

# July 2015 Newsletter



## Lakewood Ranch Dental

*"Committed to Excellence in Dentistry"*

### Do you have Congenitally Missing Teeth?

Individuals who have been born with an inexplicable gap where a tooth should be may have a condition known as "Congenitally Missing Teeth." Unlike teeth that have been lost due to disease or injury, congenitally missing teeth never develop within the jawbone. A national association of prosthodontists note that certain genetic defects may have caused the condition. Missing teeth can cause problems such as (but not limited to): trouble chewing, talking, other teeth may drift out of place, creating an even more spaced out appearance as well as possible bite misalignments.

There are several cosmetic options that can replace congenitally missing teeth. Give us a call to schedule an appointment to discuss which option would be best for you.

Cosmetic dentistry options can provide



removable or permanent replacements for congenitally missing teeth. The most beneficial method of tooth replacement is through dental implants. The "roots" of these prosthetic teeth are surgically implanted into the jawbone, where they fuse with the bone to create a strong bond. A porcelain crown is then placed on top of the dental implant to replace the missing tooth. Most implants have the advantage of requiring no special care beyond dental hygiene care and appointments, while also helping preserve the jawbone density. Another option to replace a missing tooth would be a bridge; however, the two adjacent teeth are then worked on as well. The two adjacent teeth are what anchor the bridge.

Whatever process you choose, rest assured that modern dentistry can help you achieve a gap-free smile ☺.

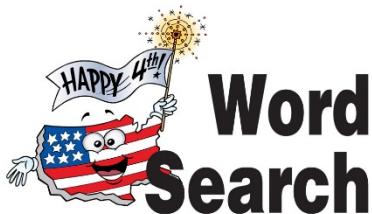


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## Celebrate a SAFE & HAPPY JULY 4TH!



## Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.  
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindauer  
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. FOURTH  | 5. DAY       | 9. CELEBRATION  | 13. INDEPENDENCE |
| 2. JULY    | 6. PICNICS   | 10. PARADES     | 14. AMERICA      |
| 3. HOLIDAY | 7. FIREWORKS | 11. FAMILY      | 15. PATRIOTIC    |
| 4. FLAG    | 8. SAFETY    | 12. DECLARATION | 16. FREEDOM      |

## Did You Know? 4 FUN Facts About SHARKS!



1. Sharks have 45 to 50 teeth just in the front row! They also have up to 7 replacement rows of teeth behind the first row, ready to move into place if a tooth is damaged or falls out.
2. Sharks do not chew their food, they swallow it whole. If their food is too big, they tear it into chunks.
3. A shark might go through as many as 30,000 teeth in a lifetime!
4. Some sharks can live in both salt and fresh water. Bull sharks have been seen swimming up the Mississippi River!

