# The Grand Valley Ledger 

## Lowell High School could lose its accreditation



POWDER PUFF GAME SATURDAY
The Lowell Athletic Boosters are staging a Powder Puff (girls) Football Game this Saturday. October 23 at Lowell's Burch Field. The L. H.S. senior girls will be taking on the juniors in head to head The Athletic Boosters urge you to attend and help support L.H.S.
Th er sports. Phone Sheila Carey at 897-9680 for further details.
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# TIME FOR ANNUAL "SPOOK INSURANCE" 

 The Lowell YMCA Boy's Leaders Club is again offering spook insurance to cover your home or business over the upcoming Halloween holiday. The policy covers cleaning of soaped or waxed window to house, business or vehicle, toilet papered yards, vandalized or smashed pumpkins, shaving cream residue and "egged pre-miser". The cost for the insurance is; $\$ 2.00$ for residence, $\$ 4.00$ for mise. The cost for the insurance is; $\$ 2.00$ for residence, $\$ 4$. 00 for coverage can contact the Lowell YMCA at 897-8445 or Al Eckman at 897.7586 .

HARVEST DINNER SLATED
It's that time of year again - autumn leaves, football games and the Harvest Dinner! The turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell on Tuesday. Oct. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from ticket
chairperson, Annabelle Wittenbach at the State Savings Bank (tel. chairperson. Annabelle Wittenbach at the State Savings Bank (tel. 897-9277) or at the Church office (tel. 897-5936). Adult tickets are priced at $\$ 4,00$, children 5 thru $12, \$ 1.75$ and children under 5 , free. Take-out dinners are also available.
This year's committee is headed by Ruth Teale with assistance by Evelyn Wittenbach. Be sure to keep Oct. 26 open for a delicious dinner.

STROLL THRU LOWELL
On Saturday the Lowell YMCA is having it's first annual "Stroll thru Lowell" Walk-a-thon. Approximately 25 people will be walking a 5 mile route thru the city to support the activities of the Lowell YMCA. Sponsor sheets are still available at the Y-Office. The fun begins at 1:00 P.M. this Saturday ...Join in for fun, excerise and support of the YMCA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Help....volunteers willing to work the Lowell Area Rescue Unit are needed. Those interested should contact the Lowell Police Deparent at 897-7123 to get enrolled in the second session of emergency medical training classes.

OFF THE BLOTTER
Scott Allen VanHeulen lost control of the vehicle he was driving and struck a car driven by Wanda Lowing Friday evening in the Crystal Flash gas station
Arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail Sunday on a warrant issued by the Friend of the Court in Grand Rapids was Richard Trowbridge of Lowell
Allen Thompson of Lowell and Martin Canfield of Clarksville were both issued appearance violation to appear at a later date in 63 rd Dist. Court on charges of making a false report to a police of
standard concerning teacher purparation periods. Under the six-hour day, teacher preparaion periods are staggered throughout the day so that students can consult with their instructors if necessary.
Because of Lowell's fivehour day, teacher preparation falls the hour before classes begin, and before the majority of students arrive at school.
Lowell High School has been placed on "AccreditedWarned" status for the pas school year. In March of 1983 Lowell's status will once again be reviewed.
Ordinarily, after a one year warning period, a school's accredited status will be dropped if it fails to correct the causes for warning. The NCA handbook says that "under ex traodinary cirumstances second warning may be given. Kemp is hoping that, since the school system made an eff fort to pass additional millage. the NCA will give a second warning. He is by no means confident that this will happen. Both Kemp and Assistant Principal Steve Korb hastened to say that the loss of accredited status would not affect state funds coming to the school nor, would it bar graduates of Lowell from admission to college. Only in the case of extremely selective institutions would the school's accreditation be taken into consideration.
Membership in the NCA is entirely voluntary. The State of Michigan does not require schools to participate in any ac crediting program.
According to Kemp, Low ell's accredited status is a mat ter of pride.
Lowell High School has been a member of the NCA since 1923. As a member, the school participates in a seven-year cyc lical evaluation period.
Every seventh year the school is evaluated by a team of $20-25$ educators from outside the school system. The team observes the school for several days, with one observer assigned to the department in the

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## school in which he is most com- . approach to education.

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The input provided by the team at the conclusion of this evaluation, combined with the stimulus to the school that resuits from the knowledge that one's work will be examined. serve to prod the entire school system toward an innovative "I get upset when people say Big deal if we lose accreditiaton,"' Kemp said.
"Without membership in the NCA, you could get in a real rut, and be very mediocre." Kemp admitted that the benefits of NCA membership are difficult to impress upon
people, because the affects of withdrawal from the NCA may not become visible inmediately.
Of approximately 550 school districts in Michigan, 403 are accredited at this time. Forty schools besides Lowell were placed on the accredited warned status last year.

## Grand Opening at Recycle Center

The Lowell Citizens for Recycling are so proud of the new recycling enclosure at the Lowell Lanes parking lot that they are planning a Grand Opening Celebration for Saturday, Octoper 23, from 9 A.M. to 4 PM.
The enclosure, made of at tractive stockade fencing furnished at cost by Erb Lumber Company, was erected by the Lowell City employees under the direction of Tony Siciliano. The center opened August 28 . and since has received a steady stream of recyclables: new spapens, brown bags, and clean bottles, cans, aluminum and plastice milk jugs. Recyclables go to Recycle Unlimited in Grand Rapids, where they are prepared for sale to the companies that can process the matrials. Recycle Unlimited is a not-for-profit organization that works closely with the Kent County Department of Public Works and environmental groups.
Citizens for Recycling will be at the Lowell Lanes area all that day to distribute gifts fa

## Ambulance service progresses



The rescue vehicle has been training volunteers to use the purchased from Bud's Ambulance for the limited ambulance service to be provided in the Lowell area, City Manager Ray Quada said Thursday.
The city is now in the process
of stocking the rescue unit and

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vehicle and its equipment. Quada said that "there is no sense in having a person drive to the scene and not know where to find supplies. The training program for volinters will require them to
rive to a mock accident scene. There they will receive a card describing a particular medical emergency.
Trainees will be expected to retrieve the proper equipment from the rescue vehicle and set up for the appropriate situation. The city is looking for 15 ad. ditional volunteers to staff the rescue unit. Twelve persons are already involved.
The only requirement for volunteers in that they be "mature. dependable, and have a defenite interest in emergency medical training." Quad said. medical training." Quad said.
When enough people have expressed interest, the city will expressed interest, the city will training class with Davenport College.
Appointments not always needed at Vanity Halt Fashions, open five days Lowell, 897.7506.


Prescilla Lussmyer stands before the Lowell Recycling Center situated in the corner of the Lowell Lanes parking lot.
daytime bowling coupon to the great quantity to process those first 20 recyclers, and bumper raw materials. This group has a stickers the rest of give out ie rest of the day). ing ant instructions on recycling, and personally thank each person who is helping to save landfill space, raw materials landfill space, raw materials
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ad Valley Ledger - Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1982 - Page 16 Mother seeks son's whereabouts


A Lowell woman is asking area residents who may have seen her son to call the Kent county Sheriff's Department. Judy Spencer. 1655 Stonewood SE, last saw her son, Steve, October 8. According to Spencer, Steve left a party held at a Lowell resi-

dence after an argumen his younger brother, and, as far as she has been able to deter mine, he has not been heard from since.
Sgl. Ken Kieinhessel of the Kent County Sheriff's Depart ment, who has been assigned to Steve's case. explained that because Steve is 18, about all the department can do is to ask him to call his family
At this point, Kleinheksel is treating the case as a runaway.
Sieve's mother, however, is concerned that foul play may be involved. As far as she knows. Steve has no money other than what he had with him when he left the party October 8.

According to Spencer, Steve has not touched his savings accounts since his disappearance. nor has he bothered to pick up a pay check from his job at McDonalds in Cascade. Spencer says that Saturday Steve missed his first day of work since he got the McDonalds job 18 months ago Steve's mother has checke with the boy's friends and rela tives, and they all claim not to have seen him.
In her effort to locate Steve. Spencer has contacted harm radio operators, truckers, the State police, and the Grand Rapids Press

Steve is described as 5 feet 4 1/2 inches tall, about 120 pounds, and small featured. He drives a navy blue 1970 javelin AMC with white pin striping on the sides, a missing grill, and a broken back left taillight. Car license number is $\mathrm{YXW}-765$ Residents who may have seen Steve are asked to call Sgt. Ken Kleinheksel at 774-3149.

MACKER TOURNAMENT FEATURED ON NEWS SHOW.
The local Gus Macker basketball tournament will be featured on the Syndicated T.V. News Show Country Roads when it airs today at - 11 am on Channel 17.
Scott McNeal reports that, in addition to shooting footage of the tournament, the Country Roads film crew taped inter-
views with McNeal his parviews with McNeal, his parents, and members of the crowd watching the basketball competition.
The Country Roads Show is based in St. Paul, Minn, and uses a format similar to P.M magazine, except that Country Roads films shows from all over the Midwest.
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## Senior class donates money

The officens of the Senior Class at Lowell voted to donate Homecoming festivities to the Lowell Athletic Boosers. Senior Class advisor Robin Prawdzik announced Friday At Half-time of the Homecoming game Friday lass Vice President Iance Bryan presented Athletic Direc. tor Robert Perry and Boosters president Robert Kloosterman a check for $\$ 200$. Prawdrik thought the event reasons: worthy for two reasons:
-the students were giving up something they wanted to support the Boosters
the $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 0}$ check is the first major contribution to the Booster fund.
The donation of the senior class even caught the attention of the Grand Rapids Press, which printed a story and photograph about the senior class in Friday's edition.



A representative from the Lowell Athletic Boosters accepts a symbolic check from the "Class of 82 " at the Lowell Homecoming.
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