and Zaporizhzhia. The missiles did not target military bases or important government buildings, but instead attacked the people of Ukraine.

A reported 70 missiles were launched, and only half of them were shot down by air defense sys-

tems. The remaining missiles had devastating impacts. The casualty count is still unknown.

Every week, more events play out that could potentially change the trajectory of the war. It is essential that we pay attention to what happens.

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COLUMN

Agitate, don't aggravate

Activism takes many forms, but persistence is key.



Sophia Meador
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If you're not angry, you're not paying attention.

This is a sentiment felt by many young activists. Across the world, young people are increasingly outraged about the lack of action on urgent social issues like climate change, racial justice, and reproductive rights.

Feelings of anger are OK. It's a sign you care about pressing issues. But how we advocate for social justice should not elicit more anger across the aisle. The best way to be an advocate is to agitate, not aggravate.

On Friday, climate activists with Just Stop Oil, a U.K.-based climate coalition, gained national attention after throwing a can of Heinz tomato soup on the famous painting "Sunflowers" by Vincent Van Gogh at London's National Gallery.

The activists proceeded to glue themselves to the wall below the painting, and one shouted, "What is worth more, art or life? ... Are you more concerned about the protection of a painting or the protection of our planet?"

When it comes to garnering national attention, the coalition succeed. But the conversations surrounding the incident are mixed.

While the purpose of the demonstration was to gain attention for their cause, many struggle to understand how these drastic actions relate to

activism.

Similar conversations were expressed in the summer of 2020 following the murder of George Floyd.

After Floyd's murder, cities across America experienced vandalism from protesters and counter-protesters. At the University of Iowa, the cleanup following racial justice protests totaled over \$1 million.

I strongly believe activism should not be passive and compliant. Change will not come from posting infographics on your Instagram story or watching a documentary on Netflix.

Meaningful change happens when you leave your comfort zone and put in the work to find justice. But justice is not found in the destruction of property or violence. The best way to be an advocate is to agitate your oppressors, not aggravate them further.

One way to be an activist is to lobby your representatives. The notion, "think globally, act locally" is best applied here.

Seeking justice for social issues can be overwhelming, but change is not on the shoulders of a single individual. It's on the backs of people in power.

Meaningful change doesn't happen overnight. It takes time and energy and relies on the boldness of people around you. Speaking to representatives like local and state leaders can influence change in your community and inspire change in surrounding communities.

Activism must also be persistent. In the wake of injustice, people take their rage to the streets to demand change. But as time passes, so does the drive of activists. That's why it's imperative that activism does not get caught up in the moment because moments don't last forever. Change is a process, and we must keep on demanding.

A prime example of this is the work of Greta Thunberg. In 2018, the 15-year-old climate activist began the movement Fridays for Future. This movement has spread across the world, with millions protesting climate injustice each Friday.

In the four years since the movement started, Thunberg gained global attention and was even named *Time Magazine* Person of the Year in 2019. Thunberg has raised millions of dollars for climate initiatives and furthered global conversations surrounding climate change.

I'm angry about the inaction of people in power, and you should be, too. It's easy to make drastic actions in the heat of the moment. But going out on the streets and staying persistent for social justice is hard.

As social justice activists, we must fight in the long run. Agitating people in power is the best way to advocate for change; aggravating and throwing soup will do more harm than good.

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COLUMN

Men's mental health crisis

Stigma around men's mental health has created a significant crisis for men.



Evan Weidl
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There is a silent killer of men in the U.S., and it isn't a virus or infection; it's depression.

Male suicide has been on the rise since 2000. Almost 10 percent of men have daily feelings of depression or anxiety, according to the American Psychological Association. Yet, less than half of that 10 percent spoke to a mental health professional or took medication for those feelings.

Norms and standards surrounding masculinity encourage men to suppress their feelings, and this is killing men. It will take a significant change in the way society views masculinity to remove stigmas surrounding mental health.

Some of the most prominent contributors to the men's mental health crisis are the traditional standards of masculinity. According to a study by Benita N. Chatmon, Louisiana State University assistant dean for clinical nursing education, the traditional roles men are raised on encourage power and dominance. This in turn discourages expression of emotion and leads to the inability to understand and communicate emotion.

Earlier this year, I went through a depressive episode. I didn't enjoy doing anything that I normally loved doing. Every part of my day felt like a chore; even getting out of bed in the morning took a significant amount of willpower.

Even at my worst, I never felt ashamed to feel what I felt, nor did I feel ashamed to admit that I needed

to seek out help. I started seeing a therapist, and my mental health has improved significantly since then.

I feel very lucky that I could quickly recognize that I needed help and seek it out. Unfortunately, this is not the case for millions of men. I can't imagine where I would be today if I never sought out help, and we must prioritize teaching men that it is necessary to admit they are struggling and need help.

To create a significant shift in our society's attitude toward men's mental health, it will take countless small actions committed by individuals.

This is not to say masculinity has no value, but it should not take priority over mental health. Strong masculinity and consideration of mental health are not mutually exclusive, and we must teach young men to find that balance. Taking care of your mental health and well-being does not mean you are weak, nor does it diminish your masculinity.

Additionally, men must hold themselves accountable as well. If we want things to be more accommodating to us, we must be more accommodating to one another. This means listening to one another, taking our own health and the health of others seriously, and recognizing that being competitive and dominant should not be a priority over mental health.

The most important thing we can do as a society is create a culture that educates and encourages everyone to seek help if they experience mental health issues.

If you know someone who is or may be struggling with their mental health, reach out to them. Even a small action like that may make the difference for someone who is struggling.

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 - Snacks for aardvarks
 - Boggle, Scrabble and others
 - Makes a mistake
 - __-chic (hippie-influenced fashion)
 - "Workers of all lands __" (phrase on Marx's tombstone)
 - South American palm with a black-purple berry
 - Make, as money
 - Put into law
 - Los Angeles venue named for the star of "12 Angry Men"
 - Do needlework
 - Lots and lots
 - Network with an eye logo
 - Yellowfin tuna
 - Disney+ series in the Marvel Cinematic Universe
 - Animals that may be subject to an apartment restriction
 - What electric cars don't need
 - Apartment you own
 - "Butch Cassidy" and "The Sundance Kid," for two
 - "The Canterbury Tales" author

- Identical copy
- Promise-to-pay letters
- Stadium seating section
- First car from a Japanese manufacturer to be made in the U.S. (1982)
- "Dear old" family member
- Letter before tee
- Eye affliction
- Take advantage of
- Creator of "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal" ... or, when said aloud, a hint to the starts of 20-, 30- and 45-Across
- Squabble
- Faux-humble response to a compliment
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- Gospel singer Winans
- "Battle __ of the Republic"
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- Down**
- Not able to hear
 - With the bow, in music
 - "So, anyway, ..." and "On that note ..., ..." e.g.
 - Parenthetical comment
 - Help with a heist
 - Trevor of "The Daily Show"
 - Clothes, slangily
 - Beethoven's "Moonlight __"
 - Picasso's antiwar masterpiece
 - Brontë sister
 - Soccer star Hamm
 - List-ending abbr.
 - Where a TV show is filmed
 - Reaction to cuteness
 - "Maze! __!"
 - Annual celebration of Mexican heritage
 - Neighborhood grocery store
 - Made sounds while sound asleep
 - Sugarhill Gang song with the repeated line "Jump on it!"
 - Greetings
 - How old you are
 - "Illmatic" rapper
 - First Pixar film with a Black protagonist
 - Something brought home unintentionally from the beach
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 - "Oh, that was so obvious!"
 - One of the five senses
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A PUSH FOR INCLUSIVITY:

V Fixmer-Oraiz's journey to candidacy

V Fixmer-Oraiz wants to propel Johnson County's future in a positive direction.



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V Fixmer-Oraiz speaks to Johnson County Democrats during a barbecue at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City on Oct. 9. V and their wife Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz moved to Iowa in August 2012 after Natalie received a job offer from the University of Iowa. V said the support they've received from community members and volunteers has kept them afloat during the election process. "It makes that light burn hotter," V said. "I know that I'm not alone. And I know that this is important and that people are paying attention."

Grace Smith
Photojournalist

While rain trickled down onto East Washington Street and bounced off food stand tents at the Iowa City Farmers Market on Sept. 17, V Fixmer-Oraiz stood near the entrance of Chauncey Swan Parking Ramp and spoke with community members about their Johnson County Board of Super-

visors campaign.

All sporting rain jackets, V's grandparents, John and Val Bowman, spoke with V's wife, Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, while the Fixmer-Oraiz children — Emmons, 7, and Celso, 4 — ate powdered sugar donuts from a vendor.

V is one of four Johnson County residents vying for one of two open seats on the board in the general election on Nov. 8. They

are running against Jammie Bradshaw, R-Lone Tree; Jon Green, D-Lone Tree; and Phil Hemingway, R-West Liberty.

V said it is important for their children to understand the election process and be exposed to political and worldly situations, including the Russia-Ukraine War and the insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol. V brings Emmons and Celso to the farmers market to speak with community members or drags a wagon up and down grassy hills while they door-knock through small towns.

Because of V's participation in the election process, Emmons often asks to listen to the news on the way to school or the Iowa City Public Library.

"I don't want [Emmons] to grow up railing against one side or the other," V said. "I want him to see what it is for what it is and understand at least the breadth of it — if not the depth of it."

After V entered the race, they said Emmons has talked more about Democrats and Republicans than ever before.

"It's not because I'm this die-hard Democrat," V said. "It's the ways our society pins these things against each other. And I think our responsibility as parents is to just retain that curiosity."

Curiosity continued during the primary elections, when V, Green, and Seth Zimmerman battled for two spots to run in the general election for the board.

Despite the friendly battle between other Democratic candidates in the June primaries — with two Republicans and two Democrats running for the open seats in the general election — V and Green now work closely

together and help with each other's campaigning.

"There's two people that believe in a woman's right to choose, there's two people that believe in a livable wage, and it's me and Jon," V said. "We're climate activists, we believe in racial justice, and we do the work."

V has worked with the current board for about five-and-a-half years as Johnson County Historic Poor Farm manager. In February, a few board members approached V and mentioned they should consider running for the board.

With V's experience working closely with the board, they said they already understand some tasks such as agenda and budget planning. V said they are excited to potentially step into a role that could have a larger impact on the community they reside in.

"I saw that there was an open seat and felt like it was really time to step outside of my comfort zone," V said. "Having more of a policy influence and a budgetary influence I think would be just a better opportunity given the experience that I have, given who I am, too. I mean, I can't get away from identity politics. It just informs who we are everywhere, right?"

V, who is transgender, biracial, and identifies as queer, said showing community members that all types of people live in Johnson County and deserve to be heard would be very valuable on the board.

If V is elected to the board, they would be the first biracial, transgender, and queer person in an elected county position in Iowa.

"I think that we can do a better job of inclusivity. It's 2022," V said. "We need to have that representation."

V finds identity and partner

V first experienced same-sex attraction in high school, but the terms "gay" and "lesbian" were often used as expletives on the 30 different military bases they grew up on before turning 16. With help from a basketball coach who identified as gay while V was in high school, they realized they didn't have to hide who they were.

"It was this whole new world, and it really made sense to me," V said.

V said they call the time period they came out as the "best of times and the worst of times" because, despite their identity not being well-received by their parents, they finally felt like themselves.

V said family is family, and their relationship with their parents is restoring itself.

After coming out in high school, V went to college in San Francisco, where they lived for about five years before transferring to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There, they participated in political drag, where their performance troupe performed and used art in activism work and built political community.

"We were around for a decade, and we traveled all over the country and then even Europe," V said. "We had some shows in Amsterdam and London, and we were like a Feminist Collective."

In 2005, when V lived in California, they met Natalie through mutual friends and political organizing. The couple had a long-distance relationship while Natalie was a graduate student at UNC Chapel Hill and worked at Planned Parenthood. In 2008, V moved to North Car-

olina to be with Natalie and finish their undergraduate career in environmental studies when they were 27 years old and Natalie was 26 years old.

Natalie said she is grateful to be in a partnership with her best friend.

"They have this deep well of generosity, this deep well of patience, this deep appreciation for other humans trying to be human on the planet," Natalie said. "It's astounding, and I love that about them."

V and Natalie have been married for 14 years, and V said their connection grows stronger every day. V said Natalie's passion for reproductive rights, and V's work in environmental justice creates a lot of intersectionality in their lives.

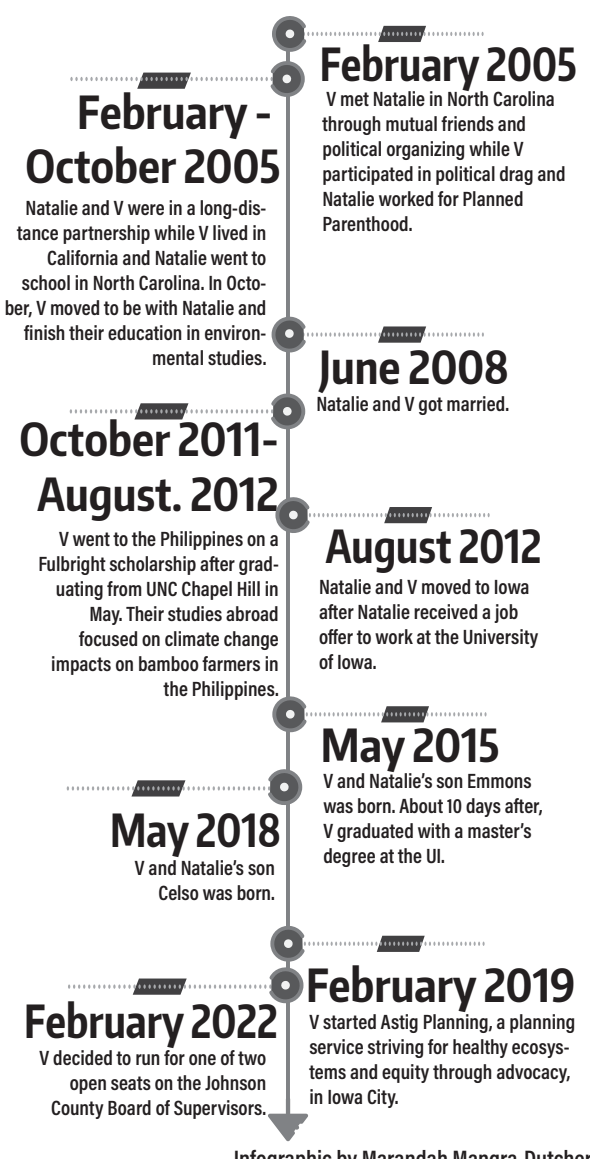
"We met in that space of making art and making change and working with the community to bring about that change," Natalie said. "Our love for one another is really grounded in this fierce commitment to social justice and to hopefully making the world a little bit better."

Natalie has been an associate professor of communication studies and gender, women's and sexuality studies at the University of Iowa for 10 years. Natalie said her favorite part about teaching is the collaborative process.

The collaborative process continues in the couple's home life when co-parenting. Natalie said she admires how V always makes time for family despite how busy other parts of their life make them.

"As busy as V gets with work and this campaign, V puts it all aside," Natalie said. "V will always make time for dinner, for play, for bath time."

Timeline of V's life



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V, Emmons, and Celso look for bugs under a rock in a stream near the Fixmer-Oraiz home in Iowa City on Oct. 5. Natalie said, despite V's chaotic schedule, they always make time for their children. "As busy as V gets with work and this campaign, V puts it all aside," Natalie said. "V will always make time for dinner, for play, for bath time."



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V throws a piece of cardboard into a recycling bin at a recycling center in Iowa City on Oct. 15. V studied the environment and watershed planning in college and is passionate about improving the environment. From October 2011 to August 2012, V went to the Philippines on a Fulbright scholarship that focused on climate change's impact on bamboo farmers.

And V said the same about Natalie.

"She's an incredible co-parent," V said. "We're both learning, and we're both in it together."

For V, parenting clarified their transgender identity. V said they were placed in heteronormative spaces, including birth and parenting classes, that pushed V to consider why they wanted to transition.

"It's like death by 1,000 cuts," V said. "Do I want to transition and have top surgery because that's who I am and that's how I've always wanted to be? Or do I want to do that because this heteronormative structure is pushing me in that direction?"

When they were a child, V said there wasn't a language for how they identified. V said they want to make a change in Johnson County by representing a marginalized community and pushing back on Republican state legislative proposals including bathroom bans.

"It's wrong to make kids go through that. It's wrong to make families go through that," V said. "At this point, I feel comfortable being the person to stand up and say, 'No, we're here. And we matter.'"

V's passion for environment, equity takes off

V studied environment and watershed planning in college. This passion led them to start Astig Planning, a planning service striving for healthy ecosystems and equity through advocacy.

After working in engineering and planning firms for a few years, V realized there weren't any planning firms that addressed climate change and social justice nearby, so they started one in Iowa City in February 2019.

"How do we plan for those folks to be successful in life, to have dignity and respect and care and all the things that they need?" V said.

Astig Planning started at Merge Downtown — a coworking space in Iowa City — where V's business found connections and attention, being across from Iowa City Area Development staff members. Now, the planning firm operates in the South District on Keokuk Street, near communities V hopes to help through planning.

V's dedication to helping marginalized communities continued through their position as vice president of the Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition, an organization that creates affordable and fair housing for all Johnson County communities.

If elected to the board, V said they will continue pushing for inclusivity through affordable hous-



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V breaks down cardboard at their home in Iowa City on Oct. 15. Along with Astig Planning, V is involved in other county organizations including the Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition — where they serve as vice president — and the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm, which works closely with the board. In February, V said a few board members approached them and mentioned they should consider running for the board. As a biracial, transgender, and queer individual, V said showing community members that all types of people live in Johnson County and deserve to be heard would be very valuable on the board. "I think that we can do a better job of inclusivity. It's 2022," V said. "We need to have that representation."

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"Having clean water matters, having access to public education and health care — those things matter," V said.

Sara Barron, executive director of the Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition, also cares about inclusivity in the county, which is why she stepped into the role of V's campaign manager before their official announcement came out in February.

Barron said before the candidacy announcement, V made a list of people they wanted to inform of their candidacy, and Barron was on that list. Barron asked to help out with their campaign right away.

"I think they are an absolutely fantastic leader with the skills and temperament that we desperately need in all levels of government," Barron said.

Barron said the Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition doesn't endorse specific candidates and works with everyone who's running for office and holds elected office to ensure they understand the importance of affordable housing.

Barron and V met while V served on the city of Iowa City's Housing and Community Development Commission, whose members are appointed by the City Council. Barron saw the passion V put toward the city's social services and knew she wanted them on the coalition's team.

When V's term ended around April 2020, Barron asked V to join the

team. Now, the two work closely campaigning and attending events such as the Johnson County Democrats Fall Barbecue.

Barron said working with V on their campaign has been nothing but joyful, and she admires V's commitment to showing up to events despite their already full schedule with a family and running their business.

"When V comes to talk to your group or when V knocks on your door, they

aren't just there to talk about themselves and their campaign," Barron said. "They're there to hear about what's important to you. And that ability to listen and convene people and make space for people to share what's important to them is really powerful."

V's support system and motivation

All of V's campaign volunteers are unpaid, and V is grateful they have

support from community members to fuel their candidacy.

"To truly have people willing to spend their resources, their time, their energy, their voice, their networks — any of it to support me," V said. "It just brings me to my knees."

For the reporting periods spanning Jan. 1 through July 14, V received \$18,221.24 in contributions to their campaign, according to the

Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board.

V said the help they received from their family, other Democratic candidates, volunteers, and the community has kept them afloat during the election process.

"It makes that light burn hotter," V said. "I know that I'm not alone. And I know that this is important and that people are paying attention."

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Natalie, Emmons, and V play a board game while Celso draws on a notepad at their home in Iowa City on Oct. 15. V said when they were a child, there wasn't a language for how they identified, and now they want to make a change in Johnson County by representing a marginalized community and pushing back on GOP state legislative proposals including bathroom bans. "It's wrong to make kids go through that. It's wrong to make families go through that," V said. "At this point, I feel comfortable being the person to stand up and say, 'No, we're here. And we matter.'"

Caitlin Clark signed to the swoosh

The junior guard was one of five players to sign an NIL deal with Nike ahead of the 2022-23 season.



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Iowa guard Caitlin Clark dribbles the ball during a First Round NCAA women's basketball tournament game between No. 2 Iowa and No. 15 Illinois State in the sold-out Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 18. Clark led the team in points, with 27.

Chris Werner
Assistant Sports Editor

Caitlin Clark, one of the most popular players in NCAA women's basketball, signed a name, image, and likeness deal with Nike ahead of the 2022-23 season.

The Iowa star was one of five student-athletes signed by Nike on Oct. 11. The popular sports brand also made deals with high school players Bronny James — the son of NBA veteran LeBron James — DJ Wagner, and Juju Watkins. Clark's deal comes alongside Nike signing Stanford women's basketball player

Haley Jones.

Clark, now a junior, is a two-time winner of the Dawn Staley Award — an award given to the best guard in collegiate women's basketball. Clark was the Big Ten Player of the Year last season. She has been named a first-team All-American twice.

Last season, Clark became the first player in Division I collegiate basketball to lead the nation in both points and assists per game, averaging 27 and eight, respectively.

"Obviously, I'm very honored and blessed to have that," Clark said about the deal with Nike on Oct.

11 at Big Ten Basketball Media Days in Minneapolis. "Obviously, [as] somebody who grew up loving sports, I played a lot of different sports growing up. A lot of the athletes I loved were part of the Nike family, so to become one of them is truly an honor."

During her first two seasons in Iowa City, Clark took the women's basketball world by storm. She has formed relationships with multiple professional athletes and celebrities. Brooklyn Nets star Kevin Durant and rap artist Travis Scott have both mentioned Clark on social media.

But Clark's play isn't just

helping her pop up on celebrities' feeds. It's also helping get more eyes on women's basketball.

The 2022 NCAA women's basketball championship game between UConn and South Carolina attracted 4.85 million viewers — the most for any college basketball game on ESPN since 2008.

Meanwhile, the Big Ten Network, home to many Iowa women's basketball games in 2022, enjoyed the most-watched season of women's hoops in its history. The network's average of 70,000 TV viewers per game was up 41 percent from the previous

season.

Four of the highest-rated women's basketball games in BTN history were played during last year's Big Ten Tournament. The highest-viewed contest was the tournament semifinal between Iowa and Nebraska, which drew 286,000 viewers as Clark dropped 41 points on the Cornhuskers.

The Hawkeyes' 92-88 loss to the Ohio State Buckeyes at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 31 was BTN's most-watched regular season women's basketball game, with 164,000 tuning in.

"As a conference, we're

extremely lucky and blessed to have Caitlin in our league," Purdue women's basketball coach Katie Gearlds said. "The national attention she gets and what it does to elevate our game and our brand ... hate playing against her, hate game-planning against her, but what she does is, I mean, she puts eyes on all of us."

Northwestern women's basketball head coach Joe McKeown said Clark's style is attracting new spectators to the sport.

"She just has this charisma and personality, too, that people want to watch," McKeown told *The Daily Iowan*. "Give her a lot of credit; her game speaks for itself. But the way she plays, she's brought fans into our game that maybe wouldn't normally watch women's basketball. And I think that's where it's really helped everybody."

McKeown's squad is 3-2 against Iowa in the past two seasons. The Wildcats and Hawkeyes are set to face off once this season on Jan. 11 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Rutgers hasn't beaten Iowa in Clark's two seasons in Black and Gold, losing by margins of six, 11, and nine points, respectively. Rutgers junior guard Erica Lafayette said, while Clark increases the popularity of women's basketball around the country, she also raises the level of the game.

"She helps us a lot," Lafayette said. "I think she helps everyone level up their game because we know we have to guard her. And if you don't guard her, she's going to punch you in the mouth. You don't want to get that. So, I think she just levels up the game 10 times more, you know, makes everyone feel like you have to work harder."

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Hayashida focused under pressure

The freshman from Peru, who competed on her country's national tennis team, is used to hostile environments.



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Iowa's Daienne Hayashida hits a ball during a practice for the Iowa tennis team at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex in Iowa City on Oct. 11. The freshman is from Peru.

Matt McGowan
Sports Reporter

Daienne Hayashida is used to pressure.

Not only has the Iowa tennis freshman represented her native Peru as a tennis player since she was 11 years old, but she has also played in hostile environments.

Hayashida played the 2021 Pan American Games in Columbia the year before she arrived at Iowa. Competing against a Columbian player, the crowd at center court was not exactly on her side.

"I just had my teammates and my parents go to the tournament," Hayashi-

da said. "So, I had like six people for me. I missed one serve, and people were saying things like, 'Miss again.' It was very tiring."

Despite heckling from fans, Hayashida won the match in straight sets, finishing the singles tournament with a bronze medal.

Growing up in Lima, Peru, Hayashida participated in running and swimming. Hayashida played her first tennis tournament at 8 years old and said the sport appealed to her because of the game's chess match style.

"A match is like two hours, and I'm alone in the court, and I have to think, 'No one can help me,' Ha-

yashida said. "When I swim or run, one minute and it's over. So, tennis I found more interesting because I have to think about strategies and all those things."

Tennis' analytical approach allows Hayashida to stay calm throughout a match regardless of the score. In fact, Hayashida said she didn't even celebrate earning a point two years ago.

"I can focus easily; outside things are not very distracting for me," Hayashida said. "Also, I'm not very mad when I miss. I can be losing 5-0, and I'm like, 'Ok, let's keep going.' Sometimes, girls are 4-0 down or 3-0 down and they're just

like, 'I don't want to play anymore' or smash their racket."

One such outside influence is the flurry of Instagram direct messages to Hayashida's account before and after international tournaments. She described how Peruvians would often shower her with praise before a match but would then criticize her if she lost.

"It's a lot of pressure because it's not just me, it's all my country," Hayashida said. "All the Peruvian people texting me, 'You can do it,' 'You're the favorite.' I remember I didn't look at my phone until 8 p.m. the night before the match.

And when I lost, people would text me sh*t."

To keep her focus ahead of a match, Hayashida listens to Spanish music and practices yoga.

"I love to do yoga. I think that helps me a lot with breathing when I play," Hayashida said. "When I'm excited to finish a match or finish a point, that helps me to focus again."

Accompanying this focus is the constant support she provides her teammates. Sophomore Marisa Schmidt described Hayashida as a comforting presence, especially after someone loses a match.

"She is super nice. I feel like she will never talk bad

about someone," Schmidt said. "She is always supportive. After I lost, she came to me and gave me a hug."

Even at the national and collegiate level, Hayashida has a desire to enjoy the game she's played since she was 5 years old. While that enjoyment was obscured at times due to nerves, her goal remains to have a good time.

"I think that I'm now more nervous than I was when I was 11. It's crazy," Hayashida said. "Because at that age, I didn't know about favorites and pressure. At that age I just played for fun. So, now I'm always trying to have fun. I play tennis because I enjoy playing tennis."

Hayashida had a right foot injury before she committed to Iowa. While she sat out for four months, she debated whether or not to take the professional route and join the Women's Tennis Association. Ultimately, she chose to attend Iowa, where she majors in psychology. Though Hayashida plans to try going pro after she graduates, her head coach Sasha Schmid is happy with her right where she is.

"Such a wonderful combination of somebody who is a wonderful teammate, generous in so many ways with such a good heart, but is very, very competitive and really fights for herself in a really healthy way when she plays," Schmid said. "I love seeing somebody who can balance those two things out, that can balance out respecting their opponent and being a good teammate and also really giving to yourself, pushing yourself, believing in yourself."

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