

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Monthly Newsletter August 2020

August - Canpa Sapa Wi- "Middle of Summer"

Wasu'tun Wi – The moon of when all plants are returning to seed and preparing themselves for the dormant stage of winter.

Tribal vice president advocates for unity

Leona and Norman Kitto honor newly elected Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe council members with sage and eagle feathers at a swearing in ceremony Aug. 6 at the powwow grounds. Council members are Jonathan Schrader Sr, Trustee II; Cynthia J. Allen-Weddell, vice president; and Richard Jones, Trustee IV.



New tribal board members were sworn in last week, in an election that named Cynthia J. Allen-Weddell the new vice president for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe.

Allen-Weddell earned 120 votes to 80 votes for incumbent Andrew Weston.

In the Trustee II position, Jonathan Schrader Sr. had 113 votes to 85 for Gordon E. Jones Jr. The Trustee IV position was filled by Richard Jones, who had 133 votes, compared to 63 votes for Marsha K. Schlueter.

Newly-elected members were sworn on Aug. 6 at the powwow grounds by Judge Sherman Marshall, after members leaving the board were honored with sage, eagle feathers and star quilts. In addition to Weston, those leaving the board are David Kills-A-Hundred and Jason Armstrong.

The positions are full-time jobs with the tribe.

President Tony Reider welcomed dozens of people to the event, that included honoring songs and a lunch. "I'm excited for the new council coming on and for what they'll bring," he said.

Allen-Weddell said she hopes to help with communication and unity for the tribe, as it works with the city, county and state.

"We're all in the same community. We're all together," she said.

Norman Kitto prayed for the future council.

"We ask that you keep your hearts and your minds open and listen to the people and most of all hear the people," he said.



Out going council members Andy Weston, David Kills A Hundred, Jason Armstrong

THANK YOU OUT GOING & WELCOME NEWLY ELECTED!!!

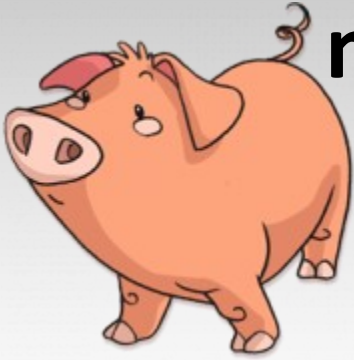


Newly elected FSST Tribal Council Members Vice Chair Cyndi Allen– Weddell , Jon Schrader Trustee II and Richard Jones Trustee IV

WOPIDA!!



More Pork has arrived!!!
Pork will be distributed to
members as soon as
its boxed up



CORONAVIRUS

in South Dakota

Last Updated

Aug 24, 2020

● The latest in South Dakota

Positive Cases

11,425

Active Cases

1,570

Negative

126,038

Deaths

161

Ever Hospitalized

965

Currently Hospitalized

62

Recovered

9,694

Flandreau school start date now Aug. 24



Merri Rederth picks up a computer for her fifth-grade son, Zach, from Brendan Streitz, technology coordinator for the Flandreau district.

Precautions in place

The Flandreau School District has pushed back its first day of school to Aug. 24, in order to allow for additional staff training before students come to the classrooms.

The original start date was Aug. 20.

When students return to school, they and staff will be required to wear masks while they are on the move, and masks are recommended within the classroom. That means everyone will wear them in hallways, standing in line for lunch, going to the restroom and going between classes.

Masks are just one of the precautions the district is taking to welcome students back to classes during a global pandemic.

While some students will report to their classrooms, about 10 percent to 20 percent of students are choosing online learning from home, said Superintendent Rick Weber. There also may be points in the year when students will come to school two days a week in smaller groups and learn online from teachers at home the other days. The district calls that a "hybrid model" of learning and is designed for when there are some cases of COVID-19. If the number of positive cases in the school district get too high, all students may end up working online from home.

The district surveyed parents late last month about their ideas for the start of school and received 326 responses.

A majority of parents, 57.7 percent were most comfortable with starting school with face-to-face instruction, while 26 percent favored the hybrid model. The survey showed that 16.3 percent of parents responding preferred school was all online learning with no students in the building.

If school could start with no known positive cases of COVID-19, 71.4 percent of parents would send their kids to school. Of those surveyed, 29.3 percent wanted their children to only participate in online learning this fall.

The response was basically a 50-50 split between those parents who believe the school should require mask use and those who do not. If masks are required, 67.6 percent said they would be comfortable sending their kids to school, while 32.4 percent would not. Staff who answered the survey showed that 54.2 percent say the district should require everyone on school property to wear a mask. If they were required, 81.3 percent would feel comfortable at school, according to 96 responses. Comparatively, 67.7 percent said they would feel comfortable if masks were only recommended. Staff also prefer temperature screenings onsite instead of the district's plan to have parents do that at home.

About 75 percent of families have a plan for child supervision if the school district has to send kids home to learn online.

The school board also voted to purchase an air filtration system that should be installed by the time school starts. The system is supposed to reduce germs in the air by 99.4 percent within 30 minutes. Several schools have purchased the same system, Weber said.

Board President Tom Stenger said the system will be good for more than eliminating potential coronavirus germs. "I think this will help us with a lot of illnesses," he said.

The system's approximate \$100,000 cost will come out of the district's capital outlay budget with a plan to apply for a COVID grant when it becomes available.

Weber talked about a few additional details of the back-to-school plan, including how it will change the music program. If possible, groups may rehearse outside. Band and chorus teachers can focus more on music theory instead of performance, too. Elementary students might even sing while using clear shields to prevent germs from spewing into the air.

At lunch, students will be able to say what they want on their trays, but workers will dish it up. The fruit and vegetable bar will be pre-packaged in baggies that students can pick up and go. No more than four people will be allowed at each table, and additional lunch space will be set up in the gym.

On buses, students will be assigned seats, with families sitting together and everyone staying a safe distance apart. Each bus will be sanitized twice a day, and bus windows will be open whenever possible to provide additional ventilation.

While the board approved the plan, there could continue to be changes in protocol that will be in place when school starts.

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Happy Birthday Beverly!!



FSST oldest Tribal Member celebrated her 87th Birthday on Aug 18.

Council bought her a beautiful Pendleton blanket



Come celebrate FSST employees' Birthdays this month!

Wednesday, August 12th at Noon

August Birthday Cake



LeeAnn Tall Bear	10th
Savannah Olson	10th
John Fisherman	11th
Tim Spade	13th
Avery Jones	14th
Annie Garcia	15th
Billy Kitto	17th
Renae Ditmer	19th
Sheila Parsons	29th
Samantha Reider	29th
Wiyaka His Horse is Thunder	31st



Wish our August Birthday Employees a Happy Birthday and enjoy a slice of birthday cake with them. A birthday cake will be placed in both the Tribal Office and the Tribal Health Clinic Breakrooms at noon. FSST Management would like to wish those of you with birthdays in August a
Happy Birthday!

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Rosella Marie "Buckwee" Jones

July 26, 1968 - August 11, 2020

Rosella Marie "Buckwee" Jones, a loving daughter, sister, aunt, and grandma passed away peacefully and journeyed to the spirit world at the age of 52 on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Rosella Marie was born on July 26, 1968 in Flandreau, SD to Harry Jones, Sr. and Leona (Phelps) Kitto. Marie was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church, Flandreau. She attended Flandreau Public School where she graduated. Marie attended the Special Olympics and was passionate for coloring, Scooby Doo and Disney movies. She also loved seeing family and friends, caring for her dog, Scrappy, and was known for making people laugh or smile with her kind and compassionate spirit.

Rosella Marie is survived by her mother, Leona and stepdad Norman Kitto; sisters, Verzella (Curtis) Bauman, Trent, SD; and Lori Marks, Flandreau; brother, Richard Jones, Flandreau; 8 nieces and nephews, 18 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and many family friends of the Oyate's. Rosella Marie was preceded in death by her father, Harry; brother, Timothy Jones; grandfather, Wilson Kitto and great-grandparents, Mildred and Bill Weldon and Rev. Harry C. and Bessie Jones.

Services will be 11:00 am Monday, August 17, 2020 at the Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center, Flandreau. Visitation begins at 5:00 pm Friday, August 14, 2020 with a 7:00 pm all night wake service each night.

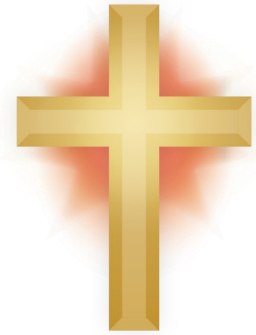
Social distancing practices and masks are encouraged.





William B. Schumacher, Sr.

October 15, 1947 - July 30, 2020



William B. Schumacher, Sr., 72, Flandreau, SD, passed away on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Avera Flandreau Hospital. Bill was born on October 15, 1947 in Chicago, IL to Richard Sr. and Marcella (Kitto) Schumacher. He grew up in Evanston, IL and graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1965.

Bill would continue to live in Evanston working at the post office as a mail sorter and a bus mechanic for the city. He married Randi Berkseth and to this union, two children, Michael and Robert, were born. Bill married Linda Miller, and they lived in Evanston before moving to Arizona and California. Together, they had four children, Aaron, William Jr., Heather, and Steve. Bill worked as a chef and construction worker, and together, the couple did property management in California, Arizona, and Sioux Falls. In 1991, the family moved to Flandreau and Bill began his tenure as Tribal Chairman for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe. Bill decided to continue his education and received his law degree from Arizona State University in Tempe in 2000. Shortly after Linda's passing in 2000, Bill moved back to Flandreau where he would do both paralegal work and write grants for alternative energy projects, specializing in wind energy.

Bill was a family man with a strong Christian faith. He was baptized in Pirate's Cove, CA and enjoyed leading family bible study and trivia. He loved to go deep sea fishing, pan for gold, and play poker.

Bill is survived by his six children: Aaron (Rhonda) and their children: Izzy, Kirsten, Cameron, and Jarod, Elizabeth, CO; William Jr. (Chris), Conifer, CO; Steve and his children: Dylan, Haylee, and Maci, Elizabeth, CO; Heather and her children: Andrew, Mason, and Abigail, Sioux Falls, SD; Michael (Heather) and their children: Michael and Blake, Des Plaines, IL; and Robert (Kirsten) and their children: Alexandra and Benjamin, Glenview, IL; and one great granddaughter, Addison. He is also survived by his siblings: Bonnie (Marco) Stegich, Morton Grove, IL; Rick (Pat) Schumacher, Evanston, IL; Bruce Schumacher, Flandreau; and Marcie (Darren) Walker, of Flandreau.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda, his parents, Richard and Marcella, and one grand-dog, Alyeshka "Aly".

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Eastman Hall, Flandreau, SD. Pastor Sam Pickard and Dusty Beaulieu will officiate. Special music will be provided by the Wakpa Ipaksan drum group. Burial will follow at the First Presbyterian Cemetery, Flandreau. Pallbearers will be Aaron Pines, William Schumacher, Jr., Steve Schumacher, Bruce Schumacher, Rick Schumacher, Andrew Oswald, Mason Oswald, Dylan Schumacher, Adam Soward, Matt Kitto, and Gatlin Herrera.

Visitation will begin at 3:00 pm and an all night wake service will begin at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 3, 2020 at Eastman Hall, Flandreau, SD. Social distance practices and masks will be encouraged.



Mysterious seeds have been mailed to residents of the United States including in Moody County. A person is advised not to open or plant them and give them to the local extension officials.



Seeds, scam reported in county

At least two people, one in Colman and one in Flandreau, reported receiving suspicious seed packages last week.

The United States Department of Agriculture is aware that people in all 50 states have received unsolicited seed packages that appear to come from China. States have been warning people not to open the packages and to save all mailing material to turn in to agriculture authorities. The USDA is testing seeds to see if they are dangerous.

Sheriff Troy Wellman said his office went and got the package that had not been opened in Colman. "We went out and secured the seed, have them in our office as evidence and plan on destroying them," he said.

The Flandreau Police Department also has packages of seeds that an individual received in the mail, opening the outer envelope but not the seeds inside, said Chief Zach Weber. The package says it was mailed from China, although it is unclear who sent them.

"I'm just holding it for right now," Weber said.

The seed packets are not the only scam in the county Wellman said another scam was reported in the county last week when an elderly lady said she got a call from the Social Security office to go and clean out her bank account and keep the money at her house. The woman did go to a local bank, and the bank call authorities for her, so that she wouldn't take all her money out of her account.

Wellman said that scam may continue so residents should be aware and not fall for it. "My hunch is that the Social Security call will continue to go around," he said.

Sioux Valley Energy reported a recent scam after at least one customer had an unmarked vehicle come into their yard and ask for a check, stating that otherwise power would be shut off. The incident happened in Lake County by Lake Madison, but the company wants all customers to be aware that any Sioux Valley employees would be in vehicles marked with the company's name.

"The man (customer) went inside and called us and found out it was a scam and the people left," said Carrie Vugteveen, spokesperson with Sioux Valley.

Downtown building gets renovation, new tenants

Businessman Kyle Haug purchased the former Zandt building, which was repaired after rocks fell off it onto Wind Street, and is renovating the interior for several businesses on the ground level and apartments upstairs.



An historic downtown building that lost blocks off two sides a year and a half ago is getting a new life.

The building at Wind Street and Second Avenue was purchased by Kyle Haug, who also owns the Whealy building south of Fat Boys on the same block of Wind Street.

“Structurally, the building is good, but it’s been neglected for so long. It needs to be gutted and redone. But it has a lot of potential to it,” he said. “We’re excited for another project.”

Haug’s new building was formerly owned by Jim Zandt, who paid to have the west and south walls rebuilt so that it would be structurally sound. Haug, who grew up in Flandreau and is now from Brookings, is renovating inside and has two leases signed for office space on the south end of the building.

“There’s been an incredible amount of interest in the commercial space,” he said.

The two spaces facing Second Avenue will be reserved for retail space, he said.

“Flandreau needs some retail. We’re trying to keep those two spots open for some retail,” Haug said.

His crew has already gutted the office spaces taking it back to its original look as much as possible. “When we do those old buildings, we like to expose stone and wooden beams,” he said.

He also will replace the roofs on both buildings and will install a new sidewalk on the west side of the newly purchased building. He will renovate and lease apartments on the second level.

“The building is in way better shape than I thought it would be,” he said. “I was surprised at the overall condition,” he said.

Haug said that building originally was called the Benson building so he is going to call it that. He plans to take the back stairs off the building and have entrances to the offices back there, along with a small greenspace that connects behind the bar to his other building.

Both buildings will have murals by two different artists. The Wealey building mural will be on the south side, a project that will start as soon as a mason finishes tuckpointing, he said. The Benson building will have a mural on the west side. Haug isn’t saying yet what the murals will show.

Haug’s original building has a liquor store space for lease and another space on the street level.

Both buildings were designed by the same architect.

“They’re nearly twin buildings,” he said.

Mayor Dan Sutton said it is good to see the building made useable again.

“I think it’s exciting when someone invests in our community,” he said.

The Benson building nearly was scheduled to be demolished. After quarry rocks started falling off of the building into the street in the spring of 2019, the city spent months trying to get the owner to tear it down. But Zandt, of Sioux Falls, wanted to save the building and paid to have the exterior walls put back up.

Haug saw the potential for the building at that time and didn’t want it destroyed either. He and Zandt came to an agreement for the purchase a few weeks ago.



**Domestic violence is
not a Native American
tradition.**

Does your partner ever...

- Call you names or criticize you?
- Isolate you from family or friends?
- Threaten to hurt you or your children?
- Push, slap, kick or strangle you?
- Refuse to give you money for food, gas or medicine?



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1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)
open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST.

Callers after hours may connect with the National
Domestic Violence Hotline by selecting 1.

Advocates offer peer support, crisis intervention, personalized safety
planning, education on domestic violence and healthy relationships,
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Notice of Availability

Flandreau Santee Sioux Agricultural Leasing Programmatic Environmental Assessment

The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is planning to continue the current agricultural leasing process (i.e., the granting and administration of agricultural leases), pursuant to 25 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 162 Subpart B, whether performed by the BIA or the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (Tribe), on trust lands associated with the Tribe in South Dakota.

A programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) determined that implementation of the agency's preferred alternative, the Proposed Action, in which the BIA would approve the continued implementation of BIA's current agricultural leasing process (i.e., the granting and administration of agricultural leases) pursuant to 25 CFR Part 162 Subpart B, on trust lands associated with the Tribe in South Dakota will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Under this preferred alternative, agricultural leasing would continue uninterrupted using all existing procedures, plans, and stipulations and would incorporate provisions and requirements of the Tribe's agricultural resource management plan once it becomes available. An environmental impact statement will not be required. Contact the BIA Great Plains Regional Office at (605) 226-7343 for more information and/or copies of the PEA and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The FONSI is only a finding on environmental impacts - it is not a decision to proceed with an action and cannot be appealed.

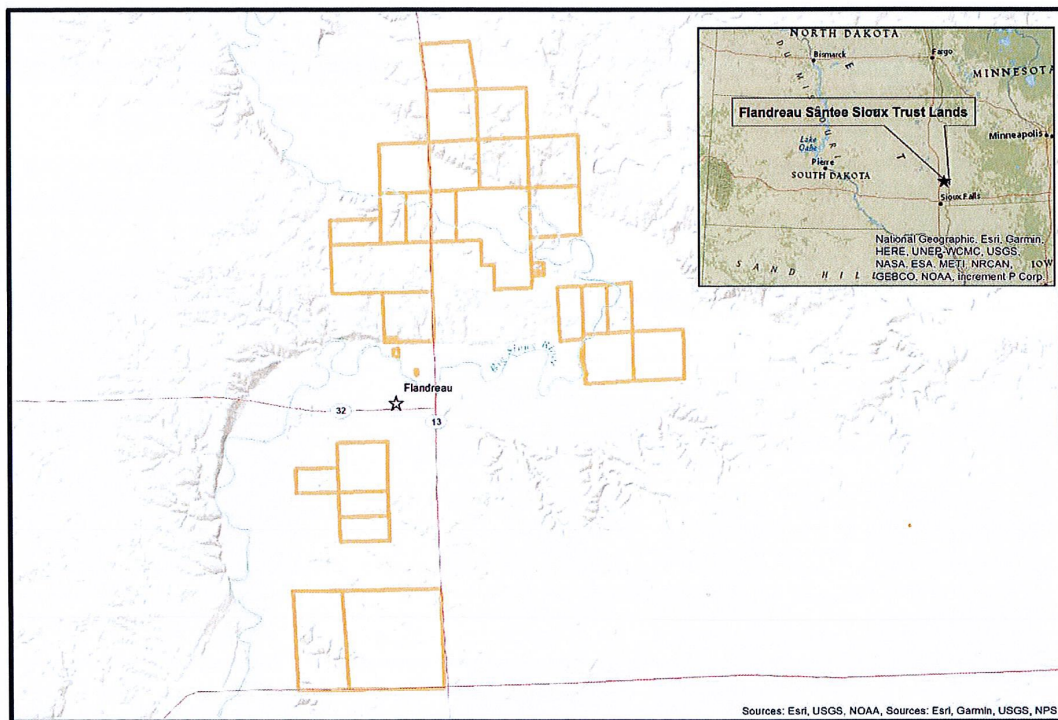


Figure 1. Project Area
Flandreau Santee Sioux Trust Lands
Agricultural Leasing PEA

1 Miles



Legend: Flandreau Santee Sioux Trust Lands

PROJECT STANDUP

STAND UP TO ILLEGAL DRUGS

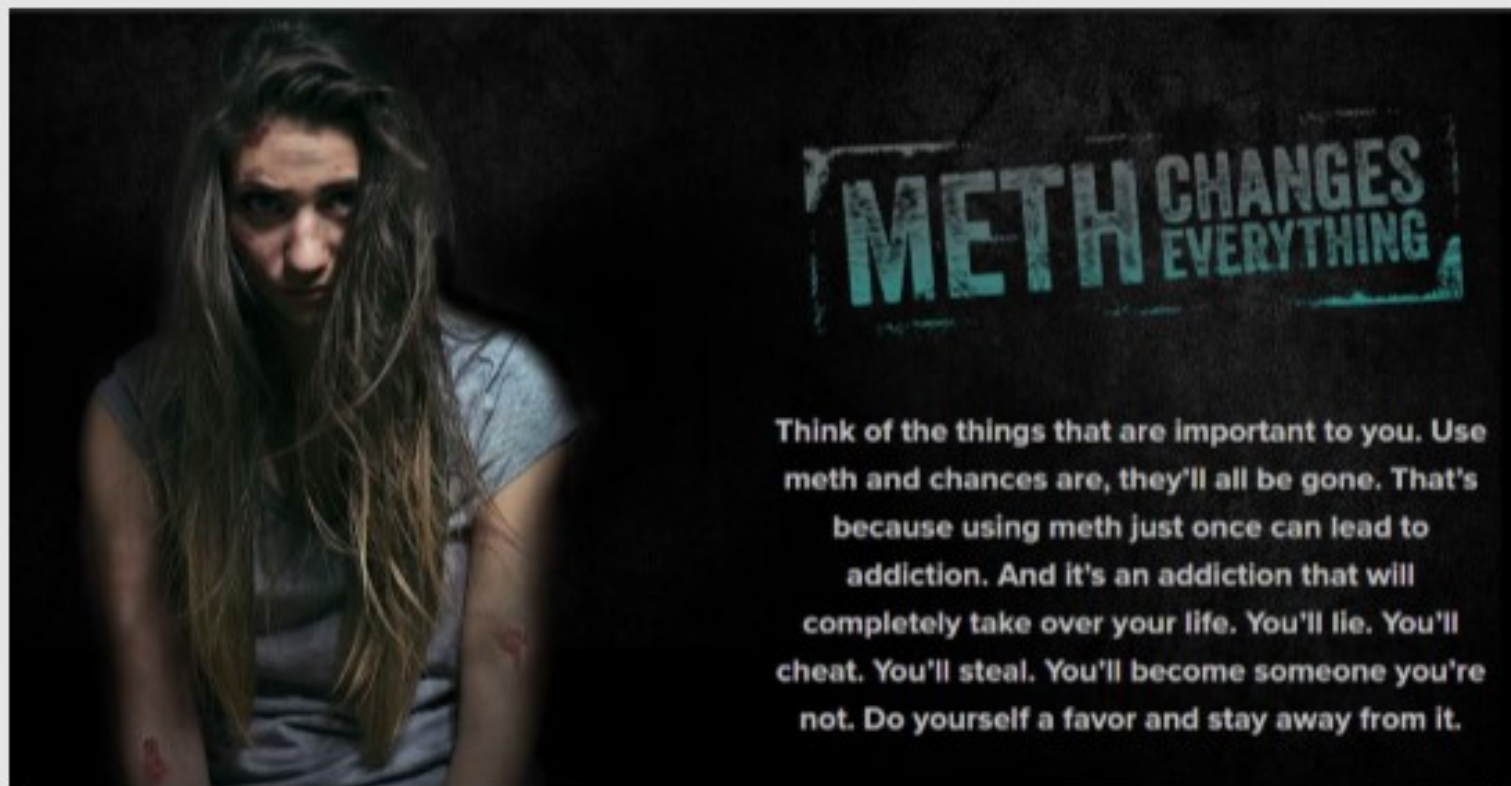
TEXT IN ILLEGAL DRUG USE

You have the power to stand up to drug crime. Report any illegal drug use in your community by texting your local police department. Your identity is 100 percent protected. By reporting drug users, you are helping to save their lives and keep our community safe.

South Dakotans who use illegal drugs face losing:

- Their driver's license
- College loan or scholarship eligibility
- Professional license eligibility
- The ability to enlist in the military
- Job possibilities
- Their freedom
- Possibly their life

TO SEND A TIP, TEXT 'DRUGS' TO 82257.



Think of the things that are important to you. Use meth and chances are, they'll all be gone. That's because using meth just once can lead to addiction. And it's an addiction that will completely take over your life. You'll lie. You'll cheat. You'll steal. You'll become someone you're not. Do yourself a favor and stay away from it.

Knowing the signs of meth abuse might help you save someone's life.

Certain behavioral and physical changes are common among meth users. Signs of meth abuse include:

- Hyperactivity
- Drastic weight loss
- Dilated pupils
- Talkativeness
- Increased distractibility
- Tooth decay and loss of teeth
- Aggression
- Irritability
- Agitation
- Grandiose behavior
- Twitchiness
- Loss of interest in normal activities, such as food, water, sex, and sleep
- Getting "sketched out," or becoming agitated, nervous, moody, irritable, paranoid, and/or aggressive.
- Jumpy eyes
- Scratching, itching, or picking at skin
- Financial difficulties
- Not meeting financial obligations
- Absenteeism or tardiness at school or work
- Noticeable changes in behavior
- Cravings
- Social and interpersonal problems
- Impulsive behaviors
- Memory loss
- Bizarre and erratic behavior
- Repetitive behavior patterns that can last for hours, also called "tweaking" or "geeking."
- Sleep deprivation, resulting in hallucinations, delusions, extreme paranoia, or violence