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Randy's Ramblings...

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The Poetry of Meth

As you are all aware the LCNFC has helped to spearhead a continuous effort to enlighten, inform and educate the Columbus and Bartholomew County public to the horrors of Meth. In addition to hosting the Moms Off Meth weekly support group, the LCNFC held a county-wide town hall meeting featuring Mark Gorbett of the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department. Major Gorbett did an outstanding job describing the local Meth problem and its effect on our local culture and economy. Mark's presentation was impressive and a little frightening. One common theme prevailed: Meth affects all of us in one fashion or another!

Columbus resident, Tina (Merrick) Gilley has given *The Downtowner* permission to publish a poem she has written describing the physical, emotional and spiritual impact of Meth. Tina's words describe what I am unable to convey...
~ Randy Allman

I destroy homes, I tear families apart
I take children and this is just the start.
I'm more valued than diamonds, more precious than gold.
The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold
If you need me remember I'm easily found.
I live all around you, in schools and in towns,
I live with the rich and with the poor.
I live down the street and maybe next door
I'm made in a lab, but not one like you think
I can even be made under your sink.
In your child's closet and even out in the woods
If this scares you to death, then it certainly should
I have many names but there is one you will know best
I am sure you've heard of me, my name is "Crystal Meth"
My power is awesome, try me and you'll see
But if you do you may never be free.
Just try me once and I might let you go,
But if you try me twice then I am your soul
When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie
you'll do what you have to just to get high
the crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms
will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in my arms
you'll lie to your mother and steal from your dad
when you see their tears, you must feel sad
Just forget your morals, and how you was raised
I'll be your concerns, I'll teach you my ways.
~ Tina (Merrick) Gilley

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