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**High School Musical Jr. Review**  
**By Daniel Kenedy**

At East Islip Middle School at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 13, 2022, I watched the masterpiece called *High School Musical Jr.* It is about these two lovers, Troy and Gabriella. Troy, the star athlete, was played by Anderson Ross and Gabriella, the nerdy girl who loves science, was played by Lauren Winiarski. The director of the show was Ms. Tripi and the assistant director was Mrs. Falacara. Mrs. Doyle did a fabulous job with the set design.

The show kicked off with kids dancing down the aisles. Troy had great dance moves which was complimented nicely by Gabriella's super singing. One of my favorite characters was Mrs. Darbus, played by Olivia LaBella, who was a stereotypical East Islip Middle School teacher. I thought she nailed her part. Sharpay, played by Kendel Gravano, looked dazzling in her beautiful silver

sparkling dress and displayed a very bad attitude. I also liked the funny coach, played by Alicia Rios. Jack Scott, played by Emma Casso, sounded just like the announcer of the East Islip Middle School morning announcements.

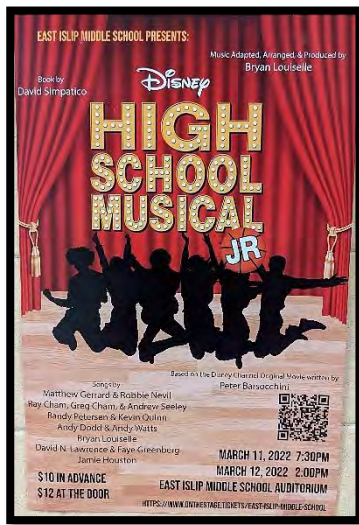
My favorite song was "Stick to the Status Quo" because the whole company came together to perform this show stopping song. I also really enjoyed the feel-good song, "We're All in This Together." Chad Danforth, played by Nick Lindstrom, and Taylor McKessie, played by Alexa Sieklucki, led their respective teams in this great musical number.

I thought that Kelsi Nielsen, "the pianist", played by Mackenzie Godbout, was fabulous throughout the show. The final song of the show, "High School Musical Megamix", performed by the company was a big, extravagant farewell to the audience. Overall, *High School Musical Jr.* was an awesome show.

*See next page for more photos.*



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*Photos on pages 1 and 2 are by Ms. Tripi and Mrs. Doyle.*



# ALS Ride For Life

By Reese Sinkevich

May is ALS awareness month! On April 7, 2022, we welcomed speaker Paul Weisman, an ALS patient, and former educator. He was here to talk with students about the disease and his quest for a cure.

ALS, or “Lou Gehrig’s Disease”, is a neurological illness that weakens and affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. ALS stands for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The disease is fatal, and most patients are given two to five years to live after diagnosis.

ALS Ride For Life is trying to break this short fate. Founder Chris Pendergast started the organization in 1997, making this year the nonprofit’s twenty-fifth anniversary. The name came from the annual ride made each year, originally from Yankee Stadium to Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, Chris died in 2020. Even though he is no longer with us, his fight for a cure continues.

This year’s ride is taking place in May. The riders will go past our school, and we will give them the money that was raised for their cause. To donate, volunteer, or learn more about ALS, visit <https://alsrideforlife.org/>.

Chris had a motto that he lived by: “Never give up, never lose hope, always remain optimistic, and be willing to defy the odds.”

It’s time to strike out ALS!



Image from [alsrideforlife.org](https://alsrideforlife.org)

## TRIVIA WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the *Encanto* trivia contest from the movie afternoon on March 24th, presented by Student Government.

The winners were: Carlos Lopez, Kayla Lopez, Heba Luqman, and Peter Gernand!

The prize was a \$10 gift card to Amazon, Target, or Starbucks.



**Corrections from the Editor:** A story in our March issue about the war in Ukraine on p. 5 stated this: “NATO has been activated and sent troops to help.” Just to clarify, the troops sent by NATO are not in Ukraine fighting against the Russians. They are stationed in nearby countries to show a presence to Russia to ensure that the war does not escalate beyond Ukraine.

## Kindness Challenge - Update from Mrs. Hummel

On Friday, April 1st we kicked off the *April Kindness Challenge*. Students and staff purchased red, white and blue index cards in the cafeteria to create the American flag. They also received a USA bracelet with their \$1 donation. All profits will be going to the Coalition for the Homeless, to further support the efforts made by the National Junior Honor Society with Blankets of Hope.



*Photos by Mrs. Avella*

## **Six Flags**

### **By Kate Habel**

#### **What is Six Flags?**

Six Flags is an American theme park corporation. It was founded on August 5, 1961 in Texas. They have properties in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. The closest one to Long Island is Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey. Another nearby location is Six Flags New England in Agawam, MA.

#### **About Great Adventure, NJ**

Great Adventure in NJ is home to the tallest and second fastest roller coaster in the world, Kingda Ka. They have family, kids and thrill rides. Some thrill rides include BATMAN: The Ride, GREEN LANTERN, SUPERMAN: Ultimate Flight, Jersey Devil Coaster, The Joker, Nitro and Kingda Ka.

#### Kingda Ka

Kingda Ka opened May 21, 2005. It is the tallest roller coaster in the world at 456 feet. The max speed it can reach is 128 mph. The ride lasts about 50 seconds. Sometimes, if the coaster doesn't build up enough speed it will roll back down the 456 foot drop and try to get up again.

#### The Jersey Devil

The Jersey Devil is a new single rider roller coaster. It opened on June 13, 2021 but closed shortly after on August 6, 2021 for an inspection. It reopened later that month. It includes 3 inversions and its max speed is 58 mph. It is the world's tallest single rider roller coaster.

#### Nitro

Nitro is my personal favorite! It begins with a 230 foot drop and reaches a top speed of 80 mph. Nitro has a duration of about 2 minutes. The coaster opened on April 7, 2001. The cost to build Nitro was approximately \$20,000,000. See photo below.



Image from <https://www.sixflags.com/greatadventure/attractions/nitro>

## Autism Awareness

By Erin Kolensky

April is Autism Awareness month. Also, in the month of April, the EJ Autism Foundation has their annual Jigsaw Walk to raise awareness of autism and educate people about it. This year, the event was held on April 24th at East Islip Marina.

Autism affects people in many different ways. Here are some facts about autism:

- **You are born with autism.** Autism is not contagious, and you will not wake up with it one morning. Some people think their child could get autism by the way they are raised but this is not true.
- **Autism is not a “bad thing” or a “disease” like some people say it is.** Autism is just a different way of thinking and/or communicating. People with autism may have trouble with things such as change, planning, communicating etc. However, some autistic people have higher IQs, better senses, and are capable of doing things that people who are not on the autism spectrum have a harder time doing.
- **More boys have autism than girls.** Studies have shown that more boys have been diagnosed with autism than girls. According to a 2018 study, boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls. In 2021, a study revealed that about 1 in 44 children in the U. S. are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- **The most common symbol people use to represent autism is a ribbon with yellow, red, and blue puzzle pieces filling it** or just a puzzle piece with one of those three colors. The reason people use a puzzle piece to represent autism is to reflect the mystery and the unknowns about autism. The different colors represent the diversity of autism and those living with the disability, and how they are affected in different ways. Some people don't like the symbol of the puzzle piece because they believe it reflects negativity about autism, and not a positive perspective on it. They like to use an infinity sign to represent autism.

One thing I would like everyone to learn about autism is, if someone has autism it does not mean something is wrong with them. People often think that if someone has a disability or a mental illness, something is wrong with them. Just because someone lives their life in a different way than you do, doesn't mean they are living life “wrong.” Just because someone learns differently than you doesn't mean they are learning the “wrong” way. No one knows exactly what causes autism or why it affects people in different ways, but autism does not make something “wrong” with you.,

I hope in the future, people will realize how offensive they can be when they joke about people with special needs. I hope they can learn from their mistakes and we can all do our part to create a more accepting society.



For more information, visit: <http://ejautismfoundation.org/>

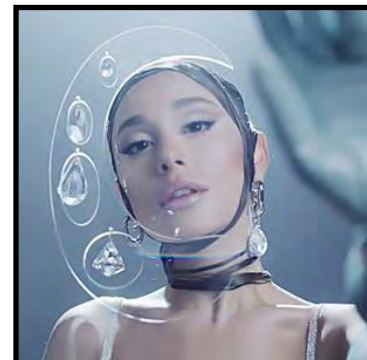
# Ariana Grande's r.e.m. beauty

By Ace Green

On November 12, 2021, Ariana Grande released her makeup line r.e.m. beauty. The makeup line is heavily influenced by space and the 1960's. The beauty line is named after one of Ariana's best-known songs "r.e.m." (a song on her 2018 album *Sweetener*). The new beauty line is vegan, meaning that the products are cruelty free. Ariana announced her beauty line on the Allure website in September of 2021.

## Chapter 1: Ultraviolet

Chapter 1 of r.e.m. beauty was released on November 12th. Chapter 1 was called Ultraviolet and it consists of 12 products, each product reflective of the spirit of Ari. The drop included highlighters, liquid eyeshadows, eyeliner pencils and markers, lashes, an eye shadow palette, and lipsticks. This chapter revolves around the eyes and space.



## Chapter 2: Goodnight N Go

On March 21, 2022, Ariana released a chapter 2 of r.e.m. beauty. The second chapter was called Goodnight N Go (based on the song "Goodnight N Go" on her 2018 album *Sweetener*). The second wave of products included more highlighters, new skin care products, new lipsticks, face mist, mascara, and even eyeshadow gloss. The theme of this chapter revolves around the skin and sleeping.



## Packaging

Since the makeup line is heavily space themed, Ariana made a lot of products such as the eye shadow pallets and the lipsticks in the shape of space-related items. In the PR packages Ariana sent out to some celebs and beauty influencers, such as Patrick Starr and NikkieTutorials, the package was a space helmet with the products inside.

## Ulta Beauty

While r.e.m. beauty does not have a solo store yet, you can go to select Ulta Beauty stores to get the products that you desire. It is also available on the Ulta Beauty website as well as the r.e.m. beauty website.

Now, what are you waiting for? Go check out <https://rembeauty.com/> and make your makeup dreams reality!



## Corrections from the Editor:

A story in our January issue about Ariana Grande on p. 18 stated that she won her first Grammy in 2018. The year was actually 2019.

## ~Coding Lesson 4: Looks, Control, and Animation~ By Hasan Luqman

Yours truly is back with yet another beginner's Scratch tutorial. This time we'll be discussing a whole field of coding that makes up about 99% of Scratch: Animation! Sounds pretty broad, right? So we'll be breaking this lesson down into two sections, each detailing a different kind of block. Don't worry, it's very simple.

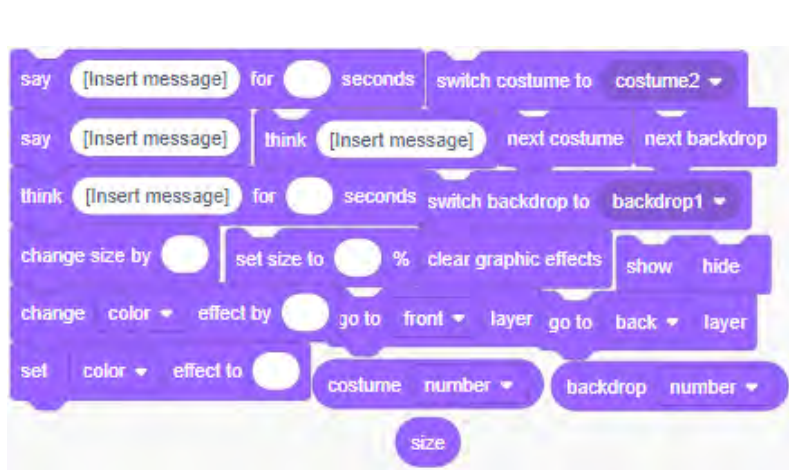
### Control blocks



Control blocks allow you to take control of the scripts in a sprite. You can make a sprite wait before doing an action, where decimals work, make a sprite repeat an action, and do various other things with other sprites. These are pretty simple.



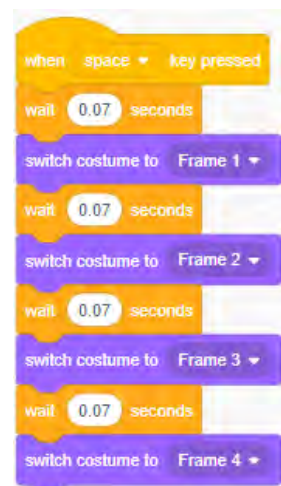
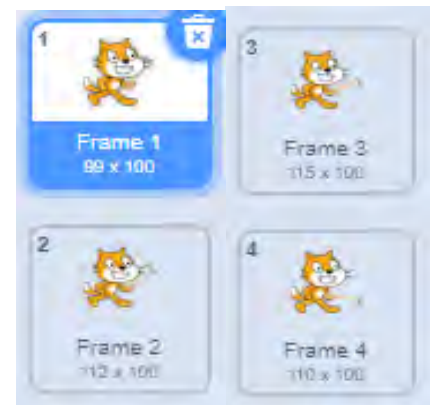
### Looks blocks

The looks blocks allow you to change the appearance of a sprite.



The   blocks change the appearance of a sprite. There are many options to play around with. The "Say" Blocks create a speech bubble, while the "Think" blocks create a thought bubble. The round blocks go with our operator lesson. The costume blocks are a key feature in animation. There is a costume tab in the top left corner. Click on it to open the costume.

To create frames of animation, duplicate the first costume and change the opposition of the object you want to animate slightly. Example: If I want to make Scratch cat swing a hammer, here's what the frames would be:



To link frames, alternate between costume blocks and wait blocks. Experiment with the wait blocks until you find the decimal that makes your animation smooth. Make sure to put an event block on the top. I suggest making the event block something you control (see image at left).

Congratulations! You made your very first script.

Until next time!

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## STEAM Event, 4/8/22

*Photos by Mrs. Henderson*

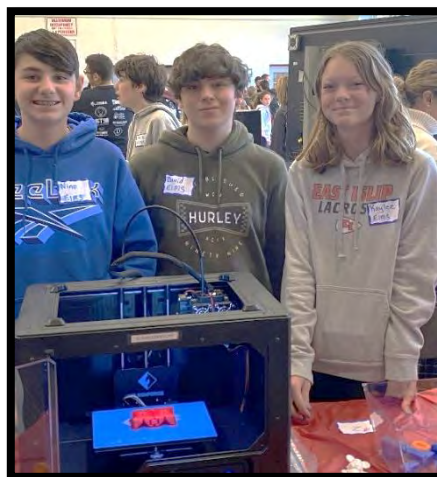
The East Islip School Business Partnership held STEAM DAY on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the ECC. Second and fourth grade students were invited to attend to promote an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Middle and high school students worked as facilitators for this event.

To see a video from this event, visit: [https://youtu.be/7-dY\\_veTmNM](https://youtu.be/7-dY_veTmNM)



"It was pretty cool. We got to drive the robots from the high school. It was fun!"

-Nick Apicella, 8th grader



# Kirby and the Forgotten Land Game Review

By James Blaschuk

*Kirby and the Forgotten Land* is a game that came out March 25, 2022 for the Nintendo Switch, where you play as an unidentified organism called “Kirby” and you work with your fairy-mouse, “Elfilin” to save the Waddle Dees, escape the forgotten land and go back to your homeland called “Dream Land.” *Kirby and the Forgotten Land* is a co-op/single player 3-D game (unlike all other 2-D Kirby games) with exciting upgradable abilities.

There are seven worlds, with 5 to 6 levels each. There are secret treasure roads that give special rare stones to upgrade your awesome abilities! Do you like boss fights? This game is full of them! You can try your luck in a fishing game, a maze game, a chef game, and a boss fight colosseum. Make sure you save the Waddle Dees so they can repay you by building more of the town. The more you build, the newer places you unlock. Relax at a movie station or at an observation tower. Buy food and power-ups from the Waddle Dees’ Item Shop and Café.

I’m going to give a quick rundown of the game’s lore. A lion makes a beast council and starts to go crazy. We have to stop him and the invasive

species, “Fecto Forgo” by stopping the other members of this “beast council.” Once we beat the game, we get a new land called the “Forgo Isles,” where we can keep adventuring. We can power up our upgraded abilities to make them even stronger.

All levels have secret and normal Waddle Dees to save. There is a golden cage for three normal Waddle Dees. There is a silver cage for one secret Waddle Dee. There are also mission Waddle Dees, which can only be found after doing certain things inside that level. Secret Waddle Dees may also be timed, so have fun with that! Oh yes, you can also use mouthful mode to absorb cars and stuff.

If you enjoyed this article, please consider getting the game, game demo, or just thinking “Hmm... that’s cool - I guess.” It’s my favorite Kirby game, and I hope it’s yours too!

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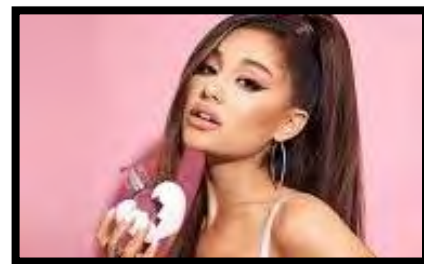


## Ariana Grande Quiz

By Ace Green

See how much you know about Ariana Grande with this fun quiz. The questions are about her albums, songs and even some of her friends and pets. Good Luck :)

1. What is the name of Ariana Grande’s makeup line?
2. What season did Ariana join *The Voice*?
3. Who is Ariana Grande married to?
4. Which album did Ariana decide to go **fully** blonde in?
5. Which one of Ariana’s Dogs got an award?
6. When was the *Positions* album released?
7. Finish the lyric: “I’d love to see me from...”
8. Who is Ariana’s **best** friend?
9. What song is Ariana **most** known for?
10. What did the video game *Fortnite* name Ariana?



See answers on p. 14.

**Cafeteria Feedback - The Redmen Reporter asked students:**



**What did you think about the Yard Bird chicken sandwich and waffle fries served 4/5/22 in the school cafeteria?**

*Photos by Mrs. Avella*

*They were very good. I think our school should do these things more often. It is a very good lunch. It was a lot better than the normal lunch at school. -Ryan Meade*

*They were great. I loved the sauce because it kinda tasted like Chick-fil-A sauce. -Natalia Walsh*

*I thought it was better but at the same time it was kinda soggy. The thing that made it so good was the sauce and pickles. -Kaylee Polis*

*It was really good. There was a little too much bread and not enough chicken but other than that, the taste was really good. -Sophie Snoble*

*They were so good, I ate 2. -Owen Mosher*

*It was amazing and so much better than all the other food. -Makenna Corcoran*

*The Yardbird chicken sandwich with a side of waffle fries was very good and had a nice flavor to it. The Yardbird chicken sandwich was guaranteed not to be spicy at all and this statement was very true. -Liliana Pasha*

*The fries were good but I didn't like the sandwich. -Brianna Stephens*

*A very good meal. I liked the chicken sandwich and the waffle fries, best one I had ever seen. Also, the way the chef put the meal together looked so cool. -Dominick Motz*



## Recipe; Easiest Homemade Ice Cream (NO EGGS!)

By James Blaschuk

Do you always crave some ice cream, but you don't want to go out to buy some? WELL, WORRY NOT! There is a 3-step process to make your own!

### Ingredients:

2 cups of heavy whipping cream  
1 tsp of vanilla extract  
14 oz of sweetened condensed milk

You'll also need a large bowl and egg beaters or an electric mixer.

BEFORE MAKING THIS ICE CREAM, place the egg beaters and the bowl in the freezer for 30 minutes.

### Directions:

- Begin by pouring the heavy whipping cream into the chilled bowl. Whip it until stiff peaks form.
- Add the vanilla extract and sweetened condensed milk and mix until just combined (mix it with the egg beaters that you put in the freezer).
- Pour the mixture into a freezer-safe container. Add plastic wrap so it covers and touches the top of the ice cream.
- Place it in the freezer for 6 hours or more. If you prefer soft-serve ice cream, it will be ready in about 4 hours.

If you want it to last, freeze it in a plastic container with plastic wrap. Now go try making your own! I like to make this at home - it is my favorite ice cream ever. My brother and I have made this many times. I hope you try it!



*Photo by James Blaschuk*

## Mix and Match Volleyball – 3/29/22

### UPDATE from Mrs. O'Donnell

The first EIMS Mix & Match Volleyball Tournament was a great success. The Girl's Leaders' Club raised \$250 for Blankets of Hope and all participants had a great time!

Congratulations to the winning team - The Blue Team: Captain Jessica Leek, Christopher Leek, Matt Pasfield, Mary Rykert, Alex Menendez, Ben Orellana, Sophia Corzo, Christian Horeis, Christopher Lawlor and Jaydan Torres. All team members received a \$10 Amazon gift card.

The Black Team took 2nd place, defeated in a tie breaking set by only 2 points. All teams played great!

Thank you to our Varsity players for contributing to the event's success.

*Photos by Mrs. O'Donnell*



## Paige's Kitchen: Cinnamon Roll Cookies By Paige Mathers

### Ingredients for Cookies

- 1 cup of melted butter
- ½ cup of sugar
- ½ cup of brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbs vanilla extract
- 3 cups of flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp of salt

### Equipment

- 2 Large bowls (at least 1 but 2 is best)
- Measuring spoons
- Electric mixer or whisk
- Small bowl (optional)
- Spatula
- Cookie pan
- Pam spray or something to grease pan
- Piping bag (optional)

### Ingredients for Frosting

- ½ cup of melted butter
- 4 oz of cream cheese
- 2 ½ cups of powdered/confectioner's sugar
- 1 tsp of vanilla extract



### Directions for Cookies

- Step 1: Wash your hands and preheat the oven to 375 degrees.  
Step 2: Combine butter, sugar, and brown sugar in a bowl. Mix.  
Step 3: Add eggs and vanilla extract. Mix.  
Step 4: In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt.  
Step 5: Add flour mixture to butter mixture. Scrape sides till everything is well mixed.  
Step 6: Chill for 30 minutes.  
Step 7: Grease the cookie pan.  
Step 8: Roll cookies into a ball and flatten on pan.  
Step 9: Bake cookies in the oven for 8 minutes or until cooked.

### Directions for Frosting

- Step 1: In a bowl, combine melted butter and cream cheese.  
Step 2: Add powdered sugar and vanilla extract. Mix.

### Altogether

- Step 1: Once cookies are out of the oven and cooled, pipe or place on frosting.  
Step 2: Sprinkle on some cinnamon. (optional)  
Step 3: Enjoy!!!

### Review

I made these cookies for a small family get together. Everyone loved them and took a few home!

Image from <https://www.iheartnaptime.net/cinnamon-roll-sugar-cookies/>

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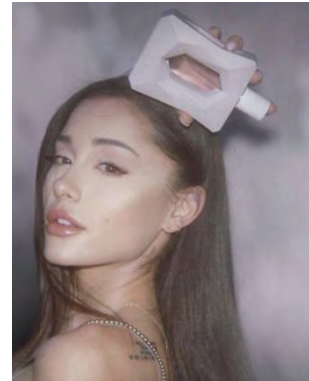
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Answer Key to  
Ariana Grande quiz p. 10  
**DONT CHEAT!**



1. r.e.m. beauty
2. Season 21
3. Dalton Gomez
4. *Sweetener*
5. Toulouse
6. October 30, 2020
7. Your Point of View”
8. Victoria Monet or Elizabeth Gillies
9. “Thank U Next”
10. Rift Goddess

Answer Key to  
Word Unscramble p. 16

1. SPRING
2. FLOWER
3. RAIN
4. SUNSHINE
5. GRASS
6. WARMTH
7. PLANTS
8. GARDEN
9. GREENHOUSE
10. SHORTS

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Spring Word Unscramble  
By Steven Kudrick  
*See answers on p. 14.*



1. GSPNIR

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2. ROEFLW

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3. IRNA

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4. HSINNSUE

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5. AGSRS

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6. MAWTRH

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7. TPSNLA

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8. NGEADR

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9. ERESHOEUNG

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10. TSOHRS

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