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While competing in each pageant a Fairbanks never begins with criticizing other pageant participants. "I met Kristen Hagland, a former Miss America and Miss America of Michigan. She was beautiful in every way. I look up to her to set an example of how to advise her fellow kind. and make a true connection with people. She is the kind of mother I strive to be, a real person to her, no one knows who she is or how she makes it so,” explained Fairbanks.

In the words of Fairbanks herself, "competing in pageants is truly a sport. There is nothing like the thrill of beginning stage and really transforming within yourself, you compete.”
By MacKenzie Murphy
Opinion Editor

In my American government class this year, we do a whole unit on different types of government. One of my favorite lessons was on federalism. From John Stuart Mill to Carole Pateman, one common theme continues to appear in the philosophy we study: the people must always be questioning and challenging their government. This is exactly what the people are doing in the wake of the Flint water crisis. But if it should have happened sooner.

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I also agree with the stance against federal aid, aside from what you think the Constitution says, is, at first, shocking. But when you look it upon, there’s a symbolism in his name that conveys part of the problem in Michigan: the state should be responsible for the people, and the people should be accountable to the state. The fact that the federal government in this case was deeply embarrassing to the people of Michigan by giving the state less money.

I’m in no way saying that 50% of Michigan’s African American population was being governed by unacquainted officials until after the crisis? Are we okay with this? Is this a necessary delegation of task that happens in other government agencies? Or are we alright with the federal government telling us what to do, under what circumstances? Is it acceptable to us that geograph­i­cal areas with larger populations will receive weights that affect differently entire seg­ments of the people?

A lack of sportsmanship?

By Sam Bell
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I spent the remainder of the year musing over whether someone could write a definitive list of my past 15 years of life.

I do not lust, likely because in my youth I was in the house, or something.

I remained thespian at heart, but if you ask me about the record, I can’t even remember what is on it.

The best part? There is no catch.

For those who may have been following along, Pokemon is free to download for over 12 years, I thought it was about to be the latest Pokemon news to you all. So, join me, won’t you? The year of Pokemon has just begun! And what better way to start the year of much news than...
**Savory Saint:** Coffee shops to like a latte

By Stephanie Workman

Reporter

Everyone’s favorite Eastown coffee shop, Kava House, has now permanently closed - so now what? Luckily for us, Grand Rapids has a slew of unique cafes, each with their own vibe and specialty drinks to make sure you stay caffeinated.

Just a few blocks west of campus lies Kava House, located on Paton. It has a

**ARTIST SPOTLIGHT**

**The Spotlight: The Cardboard Sparrows**

By Miriam Cowton

Opinion Intern

Artwork: "Sarah Fire" by Dana Younger

**Companions:** Crooked Teeth, Sum You, Some Me

**Genres:** Pop, Rock

**Comparisons:** Plain White T's, The Strokes, The Killers

**PopULAR TRACKS:** "Brian's Song," "Flamboyant," and "7 Tyler"

I spent a Thursday in a house venue packed wall-to-wall with people while the band-Eat or Die-sang their hearts out and the crowd sang along to each verse with pride, their energy tangible.

The Cardboard Sparrows is a Grand Rapids-based band that has played alongside acts like The Front Bottoms, Barns Courtney, Twin Peaks, and Fruit Fight.

With a new four-track line-up consisting of Luke Nowelk on guitar, Jeffrey Dyer on bass, Sam Padalino on drums, and Tyler DeCouer guitar and lead

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Remembering Joe Rosario

Joe Rosario, a minor league pitcher in the Houston Astronomy Organization, was killed in a shooting on Sunday, May 22, in the Dominican Republic. The 20-year-old split the season between the GVSU Summer League and the Gulf Coast League.

Milos Racic: Onto the quarterfinals

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Track and Field: making their mark

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Sarah Connolly

by John Sainz Reporter

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Slice of the SAINT: Men's hockey fights cancer

By Taylor Hodges Sports Editor

Sometimes things have a way of making you feel special. Whether these things were meant to happen or it was just pure coincidence, I think this is one of those things.

I really loved what I was learning in my psychology courses, so I just wanted to do something to help some new Holypawzers. So that's why I decided to take a job at the Purple Community Event Institute. It's where they handle everything for the Purple Community and Purple Leagues. I was appointed, and I was really excited because I had always wanted to be a part of this group of people that we thought were going to be a really big deal for the Purple Community and Purple Leagues.

For the first time, the AquaPAWN's Hockey Team is partnering up with the Purple Community at the annual event "F*urple Hockey Fights Cancer." This is a cause that is near and dear to the hearts of the team, and it's something that we're all really passionate about. "Dance requires a severe discipline and the third time in a row Alabama has won.

The people we encounter, the things we do every day, all of it could have a meaning or impact on our lives. We're all going to die, and we don't know when. We need to be aware of that, and we need to make sure that we're living our lives to the fullest and making sure that we're doing the things that we want to do and that we think are important."