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Loudonville High School student creates app

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Reporter

Since he was 5 years old, Christopher Paterson, a Loudonville High School freshman, has been helping his family start a local non-profit business called MUGS. He has recently created a free app that will help aid his family and the community with their fundraising in order to jumpstart the company. “The app, ‘DRIPS’, is a coffee-based phone game that requires the player to fill drink orders to advance levels,” Paterson said. “The way they do that is by moving a mug on a tray back and forth to catch drips falling from the top of the screen.” The app works with the phone’s gyroscope, so the player tilts the phone to move the mug. Paterson is constantly working to add more levels and features to keep players interested and having fun. Paterson decided to create the app when his family brainstormed ideas to raise money to help start a local coffee shop.



SUBMITTED BY CHRISTOPHER PATERSON
Paterson playing the game ‘DRIPS’ that he created.

“I first got the idea for the game when I was talking with my mom about her non-profit organization, MUGS,” Paterson said. “Her team needed a considerable amount of money to finish the renovations on their building, and I thought a phone game might help.” The game is free to download, so the money they make comes from the ads a player watches and any in-app purchases they make. In December 2014, Paterson’s mother, Bethany, and her team were given a building in downtown Loudonville to start this non-profit company with a goal to help better the community. The MUGS’ team knew going in that to create the kind of atmosphere they needed, it could not be just a community center. It had to be a coffeehouse, too. Raising the money is very important to Paterson and he hopes to get the word out to as many people as he can as soon as possible. “The great thing about ‘DRIPS’ is with every download and share, you’re helping a non-profit,” Paterson said.

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Campo and Miller lead community discussion

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“We rise and fall together,” Mayor of Ashland Matt Miller said to the crowd of community members and campus leaders that were gathering at Uniontown Brewery in Downtown Ashland. The Ashland Source hosted an event featuring Miller and President of AU, Dr. Carlos Campo on Wednesday, Nov. 13. The discussion focused on the relationship between both the community and campus life. Campo spoke about the strategic plan and highlighted on the things that “make Ashland, Ashland.” He announced the latest tuition update, a tuition-freeze for freshman students who may not be able to afford the cost of college right away. There was also money given to AU by donors for a scholarship which education majors who apply for a pell grant will be able to have tuition free school. Campo and Miller spoke on the importance of integrating the students into the community and on the progress the school has made introducing the different campus organizations to the community during holiday events and community service opportunities. Miller commented on how he admires Campo for all of his efforts



Left to right: Ashland Mayor Matt Miller, Ashland Source reporter Tracy Leturgey and AU President Carlos Campo have a discussion with community members at Uniontown Brewery on Nov. 13.

in bettering AU. The main focal point of the talk was on the interaction between the campus and community. AU has put in money toward the downtown buildings of Ashland already, with the adult and online studies and correctional education buildings that are under the process of remodeling. The buildings are bringing more jobs to people and are restoring the two old town buildings that were crumbling before the investment. Miller said that the school was slowly helping to change the city of Ashland for the better by getting

involved. Along with the help of AU helping to make the city shine, Miller coined one of the phrases of the night regarding how he wants to make Ashland “sparkle”. Miller spoke about the possibility of more apartments in Ashland and a push to clean up the old Pumphouse building that is a mess in the eyes of the city. “We are striving to make [AU] and Ashland better,” Campo said. “Better at writing and better at preparing students for their future.” AU is making investments like

correctional education and adult and online studies. This sets the university apart from the surrounding colleges by allowing opportunities for more than just the traditional student seeking a four year degree. “After 140 years, those traditions [of the university] determine who we are. We are an educational institution first,” Campo said. The free, but ticketed event ran until around 7 p.m. and was attended by roughly 80 community members.

Veterans for Peace program hosted at AU

MASON JONES
Reporter

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the war known as the Great War was put to a halt. An armistice was signed bringing all global conflict involved in the war to an end. It has been 101 years since the armistice was signed, which was called Armistice Day for years until 1954 when the latter was changed to Veterans Day. Many soldiers sacrificed their lives in order to protect those they loved from the country they loved, and this day is made to honor those who have fallen and those who have fought and braved the horrors of war. To honor those who have fallen and address the problems war can bring to people, Ashland University held an event on Nov. 13 sponsored by the Ashland Center for

Nonviolence. The event included Veterans for Peace members Mary Renolds Powell, who served in the Vietnam War, and Ian Y. Yee, who served in the Middle East and took part in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. “The Ashland Center for Nonviolence started in 2004, when the U.S. was threatening war with Iraq in 2003, and many faculty and staff protested the war before it started which united people together in order to create this program,” Dr. Craig Hovey said. Hovey, who is the director for the Ashland Center for Nonviolence, has been directing the program for six years as he tries to create a different type of event every year for the program. “This is actually the first time we have had Veterans for Peace here as we wanted to coincide it with Veterans Day,” Hovey said. “We wanted for a long time to hear from



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Mary Powell served in the Vietnam War as a Nurse for internal medicine from 1967-1971.

veterans who have been stricken by war and are opposed to war as war affects everyone differently.” Powell and Yee, have seen their fair share of war as each veteran had something to say about the

experience that he/she witnessed, with many interpersonal feelings and thoughts as they witnessed the true cruelty of mankind. Before each veteran spoke, they read through letters and thoughts written by people from wars the United States has been involved with in the past: the Civil War, World War I and II and Vietnam. Each letter contained strong emotions tied to it as each writer had seen true evil unleashed in front of them with remarks to the injuries suffered, the heartbreaking screams and the everlasting pain of not knowing when the last breath will be inhaled. When the last of the letters had been read aloud, the veterans themselves stood up to speak about their experiences in war.

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Art exhibition showcases one senior’s relationship with health

KATIE HARRIGAN
Reporter

From Nov. 21 to Dec. 14, Ashland University’s Coburn Art Gallery will display several pieces for its senior exhibition. The art featured this semester is created by commercial art and fine arts major, Kiana Ziegler. The theme of her exhibit is entitled “Meditation on the Flesh.” Ziegler said the art focuses on health, well-being and her own experience of living with chronic illness. “The theme is a personal theme,

as all artwork usually is,” Ziegler said. “I am someone who deals with multiple chronic illnesses that have greatly impacted my life, and this work is my self-therapy for dealing with the emotional byproduct from those chronic illnesses.” Because Ziegler is so connected to the story behind her art, she said she hopes the audience will also be able to experience their own emotional journey upon viewing her pieces.

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Kid Kulture and the Tr!o host concert at AU Chapel

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Reporter

Students, faculty and community members filled Jack and Deb Miller Chapel on Nov. 12 to watch a new and upcoming music group, Kid Kulture and the Tr!o. The concert was hosted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes who invited the group to AU to host a concert as a fundraiser for their Dominican Republic Sports & Services Mission Trip in May. The group, coming out of Mansfield, are siblings who have been making music since they were very young. All five Hill siblings- Alan

(Kid Kulture), Andrew (clarinet and E-Reed), Aaron (drums), Adien (trumpet) and Ariane (flute)-brought a jazz and hip-hop mix to the stage. “Alex, our other brother, was the one who gave us the idea to have the benefit concert,” Ariane said. “The Tr!o came together in 2016 even though we have been doing this since we were small,” Aaron said. Kid Kulture has released some of his own work as well. In 2018, he released his album called “Black Suburbia.”

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