

The Tooth Times

FULL SMILE EDITION

NOVEMBER 2025

Trunk-or-Treat 2025

Yet another incredible turnout for our annual Trunk-or-Treat! This company-wide tradition has become one of our favorite ways to connect with our communities, and this year's celebrations certainly didn't disappoint. We welcomed thousands of guests who came ready for candy, costumes and creativity. As always, our teams went above and beyond to deliver! It takes a lot of effort to organize events on this scale and every effort adds up to something truly memorable. We are so proud of the teamwork, dedication and community spirit. Thank you for making this year's Halloween such a success!



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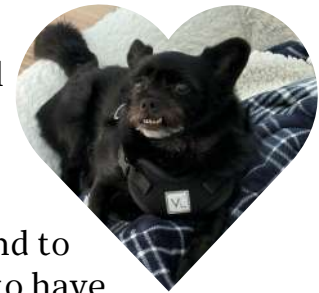
Rooted In Smiles: Doctor Spotlight



A Warm Welcome to Dr. Nguyen!

We're thrilled to welcome Dr. Nguyen to our Lubbock Oral Surgery team! His expertise, compassion, and upbeat energy make him the perfect fit for our Full Smile family. We're especially excited to have him (and his precious pup, Ryx!) joining in on the fun.

Dr. Nguyen has a natural way of putting patients and teammates at ease and his dedication to exceptional care is second to none. We're so grateful to have him (and Ryx) back with us and can't wait to see all the wonderful things they bring to the Lubbock team.



Milestone Moments at The Dental Ark

It was an exciting week for the Dental Ark as Dr. Graves led the team through their first Oral Surgery days! His commitment to patient care and his thoughtful, hands-on approach created the kind of experience that reminds us why we love what we do. Wherever Dr. Graves goes, excellence and compassion follow. This could not have been possible without the



incredible collaboration between our Amarillo and El Paso teams. Our Dental Ark crew jumped right in, mastering a new specialty on top of their orthodontic and pediatric schedules like true pros. We're so proud of each and every one of you! Here's to many more oral surgery days ahead in El Paso, the best is just getting started!



Canyon Adventures: Smiles Beyond the Office

Red Rocks, Big Views and One Happy Hiker



Jennifer from our Dalhart office traded her scrubs in for some hiking boots and took on one of the Texas Panhandle's most iconic trails, the Lighthouse Trail at Palo Duro Canyon!

Stretching 5.9 miles with a 531-foot climb, this trail winds through sandy terrain, low desert brush, and those famous layers of red, orange, and gold rock that make Palo Duro Canyon so breathtaking. The Lighthouse Trail is known for its challenging incline and rewarding views, and she conquered it with a smile like a true pro!

We love seeing our Full Smile team members out exploring and embracing the beauty right here in our own backyard. Way to go, Jennifer! What an adventure and an amazing reminder to make time for the things that make you feel alive!

Run, Chelsea, Run!

A big congratulations to Chelsea from Management, who took on the 40th Annual Palo Duro Canyon Trail Run and crushed the 25K course! From rocky climbs to sandy stretches, the trail tested endurance and mindset alike, but Chelsea powered through with her signature focus and positivity.

Running through the second-largest canyon in the country is no easy feat, and we are so proud of Chelsea's strength, grace, and contagious enthusiasm she brings to everything she does. Way to go, Chelsea! You remind us that whether it's at work or on the trail, we can all go a little farther when we lead with heart.



Pink Looks Good on Us! Love and Support with Every Step

Last month, our team came together to support Breast Cancer Awareness and what a beautiful turnout it was. We're so thankful to everyone who dedicated their time, energy, and heart to show support. Your presence made a difference and reminded us of the strength that comes from community.

Check out some of our favorite moments captured from the event!





FLOSSOPHY

Don't go where the path may lead, go instead
where there's no path and leave a trail

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lauren Hodges	11/03
Rylee Rueda	11/06
Esmeralda Carr	11/06
Kennedi Purcell	11/07
Fabiola Calderon	11/08
Claudia Esparza	11/12
Juanita Erickson	11/12
Autumn Ortiz	11/14
Myrka Lino	11/16
Dr. Lorra	11/16
Cynthia Ulloa	11/16
Jacqueline Moreno	11/16
Dr. Dunham	11/17
Cayton Nino	11/20
Leticia Machuca	11/20
Deborah Solis	11/20
Herlinda De Luna	11/20
Shante Esquivel	11/21
Jacqueline Herrera	11/22
Wendy Garay	11/22
Lanita Blackwell	11/23
Lyllian Hodges	11/24
Dr. Plata	11/24
Abigail Monge	11/25
Beatriz Sanchez	11/27
Jessica Ortiz	11/28
Samantha Soria	11/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lauren Bijelic	11/01 - 3 Years
Kelly Cantrell	11/01 - 15 Years
Vanessa Alvarado	11/04 - 3 Years
Karina Meza	11/06 - 2 Years
Mackinzy Curbow	11/08 - 3 Years
Marisa Mendoza	11/14 - 3 Years
Dr. Purdy	11/17 - 3 Years
Gloria DeLaRosa	11/26 - 18 Years
Dr. Gomez	11/27 - 2 Years

FULL SMILE Anniversaries

Full Smile Dental Canyon	6 Years
Full Smile Orthodontics	4 Years

Upcoming Events

Full Smile Foundation Mission Trip	11/08
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Save The Date

West Texas Christmas Party	12/12
Christmas In The Park	12/13
San Antonio Christmas Party	12/19
El Paso Christmas Party	12/20
Full Smile Employee Conference	01/23

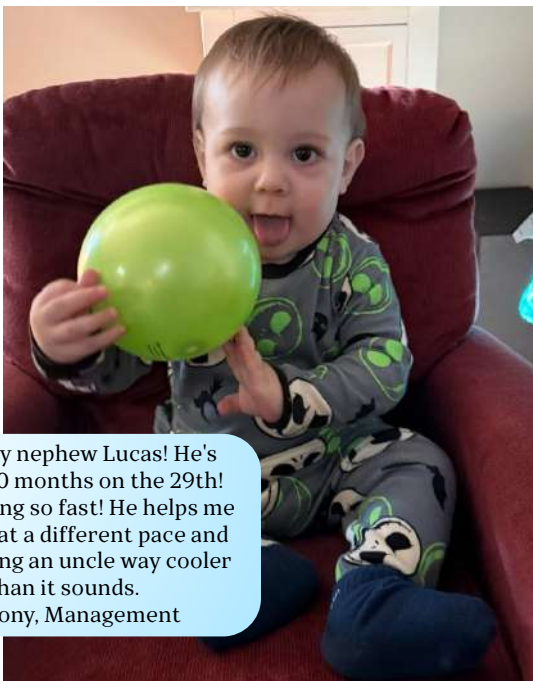


Grateful Gallery

I am THANKFUL for Shane! He has been my strength for these last 30 years.
Melissa, Pleasanton



I am super THANKFUL for my family. My sweet partner who always makes sure we are okay! And most of all, my handsome chubby cheeks! Mateo has lit up my world since the day he was born
Reina, N. Grand



This is my nephew Lucas! He's turning 10 months on the 29th! He's growing so fast! He helps me enjoy life at a different pace and makes being an uncle way cooler than it sounds.
Anthony, Management



I am grateful for my husband Parker, and our two girls, Mabel and Willow
Darrian, Management



I am Thankful for my beautiful little family!
Autumn, N. Grand



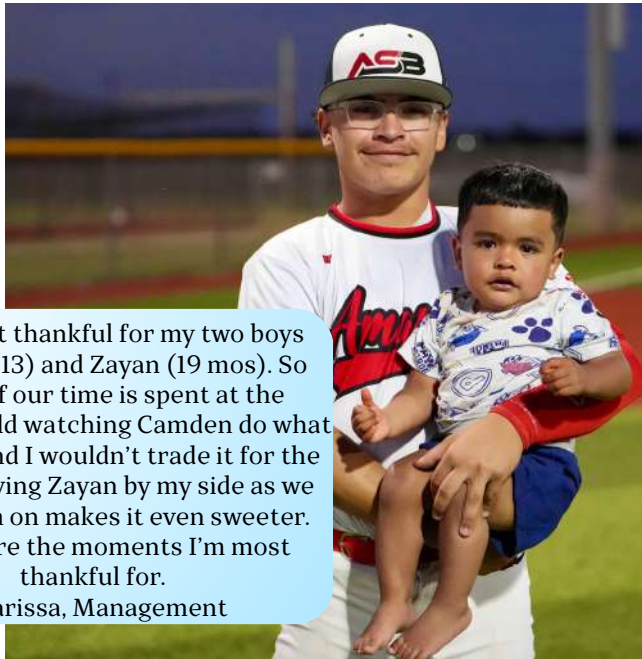
I'm so thankful for my nephew- not just because he can name every flag in the world (which is honestly amazing), but because he reminds me how fun it is to be curious and passionate about the things you love. His excitement over flags makes the world feel a little more colorful.
Damaris, Management

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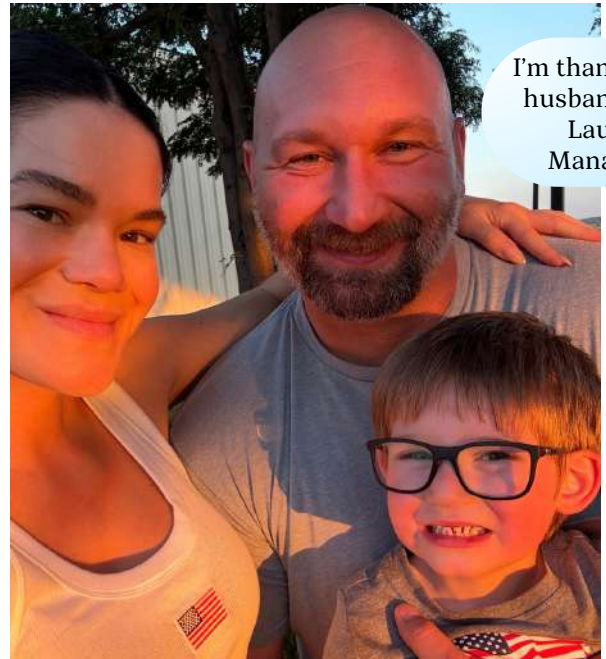
I'm thankful for my sidekick, Rooster!
Chelsea,
Management



Grateful for the little things that make for big seasons!
Keshia, Management



I am most thankful for my two boys Camden (13) and Zayan (19 mos). So much of our time is spent at the baseball field watching Camden do what he loves and I wouldn't trade it for the world. Having Zayan by my side as we cheer him on makes it even sweeter. These are the moments I'm most thankful for.
Marissa, Management



I'm thankful for my husband and son!
Lauren B.,
Management

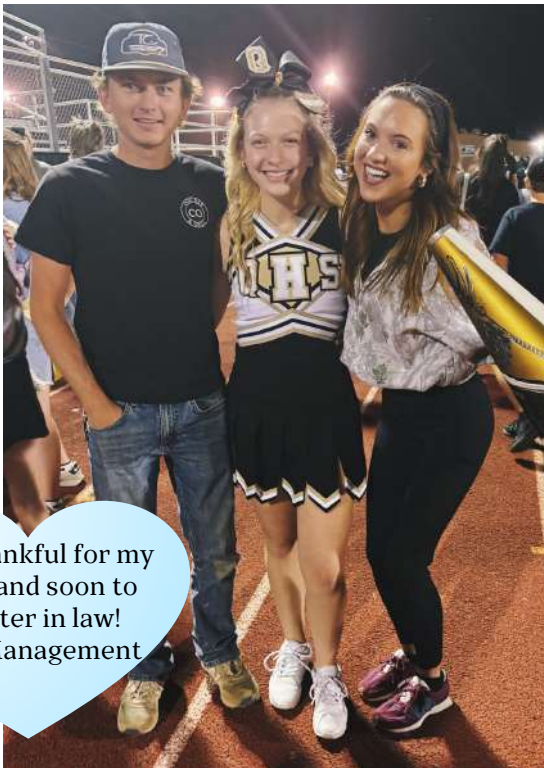


I am most thankful for my two little girls, my oldest is nearly three in January and my newest baby who turned 3 months on the 12th of October!
Myrka, N. Grand

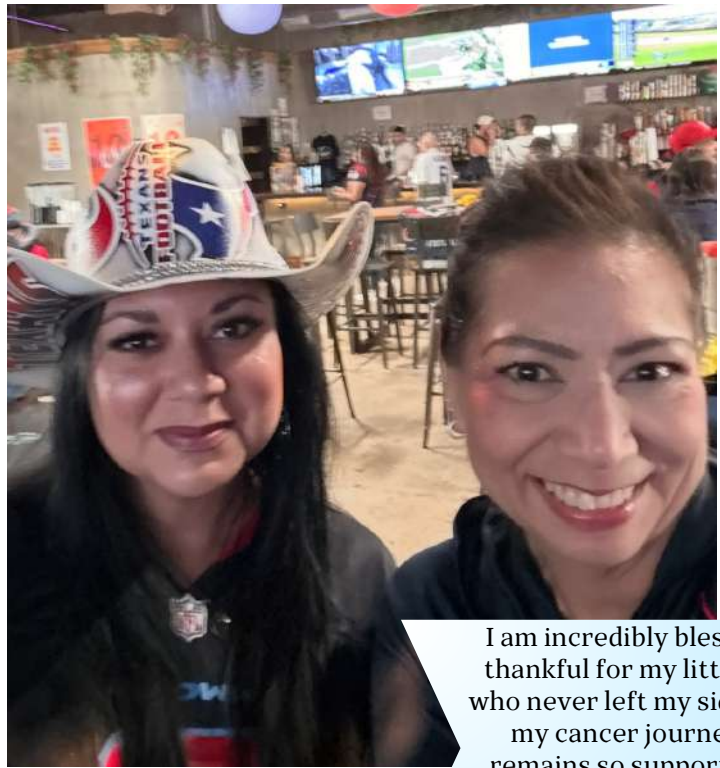


I am thankful for my husband and my kids
Mariah,
Management

Grateful Gallery



I am thankful for my fiancé and soon to be sister in law!
Lyli, Management



I am incredibly blessed and thankful for my little sister who never left my side during my cancer journey and remains so supportive as I continue regain my strength and health.
Laura, Alamo Ranch



So thankful for these gals – coworkers turned true friends, both in and out of the office!
Sarah, Management



Im thankful for being able to wake up and enjoy the still and quietness of the morning, before busyness of the day begins!
Briana, Management



I'm thankful for coffees with sunsets, cancer awareness month, our jobs, and our wonderful patients!
Amanda, Colonies

Grateful Gallery



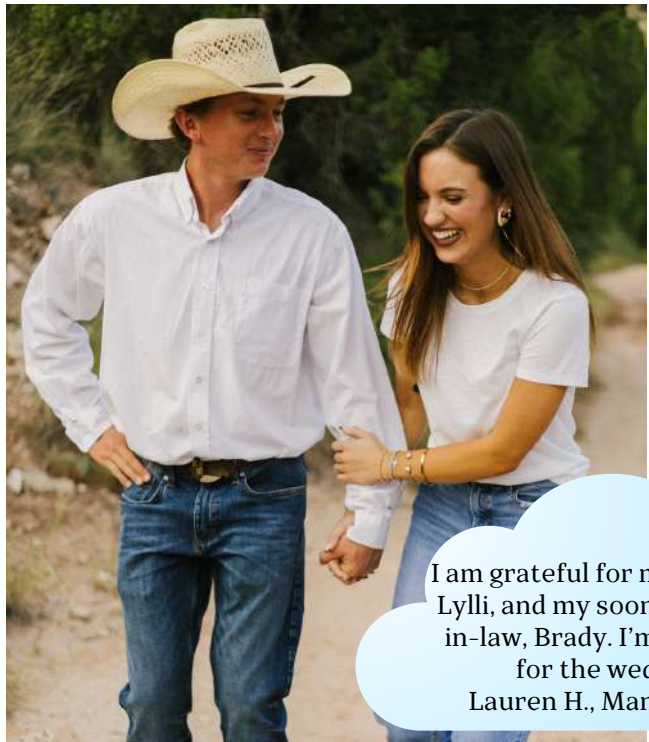
I am thankful that I got to spend some time making memories with my sweet mamma.
Ginger, Dumas



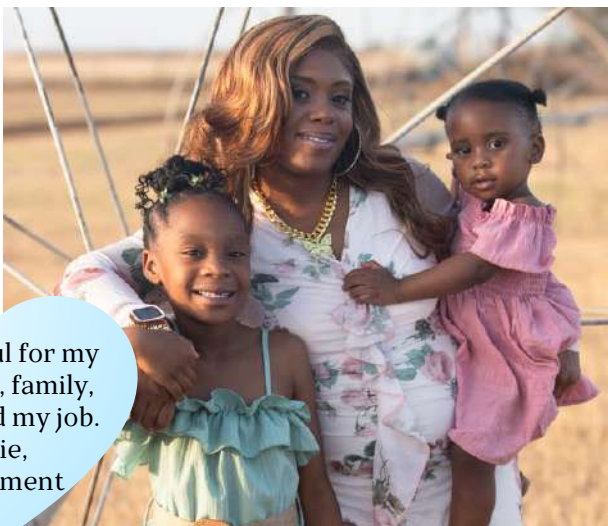
I'm grateful for my amazing husband Noah and our dog Zeta!
Brandy, Management



I'm thankful for moments like these!
Kim, Management



I am grateful for my daughter, Lylli, and my soon-to-be son-in-law, Brady. I'm so excited for the wedding!
Lauren H., Management



I'm grateful for my daughters, family, friends and my job.
Mattie, Management



I am thankful for my grandson Amber, N. Grand

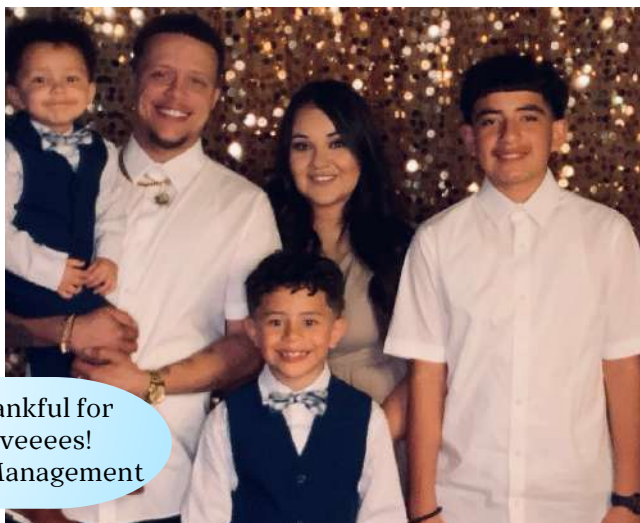
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Thanks for decades of support and being my best friend
Dr. Kaercher,
Alamo Ranch



I am THANKFUL for my family, the love, support and the memories.
Juanita, Alamo Ranch



I am thankful for my loveees!
Valeria, Management



My beautiful granddaughter Amelia!
Thankful for her everyday!
Sheila, Potranco



FAMILY IS EVERYTHING!
Joanne,
Dental Ark



My grand babies make our world a beautiful place
Norma,
Dental Ark



I am incredibly grateful for the wonderful people in my life. My boys and my husband truly make everything brighter. I honestly don't know where I'd be without their constant support and love. They are my rock, my inspiration, and my greatest joy. Thinking of them always brings a smile to my face. So thankful for my little family.
Kennia, Boerne

Be GRATEFUL everyday

Grateful Gallery



I'm thankful for my friends, family and coworkers. But especially my husband and our daughter joining in February!
Rylee, Pedo Soncy



I am grateful for the life God chose for me, I am thankful for my family and love we have for each other.
Destinee, Pedo Soncy



I'm grateful for my family, my life, friends, especially my work family. I spend more time with with yall than anything and I'm grateful yall are an amazing group of women.
Vika, Pedo Soncy



So grateful for family, friends, love, laughter, and all the good things in between.
Alyssa, Pedo Soncy



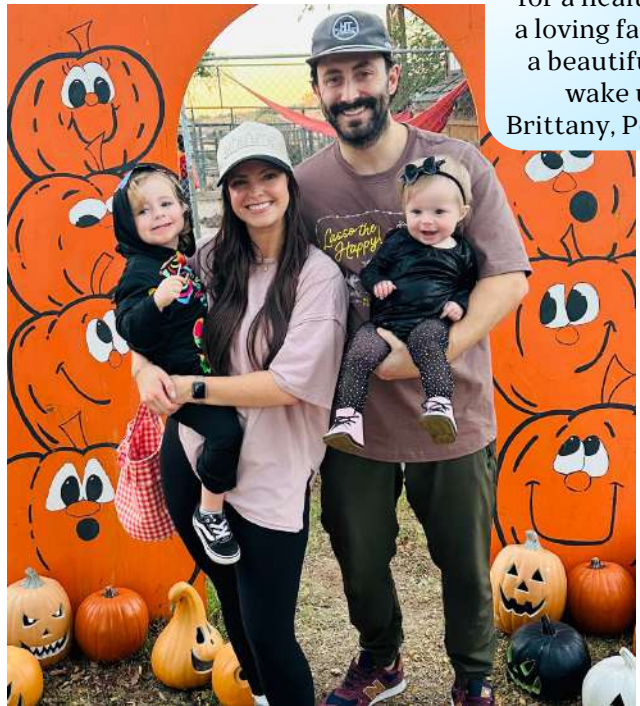
I am thankful for my Work Family- we all really love and care for each other!
I am blessed!!
Debbie, Pedo Soncy

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Grateful Gallery



I am thankful for my family, health and thankful for the life God has given me.
Phylcia,
Pedo Soncy



I am grateful every day for a healthy body, a loving family, and a beautiful life to wake up to.
Brittany, Pedo Soncy



I am thankful for God allowing me to wake up another day! I am also thankful for my health, family, friends and being able to work!!
Wendy, Pedo Soncy



I am thankful for my family!
Cayton,
Management



I am thankful to God for allowing me to wake up every morning and serve Him by loving my family/ friends and also giving the best care possible to my patients.
Dr. Lorra, Pedo Soncy



A Piñata with a Purpose

Gloria at AOMS recently reminded us what it truly means to go the extra mile for our patients. During an All-on-4 surgery visit, a patient joked that they couldn't wait to smash their dentures once their new smile was complete. Instead of letting that comment fade into conversation, Gloria decided to turn it into something special; she hand-crafted a denture-shaped piñata for the patient to smash after surgery. Moments like these are the perfect example of how Gloria and the rest of our teams are empowered to create unique, memorable, and personal experiences for our patients. Gloria's creativity and thoughtfulness transformed a routine day into a joyful, one-of-a-kind experience that perfectly reflects the heart of who we are. Thank you, Gloria, for turning an ordinary moment into something extraordinary and for reminding us all what personalized care truly looks like.

Kim Takes on Corning!

Kim Shelton from Management recently traveled to Corning, New York to run the Wineglass Half Marathon! While she was there, she explored Watkins Glen State Park, taking in the waterfalls and gorgeous scenery. Sounds like an amazing trip! Way to crush it, Kim!



¡Hola, España!

The Plata family recently traveled to beautiful Barcelona to visit their daughter. While the city's sights were unforgettable, spending time with the kids was the true highlight! From exploring the iconic Gaudí buildings, to strolling through the colorful Park Güell, and soaking in the breathtaking views from Montjuïc, their days were filled with art, culture, and laughter. Evenings brought pure culinary joy, a standout being a dinner at a Michelin-starred restaurant. And of course, no moment was complete without wine, which flowed freely through every toast, story, and celebration. In Spain, wine isn't just a drink, it's a way of life.

A Season of Smiles



Congratulations, Cortney!

We're so excited to celebrate Cortney from our Dalhart clinic as preparations begin for the arrival of baby Townes! This special milestone marks such a joyful time and we couldn't be happier for Cortney and her growing family as this new chapter unfolds.

From all of us at Full Smile, congratulations on the upcoming arrival. We can't wait to meet baby Townes and share in the joy this little one will bring!



Happiness multiplied!

We're thrilled to celebrate with Dr. Dunham and his family on the adoption of their granddaughter! This special occasion is filled with love and happiness, marking a moment their family will treasure for years to come.

The Full Smile family is sending our warmest congratulations to Dr. Dunham and his entire family on this beautiful addition and the joy she brings!



Tooth Be Told, Our Team Shines Bright!



Happy Anniversary, Lovebirds!

This year marks 10 years of marriage for our wonderful hygienist Wendy Garay (Dumas) and her husband, or as she lovingly calls him, "my gordo." To celebrate, they took a weekend trip to Colorado, where they enjoyed several outdoor adventures together. During their getaway, they also took time to reflect on ways to strengthen their marriage and family, agreeing that communication is the key to lasting love. Wendy says she'd say "YES" to him all over again!

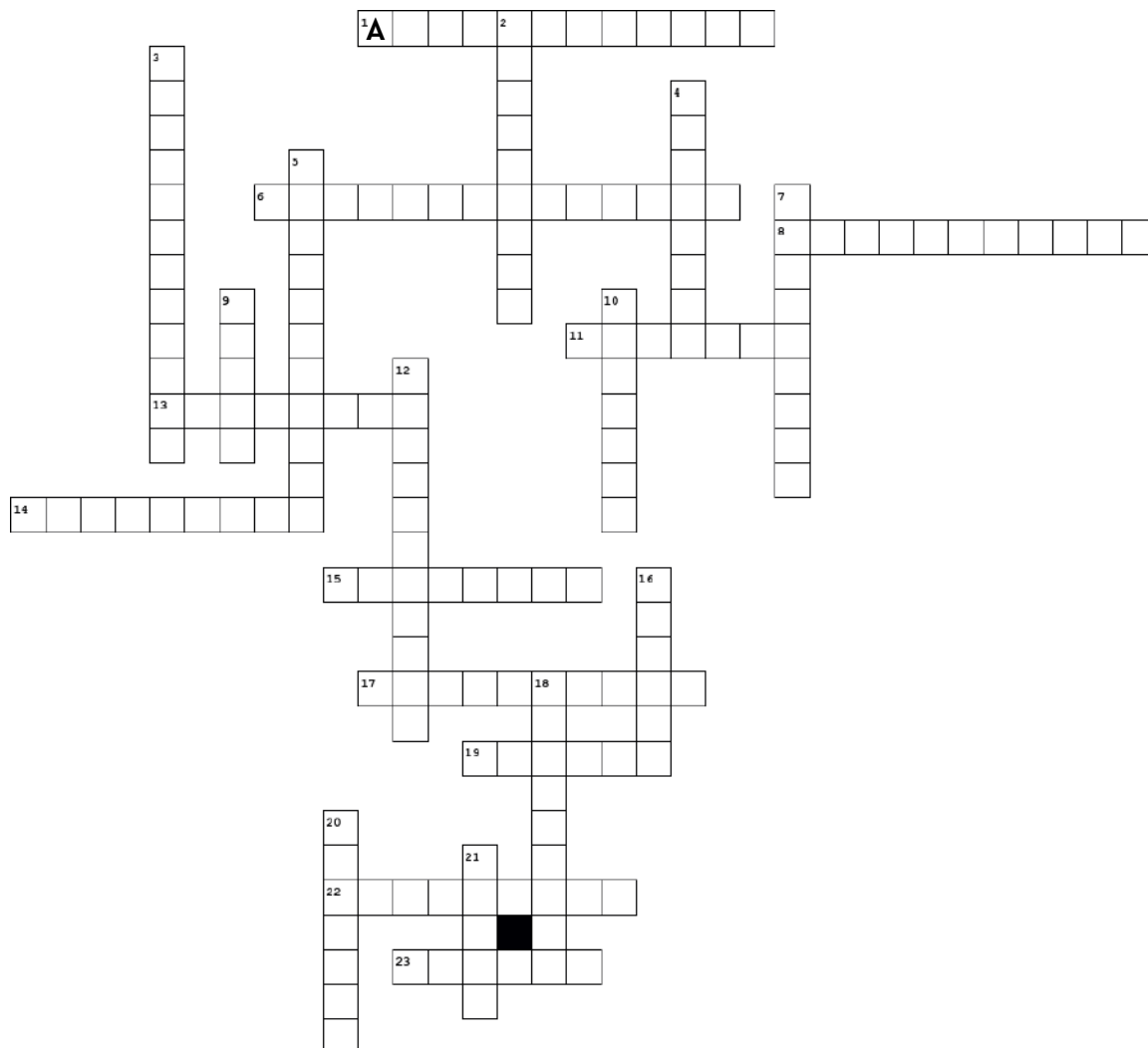


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Take a pause and puzzle with us!

Got a bite for competition? Sink your teeth into this crossword and send it to TheToothTimes@fullsmiledental.com by 11:59 p.m. tonight (11/03) for your shot at a prize!



ACROSS

1. RED, ORANGE AND YELLOW FALLING FOLIAGE
6. BEST FRIENDS WITH GRAVY
8. BERRY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PLATE
11. WHEN SITTING ON HAY IS CONSIDERED A TREAT
13. PERFECT FOR THOSE WHO LIKE A LITTLE KERNEL OF CHALLENGE
14. CUSTOM PASSED DOWN
15. WHAT YOU ARE ON THANKSGIVING
17. HORN OF PLENTY
19. GOBBLER ON THE HOLIDAY TABLE
22. TURKEY'S SECOND LIFE
23. FESTIVE STREET PROCESSION

DOWN

2. FAMOUS 1620 VESSEL
3. JACK-O'-LANTERNS' PRE-PARTY MEETING SPOT
4. MONTH WHEN TURKEY TAKES CENTER STAGE
5. SYMBOL OF FALL IN THE NIGHT SKY
7. FIELD SECURITY
9. SQUIRREL CURRENCY FOR THE FALL SEASON
10. TIME TO REAP WHAT WAS SOWN
12. HOLIDAY SYNONYM FOR HAPPY CHAOS
16. LOVED ONES AT THE TABLE
18. SOUTHERN THANKSGIVING FAVORITE
20. EARLY SETTLERS OF PLYMOUTH
21. PUMPKIN'S QUIRKY COUSIN