

Remembering ADAM Inc.

Drug FREE is the Key...

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Murder at the Shady Lady Saloon

Left to right:

Tony Demi as Clay Williams the medicine man, Patty Sponsky as Kit DaLou the entertainment, Victor Beach as sheriff Dalton Hall, Linda Yeager as showgirl Bell, Paul Demi as blacksmith Jackson Hall, Christy Sponsky as gunslinger Pearl Reed, Mitzi Keefe as owner of the Shady Lady Saloon Miss Ruth, and Josh Demi as the Indian agent John Littlerock.



Remembering ADAM hosted Murder at the Shady Lady Saloon on April 6, 2013 at La Ferme Rouge in Patton. The evening was full of murder and suspense.

Sheriff Hall made sure he knew who was in his town and what secrets they had. Blacksmith Jackson Hall was jealous of his brother and knew he would make a better sheriff if given a chance.

Miss Ruth, owner of the Shady Lady was a rough old gal, but had a soft spot for the sheriff. Kit DaLou, the entertainment at the saloon had big plans to become it's owner, pushing out Miss Ruth. She hated when Ruth told her to get to work and that she would

never amount to nothin. Miss Bell, Miss Ruth's best showgirl brought in lots of business with her special talents.

John Littlerock was on the hunt for the murderer of his parents, he knew he would find that person right here in town. He had been on the killers trail for ten years. Ending up in Laredo Texas was something he didn't expect.

Clay Williams the local travelin medicine man worked his magic with his elixirs', or should we say watered down whiskey. Clay and Kit were working together to take over the Shady Lady, they knew they would make a great team. Clay's elixir got him in the end.

Pearl Reed the best little gunslinger in the west, came to town to put on a shootin show but decided to stay because she was lookin to plant some roots. She cleaned up real nice and was looking for a new career.

In the end Miss Ruth couldn't stand the fact that Kit and Clay were lookin to take over the Shady Lady and she ended it all, killing Clay with his own poisoned elixir. Kit turned out to be the one who killed John Littlerock's parents.

Those in attendance enjoyed an evening of games, auctions, and mystery.

A big thank you to our cast who volunteered their time and talent.

You are invited to
Murder at
Stardust Casino



The scene is set in 1955 and the boys in Chicago are ready to get this casino open and making some money. There will be backstabbing, lies, secrets, deceit, and murder. Who dun it?

Angelo Vitale – is feeling the heat from the boys in Chicago to get the Stardust open and making some dough. He needs to hire a headliner for the opening season of the Stardust, someone who will draw big crowds. Will Angelo crack under the pressure...

Vince Scarfo – the muscle of the casino. He does whatever he's told with no questions asked, at least that is what Angelo thinks. He's cutting deals and making his way to the top, who will he step on...

Elizabeth Bishop – an upstanding Christian woman, or so it seems, who's first and only priority is her son Peter. She goes to extremes to protect her son from the dangers of the world. Just how far will she go...

Peter Bishop – has been under the thumb of his mother Elizabeth for 23 years and he is tired of

it. He's just a kid hoping to catch a break. He'll do whatever it takes to get his mother off his back...

Lucy Lawford – a young and talented singer looking for her first big break. Her one and only concern is to be the headliner. What will she do to make this happen...

Joey Martin – a well seasoned entertainer. He's tired of being second best and will do whatever it takes to land the headliner...

Phyllis Brooks – this may be the last chance for her to become a well known comedian by being the headliner and she will let nothing stop her from landing the job. She's not afraid to eliminate anyone who stands in her way.

Who will be the headliner at the Stardust Casino and who will pay the ultimate price?



Murder at Stardust Casino

Saturday April 12, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

\$40 Per Person - Dinner by Joey Del's

Tickets go on sale January 1 - Reservations are Required

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Remembering ADAM's *Pledge Together* Volunteer Drug Screening Program

Another school year has begun and *Pledge Together* is gaining members for the 2013/2014 school year. Our volunteer drug screening program is sporting a new name "*Pledge Together*". Remembering ADAM wanted a name that described in two short words what the program is about and we think *Pledge Together* is a perfect fit.

We finished the 2012/2013 school year with 1500 participants in ten school districts. Congratulations to those participants for their willingness to pledge together to be drug free. Also, congratulations to those school districts for adopting the program and giving their students an opportunity to

belong to a drug free program. Schools participating in *Pledge Together* are Blacklick Valley, Blairsville, Cambria Heights, Conemaugh Valley, Harmony, Glendale, North Star, Portage Area, and Saltsburg.

Remembering ADAM recently had the opportunity to partner with Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission. They know the effectiveness of *Pledge Together* and want to make it available to the school districts in Westmoreland County. Greater Latrobe and Yough School Districts are our two new schools in Westmoreland County adopting *Pledge Together*. We are anxious to get as many schools involved in the pro-

gram as possible to provide an avenue for students to stand up and take the pledge to be drug free.

Remembering ADAM actively seeks schools who are interested in providing their students with an effective drug prevention program.

We are hoping for another successful school year. Substance abuse prevention needs to be in every school district every day of the school year and *Pledge Together* accomplishes this.

Does your child have this program available to them? If not, please talk to your school district today so your child will have an opportunity to participate in *Pledge Together*.

Remembering ADAM Receives AG Grant

Remembering ADAM received a community drug abuse prevention grant from the Pennsylvania Attorney General, Kathleen Kane. Remembering ADAM applied for this grant to cover the cost of "Spring Fling" tee shirts. These shirts are given to each student involved in the "*Pledge Together*" volunteer drug screening program. 1,472 shirts were distributed to these students and the advisors who run the programs in their school districts.

As quoted by Attorney General Kane "On behalf of the residents of the Commonwealth, and specifically those actively involved in the war on drugs, I am happy to provide this support for your efforts in preventing drug and alcohol use among youth." Remembering ADAM received a check for \$5,925.00.

On the back of each shirt is a drug free message, which is designed by a student who participates in the program. All students in the program are eligible to submit art work. The winning entry is

awarded a \$50 gift card. This years winner Hanna Ernest (pictured below) is a student at Portage Area High School.



Congratulations Hanna!

Become a Drug Free Partner

Did you know that over the past six years over 6,650 students have participated in our *Pledge Together* volunteer drug screening program?

We have provided these students with a valuable foundation that will allow them to make the right decision about illegal substances.

Remembering ADAM is diligent in our efforts to reach as many students as possible and strives to

provide the tools necessary to live a drug free lifestyle.

We have become a valuable resource for families, parents, teachers, siblings, schools, and communities. We are available for questions concerning addiction, family support, treatment, recovery, and education.

Won't you consider becoming a "Drug Free Partner"? All it takes is a donation to Remembering

ADAM. Your donation supports each and every student who wants to be part of a group that is drug free. We need your support to continue our efforts.

Your partnership will make a difference in many students lives, won't you please make a donation?

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law.



Don't forget to connect with us and our 500 friends to gain more information on current drug trends and "what's happening" with Remembering ADAM. You can leave us a message or post on our wall.

We want to create open communication about substance abuse prevention with you through social media. Remembering ADAM has many resources for parents, schools, and communities. Come join us and learn what our friends are saying and see what Remembering is all about.

We're waiting to be your friend!

Partners in Prevention

Remembering ADAM will again partner with Cambria County Drug and Alcohol Commission and Cambria County Prison to provide substance abuse prevention services.

Providing programs and education to the criminal justice system is an avenue for those incarcerated to gain insight while serving their sentence. They also have the opportunity to recognize weaknesses and strengths that may help prevent recidivism.

Working with community partners builds more outreach services to those in need. Remembering ADAM is determined to continue to create change in our communities.



GOBBEL AWARD 2013



This year's recipients of the "Gobbel Award" were Stacy Faulk and Elizabeth O'Barto. Stacy has been a middle school teacher for the past 20 years and Beth has been the nurse for the past 8 years at Blairsville/Saltsburg School District. Stacy and Beth have been advisors for Remembering ADAM "Pledge Together" program for the past eight years.

They have diligently worked to build the program and have had great success. They care about each and every student and want to make sure they are making healthy choices both in and out of school. Every day Stacy and Beth encourage students to join the program and make good decisions about being drug free. They have held numerous activities to reward the students for

their commitment to *Pledge Together*. They have created an environment within their school that promotes a drug free lifestyle. We congratulate Beth and Stacy for giving of their time to help make students in their district healthier, with a positive attitude toward saying no to illegal substances.

Congratulations!

Why We Need Substance Abuse Prevention...

Each year, drug abuse and addiction cost tax payers nearly \$534 billion in preventable health care, law enforcement, crime, and other costs. Research has found the best approach to prevent these costs on our society, communities, and schools is effective prevention programming. The purpose of substance abuse prevention is to reduce addiction and other related problems before they occur.

Over the past few years the field of substance abuse prevention has experienced a rise in the number of effective prevention programs. The primary goal of prevention is to delay the first use of alcohol or other illegal drugs. Prevention works, and it works best, when it's providing a pervasive, consistent message to young people about drugs and alcohol.

Effective prevention requires that the same messages about tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs be delivered in multiple venues including schools, parents, peers, and communities. As you can see the responsibility of educating our youth on the risks associated with substance use is not just the parents responsibility but schools as well, which brings us to the importance of school-based prevention programs. School-based prevention programs are educational, age-specific, developmentally appropriate, and culturally sensitive (Drug Free PA 2013).

These programs seek to increase communication between parents, educators, and peers to teach resistance skills and decrease substance abuse. Most importantly, school-based prevention programs provide information in order to correct any misconceptions about cigarettes, alcohol, and other drugs that the students may have learned from peers, environment and families. They are taught to understand the consequences related to substance use and abuse while gaining insight into the long-term effects of drug use and addiction.

Useful prevention tools have been developed by professionals that will be used by youth when faced with challenges related to drug use. In the past, many prevention programs have attempted to use scare tactics, which have been proven to be less effective in the prevention of substance abuse.

Today, substance abuse prevention is headed in a different direction, environmental programs. Environmental programming effects the student's home, school, and community. This prevention approach is called social norming.

A social norms approach predicts that an intervention which aims to correct misperceptions by exposing actual norms will benefit society as well as individuals, because it will lead people to reduce problem behaviors or increase participation in healthy behaviors.

Remembering ADAM has adopted this way of thinking with our volunteer drug screening program, *Pledge Together*. We are creating environmental change within school districts, families, and communities, reaching thousands of students by providing them an avenue to join together and pledge to be drug free.

This commitment of living drug free provides the students with skills to avoid peer pressure and encourages healthy ways of thinking. Most importantly these students are connected to a large group of students who have the same beliefs regarding substance abuse. Keeping youth healthy will lead them into a healthier adult life.

Substance abuse is a problem that has a solution. Prevention programs are needed to influence our children to live drug free. Remembering ADAM is working to make sure this happens.

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