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VISION: The leading water utility and septage management service provider while upholding environmental stewardship and sustainability.

MISSION: We commit to fulfill our vision through sound management, professional staff, efficient service, sustainable development and active participation and partnership with the community in the protection of our water resources.

CORE VALUES: Together we **ASPIRE!**

- Accountability to God and man
- Service Excellence
- Productivity
- Innovation
- Respect to our consumers and employees
- Environmental Stewardship to protect and conserve our water resources.

QUALITY POLICY: The General Santos City Water District is a water service provider committed to the highest standards in furtherance of its mission in providing safe, potable and reliable water service to the public.

In order to ensure quality of service, we, as a team, will practice the following

- Adopt new systems and procedures for continuous, efficient and innovative services to obtain highest customer satisfaction possible;
- Conscientiously adhere to service standards and strive for excellence towards operational efficiency in customer service;
- Comply with all applicable statutory and legal requirements;
- Provide well-balanced communication to all employees and stakeholders;
- Engage competent personnel and provide continuous personnel training and development;
- Consistently implement all the controls identified in all our processes.

And for its continual improvement, we shall regularly review the performance of our Quality Management System. The results of which shall be our basis for our actions.

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ABOUT THE COVER



On the cover is the photo taken during the One-Stop Shop Activity at Prk. Cabuay, Brgy. Sinawal. The resumption of GSCWD's One-Stop Shop aims to expedite the new service connection installation process bringing the service right their respective places.

EDITOR'S Pen

It is at this point in time where covid-19 pandemic epoch is slowly diminishing while the world is gradually opening. Restrictions in all aspects have been gently losing its grip to allow services and businesses get back to normalcy. It was a resounding resilience, adaptability and appreciation to the men and women of water industry in the whole of Philippines that continued to deliver water services despite the hurdling challenges encountered in the course of restraints and constraints.

Highlighting the GSC Water District's accomplishment on this duration is unparalleled service connection installation to its newly activated areas through its one-stop-shop activity where a community is given a customized service from the receiving of applications up to the installation, all happened in a day. Plus, the offering of material loan promo where the applicant may only pay the service connection charge for a minimal amount set by GSCWD and the remaining balance is payable for six months. These milestones on the landscape of our services have significantly uplift the lives of the people and substantially increased the area coverage being serviced by General Santos City Water District.

Adding to these accomplishments are the corporate social responsibilities that give an equally impressive balance to GSCWD'S image. Some of the few are the donation of Day Care Center, hand wash facilities, drumvatories, hygiene kits and school supplies to the different beneficiaries in the city. GSCWD also donated pipes and repair of its Water Reservoir to Brgy. Maligo, Polomolok, South Cotabato, for the people to have immediate access to water eliminating the long walks and risk just to get water from the nearby sitio.

Indeed, these feats that come in various forms added so much glory to GSCWD's purpose. It is worthwhile to note that as a water service provider, GSCWD continues to soar high and maintain its momentum while upholding it mandate to go above and beyond public service excellence.



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General Santos City Water District (GSCWD) once again offered Material Loan promo to its new service connection applicants for a limited time only.

The promo, which ran from October 3-December 31, 2022, was offered only to residential owners who have no existing disconnected account with GSCWD and wish to apply for a new service connection with the latter. However, this is provided that all documentary requirements are also complied with.

Applicants were given the chance to pay for the installation of their service connection on a staggered basis. They were only required to pay the installation fee amounting to Three Thousand Two Hundred Pesos Only (P3,200.00) upon application. The balance, which consists of the labor and materials cost, will be paid in six (6) equal monthly installments to be charged on the next billing month following the installation.

"Water should be accessible for all. Being in the public service, that has always been our priority. While it is true that ensuring its potability before its distribution to households entails cost, it should not stop us from upholding such a mandate," said Engr. Arn B. Gellangarin, GSCWD's General Manager.

GM Gellangarin also shared that GSCWD will continuously look for innovative ways to ensure that each resident in the City will have access to safe and potable water.

Meanwhile, Engr. Rogelio Besana, Jr., Assistant General Manager for Operation and Technical Services, assured the public that the water distributed by GSCWD to its consumers are safe and potable.

"Water extracted from our groundwater resources undergo treatment 24/7 before it is released into our pipelines. We make sure that our water is in accordance with the standard set by the Philippine National Standard for Drinking Water (PNSDW). It is only after such treatment that water is distributed into the respective lines of our consumers," said AGM Besana. He further assured the public that water samples are taken randomly on a regular basis from GSCWD's sources as well as from different sampling points among its consumers. These samples are then tested for any presence of bacteria or unwanted chemicals.









Another water source will be constructed at Barangay Mabuhay after residents expressed their agreement over implementation of said project during the public consultation held for the purpose.

Last July 18, 2022, General Santos City Water District conducted a dialogue with the residents and officials of said barangay wherein GSCWD explained the objectives and purpose of the said project.

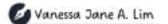
Engr. Rogelio Besana, Jr., Assistant General Manager for Operation and Technical Services, explained during the public consultation that GSCWD has been receiving petitions from different communities, including Barangay Mabuhay, requesting the office to expand its service to their area. However, some are declined due to high elevation and insufficient water source.

"Fortunately, we found a promising area here at Purok 1", said AGM Besana, "We envision to serve all residents of General Santos City with safe, potable and reliable water supply. This additional water source will hopefully help address the growing demand at the central area including that of Barangay Mabuhay", he added.

He further assured the residents of the potability of the water supplied by GSCWD to its customers. He said that water distributed undergoes 24/7 treatment and is tested regularly for any bacterial or chemical presence.

"Reports are regularly submitted to relevant agencies. Controls are also in-place to ensure that internal measures adopted to guarantee potability of our water supply are strictly practiced", AGM Besana added.

Currently the District has nineteen (19) operational pumping stations. Out of the twentysix barangays in the city, only twenty are being served. However, only twelve barangays are fully served, mainly those located in the city proper. Outer barangays, including Barangay Mabuhay, are only partially served.



Installation of **DRUMVATORY** to promote HAND HYGIENE

at Night Market

Frequent hand washing has never been more important since the pandemic. Being a water utility, General Santos City Water District is not just concerned with conserving and preserving our water resources, GSCWD has also been a constant advocate of proper hygiene and sanitation.

GSCWD celebrated Global Handwashing Day by donating one (1) handwash facility Barangay Dadiangas South City last October this 17.

The handwash facility, also called a drumvatory, is installed at the entrance

of the Night Food Market located along the shore of Queen Tuna Park. It was purposely installed at said location to encourage and remind the public to wash their hands before eating.

General Manager Engr. Arn B. Gellangarin said that, "frequent hand washing is not just relevant in preventing the spread of the CoVid-19 also factor but is bia in preventing the spread of different kinds of diseases. We, therefore, encourage the Generals work together in this fiaht".

The drumvatory was received by Barangay Dadiangas South Captain Rock Eliseo Garay who expressed his gratitude towards GSCWD.

He also gave assurance that the drumvatory will be properly utilized and that they will actively promote the practice of proper hygiene and sanitation especially that they are a coastal barangay.

The drumvatory alternative handwash facility from the usual lavatorv an sink and faucet is installed in a drum. The facility is more cost-efficient and practical its lightweight and it is easilv installed anywhere due to portable functionality.

Global Handwashing Day is an initiative of the Global Handwashing Association which was first celebrated in 2008. It is celebrated every October 15 aimed primarily at raising public awareness of the value of using soap and water to wash hands to prevent diseases and save lives.







Special Treats await

ELDER ACCOUNT HOLDE

We wouldn't be where we are today if not for the elderly who paved the way for the upcoming generations to have all the opportunities which they were deprived of during their time. It is just right that we give recognition to their contribution to society.

Gensan Water District was one of the organizations who took part in celebrating the Elderly Filipino Week last October 11-14, 2022. The District held "Roleta of Treats" for all its Senior Citizen (SC) account items. holders wherein grocery hygiene kits and basic medicine were given out.

An online discussion dedicated to the SC account holders was also conducted through GSCWD's facebook live entitled Water U Talkin' About. The online discussion tackled the discounts that senior citizen customers can avail of and the process of the renewal of accounts.

Republic Act 9994, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010, entitles senior citizens to a minimum of five (5) percent discount for its monthly utilization of water provided that the account is registered to the senior citizen's name and that the consumption does not exceed thirty (30) cubic meters.





Sharon Gadayan, Acting Department Manager Commercial Services. explained that said discount is not automatic. The senior citizen must apply personally or through an authorized representative at the office and must be renewed annually.





"We would like encourage all senior citizen customers as well as their family members to take note of the renewal date of their accounts they can continue to avail the discount on their water bill", said Ms. Gadayan.





Laying out

Expansion of PIPELINES

Barangay Conel

1,656 linear meters of 200 mm. PE pipe

630 linear meters of 150 mm. PE pipe

1,482 linear meters of 100 mm. PE pipe

3,696 linear meters of 75 mm. PE pipe



1,062 linear meters of 200 mm. PE pipe

162 linear meters of 100 mm. PE pipe





PRODUCTION WELLS



Pump Station 26 Cabreros Area, Brgy. Sinawal

Start of construction: September 9, 2022 Estimated completion: January 2023



Pump Station 27 Landero Area. Brgy. Mabuhay

Start of construction: November 24, 2022 Estimated completion: March 2023

ODEOIDE NERASTRUCTURE PROJECTS





SO CUM ELEVATED STEEL TANK AT PS NO. 18. PRK. LOWER SHUTTLE, VARBO, BRGY, SAN JOSE



300 CU.M. ELEVATED STEEL TANK, CSWDO COMPOUND, BRGY, FATIMA







new MILESTO

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Lucio Velavo Sr. Road, Brgy. Lagao





4.75 linear meters of 150 mm, steel pipe

1.560 linear meters of 75 mm. PE pipe

168 linear meters of 150 mm. PE pipe

1,512 linear meters of 100 mm. PE pipe







GSCWD retains

ISO 9001:2015 Certification

Proposed PIPELINE EXPANSIONS FOR 2023

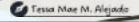
- Purok 11-A & B, Brgy. Fatima
- Purok Buan, Brgy, Sinawal
- Darusalam, Brgy. San Isidro

- Perales Subd., Brgy. Sinawal
- Purok 8, Brgy. Sinawal
- Pancubila, Brgy. San Isidro

- Yusaville Subd., Brgy. Sinawal
- Conel-Olympog Rd., Brgy. Lagao
- Upper Greenville, Brgy. Calumpang

- Purok Soriano, Brgy. Sinawal
- VS Homes, Brgy, San Isidro
- Reformville, Brgy. Calumpang

- Purok Vista, Brgy. Sinawal
- Malesido PH 1&2, Brgy. San Isidro
- Tomasa, Brgy. Calumpang



GSCVVD @ 35 Flowing through ti

2022 marked the 35th year of Gensan Water District as a local water utility for General Santos City.

The past years since the pandemic made GSCWD discover its strong resiliency This year has been a memorable one for GSCWD. From discovering a strong sense of resiliency brought by the threat of pandemic these past years, to laying out pipelines for new service connections and retaining its ISO Certification, Gensan Water District did not stop from delivering quality water service to the public.

Aside from upholding a firm commitment to its advocacies and promoting awareness on water conservation and sanitation, it has been partnering with the local government in helping marginalized communities in the city through donation of goods and handwashing facilities. It is also a tradition of the District to share its blessings to the public as a way of being grateful for their support and patronage all these years.

For this year's anniversary celebration, Gensan Water District donated pipes to Barangay Maligo, Sitio Tinefulan, Polomolok, South Cotabato and repaired its community reservoir last August 12, 2022.

The community worked together to lay the pipes from the reservoir all the way to the middle of the road where there are more houses that can have access to water through a water faucet that the District also donated. Now,

Taken before the pipes were donated. The residents had to walk long distance just to get their gratitude to GSCWD water from the source.





the children and mothers don't have to walk long distances and risk getting hit by cars for walking along the highway just to get water.

The residents extended for helping uplift quality of their lives. This includes the conversion of the District's bunkhouse to a school building for the B'laan kids as well as the donation of library and books that also serves as their Day Care Center.

Tessa Mae M. Alejado





Aside from the turn-over of pipes and newly repaired reservoir to Sitio Tinefulan, the employees of the District also conducted a Tree Growing Activity in the area.

"This 2023, GSCWD aims to lay out more milestones as a Local Water Utility. We hope that the Generals will continue to give their utmost support to all our programs and projects as we work hand in hand in making General Santos a liveable City for everyone", said Engr. Arn B. Gellangarin, GSCWD General Manager.

Sitio Tinefulan is one of the adopted watersheds of the District to which it has been helping preserve and protect the vast lands of the said sitio and provide additional source of living to the families through its Watershed Development Project.

Just as it stepped into this new milestone, the District continues improving its services, welcoming innovations that aim to give convenience to its customers and expanding new service connections. These are all in line with its goal of providing safe, potable and reliable





Water Tank (After)



Taken during Growing Activity

WORLD TOILET DAY maki

Gensan Water District is one with the rest of the world in celebrating World Toilet Day. Aside from prioritizing the access to safe and potable water, it believes that proper sanitation shouldn't be taken for granted as well. As an active advocate in the promotion of proper sanitation, World Toilet Day has been part of its annual celebrations.





For this year, GSCWD through its online talkshow "WATER" u talkin' About? invited personnel Gensan City Health Office and discussed the sanitation crisis that many of the communities in Gensan are experiencing. The ZOD campaign or the Zero Open Defecation Campaign of CHO was tackled as well as their struggles in educating some communities in Gensan about the importance of using toilets.





Aside from the said discussion, GSCWD, through its Community Relations and Watershed Development units conducted an IEC or Information Education Communication Campaign about the importance of using toilets to San Jose Elementary School pupils, one of the far-flung public schools in the City. School supplies, activity book and hygiene kits were also given to the students.



ng the INVISIBLE VISIBLE

To encourage the public to take part and promote awareness on proper sanitation, a Toilet Selfie Contest was also conducted online.

World Toilet Day 2022 campaigns for "Making the invisible visible" which explores how inadequate sanitation systems spread human waste into rivers, lakes and soil, polluting underground water resources.

The message of this year's World Toilet Day centers on safe management of sanitation as protection of our groundwater from human waste pollution.









Sagutin ang tanong na Base sa inyong papet na

ginagampanan sa lipunan,

pagkakaroon ng tamang

palikuran?

importante



As a student, having a proper sanitation facility like toilet promotes health, because it allows me to dispose my waste appropriately, it allows me to focus on my study without any bother of having a diarrhea, preventing contaminations to my environment and reducing risk to my family and neighbors. Absence or improper sanitation facility can result in improper waste disposal, unhealthy environment and can contribute to the spread of many diseases/conditions through contaminated water and land that can cause widespread illness and death. -Aries Roemar Diendo



Bilang isang mag-aaral importante ang pagkakaroon at pag gamit ng tamang palikuran sapagkat ito ang lugar kung saan nagagawa ang tamang personal hygiene, dahil may malaking bahagi ang hygiene sa kalusugan ng tao kaya hindi dapat ito ipag sawalang bahala upang maiwasan ang pagkakaroon ng sakit sa pamamagitan ng pag gamit ng malinis at tamang supply ng tubig. Ang mga tubig na ginagamit natin sa palikuran ay maaaring ma consume ulit natin kung tayo ay hindi susunod sa pag gamit ng tamang palikuran.

-Christy Jane Kate Mendez



Bilang usa ka inahan nga naga atiman sa akong mga apo importante ang adunay maayo nga palikuran aron ma mintenar ang Empyo og maayo nga panlawas aron dili madali taptan og balatian maong gi kinahangalan nga aduna kitay saktong disposal sa human waste aron ma likayan ang kontaminasyon sa atong katubigan nga atong gina -Linda Diamona

NEWS

BUHOS NG KASIYAHAN **MGAYONG KAPASKUHA** Year 6

GSCWD welcomed the month of December with an early Christmas celebration with the kids from Tanda Elementary School and House of Shiloh.

Last December 14, 2022, GSCWD donated Noche Buena package, school supplies, assorted groceries, and hygiene kits to some of the B'laan students of Tanda Elementary School. The said school is located at Sitio Tanda, the farthest Sitio of Barangay San Jose.

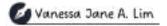
Aside from gift giving, the kids also engaged in interactive activities like storytelling and trivia games about the importance of protecting our water source and practicing proper sanitation by making sure that the people use toilets and wash their hands regularly. The District distributed an Activity Book wherein the kids can enjoy answering different activities about sanitation.

On the other hand, the little kids from House of Shiloh, one of the orphanages in Gensan received toys, grocery items and vitamins from the District last December 19. Some employees of GSCWD spent time to play and bond with the kids during the gift giving

The Social worker expressed her gratitude for the grocery items and vitamins that were donated. "I've admit that it can be very hard to take care of little kids most especially those who have special needs. We are therefore knocking on the hearts of everyone to help us in taking care of these kids in whatever form



"The District is doing its best to reach and help more people in the city especially in far-flung areas through our little ways. We also encourage other organizations to do the same. Rest assured that this will not be our last gift-giving, said Engr. Arn B. Gellangarin, GSCWD General Manager.





GSCWD has been serving the people of Gensan as the biggest water utility in the City for 35 years. It has been creating programs that help communities in Gensan not just as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility but it is more of a way for the District to give back to the public for its support and patronage to the services and projects of General Santos City Water District.

Here are some of the CSR programs that GSCWD has conducted for 2022.





Donated Day Care Center to Prk. Accord, Brgy. Calumpang & given free installation of water service connection.



PWD women and distributing some grocery items to them.



Donated 3 hand wash facilities to 3 Public Schools in Gensan as part of its Kampanya Eskwela Program.



Donated water pipes and repaired the community reservoir at Sitio Tinefulan, GSCWD's adopted watershed.



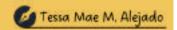
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conducted IEC about Proper Sanitation and gave school supplies & hygiene kits to San Jose Elem. School.



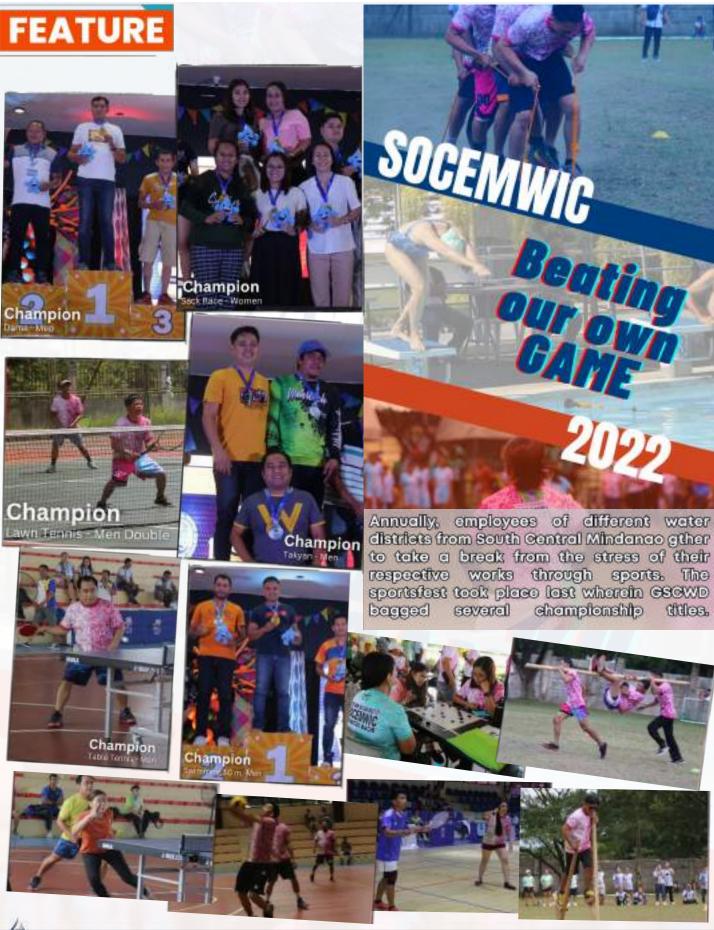
Celebrated early Christmas by donating school supplies, hygiene kits, groceries, noche buena packages & toys to Tanda Elem. School & House of Shiloh Orphanage.







Handwashing Day.



Water Testing-

BACTERIOLOGICAL REPORT

July-December 2022



19 Pump Stations

All 19 Pump Stations of GSCWD passed the bacteriological

> 100% PASSED

341 Samples

All 341 random samples from households and pump stations of 19 barangays that were tested for any presence of E-coli bacteria yielded a negative result.

Water Samples

The water samples that were used came from the household & jump station taps. Pump Stations also undergo bacteriological test every month.

Prepared by: Ma. Rita B. Barrieses, RMT Medical Technologist III

Conducted Water Testing

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

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NEWFANGLED /noo.faNGq(ə)ld/

adjective :different from what one is used to: objectionably new something fresh and unusual

The Unfathomable Love and the Blissful Year By: Areil B. Empinado

The Year passed by And the fortune of a brand new day To lit up with a candle, a blissful moments of exciting year.

The brand of a new chapter full of love, caring, tender and goodness. With a thousand doves fly away against on the dreadful moments can hinder us.

The friendship and kindness towards each other, The reason is found on a Blissful Year. Yet, the seasons of a tide The Good Visions with a Blissful endings.

Love is just everything in us, when the perfect timing comes by. A new hope with a fond of joy, The Love of a year is to give from one another.

Another Year went through beyond the darkness, It overcomes of a raging ocean. Through mem'ries never ever forget, The wounds of a heart pierce.

The sun is rising up and the Morning comes Beyond the limits passed by, The hope of a new Year comes To cherish more in a cupcake.

The Love and the New Year will exists, A year with joy and laughter, A year with sorrows and pain, But a year it is a year with full of love.



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COUNTRY'S PRIDE

FRAY BOTOD

His first satirical novel that he wrote when he was 18 yrs. old. The novel tells story of fat, lazy and immoral priests, who speaks nothing, but saintly verses but could not see their own wrongdaings.

His frequent visits to the poor and ordinary people in the remate areas of Jaro, mode him realize how bad their living conditions are under the Spanish rule.

GRACIANO LOPEZ JAENA (1856-1896)

BEST LITERARY AND ORATORICAL SPOKESMAN

While in Spain, he become the best literary and protorical spokesman for the restaration of freedom to all the Filipinas. He continued his studies in medicine at the University of Valencia but again failed to finish it. His facus was shifted to journalism. He joined the Propaganda Movement.



La Solidaridad

LA SOLIDARIDAD

He joined the Propagando Movement. He was one of the original members who founded La Solidaridad on 1888. Graciana used the pen name Diego Loura to hide his true identity. On October 12, 1891, he published the weekly newspaper El Latiga National, which became the mouthpiece of the La Solidaridad.

THREATENED THE SPANIARDS

He solicited funds needed to sustain their crusade for freedom. The Spanish authorities felt threatened with Graciana's expasses. Even the Bishop of Spain sent a message to Graciana, offering him a high-paying job if he ceased writing against them. He rejected the offer.

Graciano passessed on awesome oratorical talent, he bravely spake in every social gothering about the evils of the Spanish rule in his country.



JUMP STARTED THE PROPAGANDA MOVEMENT

Graciono died on January 20, 1896 in Barcelona, According to some historians, of the renowned triumvirate of Filipino prepagandists that include of Graciano, Marcelo H. Del Pilar and Or. Jose Rizal, It was Graciano who actually storted the Propaganda Movement.



Reference: National Historical Commission of the Philippines



This section is intended to give recognition to the people who had great contributions to our country. GSCWD hopes that the young generation of today learns to value nationalism through the people featured in this section.



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Unscramble each of the word on the left and write them in the grid. When the puzzle is complete the shaded letters going down will spell out another name for the planet Earth.

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RSHTA	
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TWSAE	
NYGEER	
EREUS	
TEILTR	

Answers: January-June 2022

OH C'MON SENSE

1. towel 2. fire 3. promise 4. secret 5. tomorrow 6. window 7. mushroom 8. book 9. stairs 10. river

EXERCISE YOUR BRAINS

(EASY) Alex is a knight, Brook is a spy, Kody is a knave. (MEDIUM) They played 11 games. (HARD) The secret word is DOG.

MAGIC SQUARE

Fill in grids so each column, row and diagonal add up to the given sum.

2			32		
	5	3			28
					8
		16			
28				10	6
24			12		

StepDown

Beginning at the top of the upside down pyramid, remove one letter from the word "strides" and rearrange the remaining letters to build a new six-letter word beneath.





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