

The Superior Magazine



Happy

Holidays!

First edition!

Makers: Ella Plansky and Ayva Stone-Dahl

About the Makers

Ella and Ayra have been best friends since they were little. They are both currently 12 years old. They came up with a wonderful idea to start a magazine business and it's finally coming true.

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rent a page, please
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thank you!

About Coball

By Ayva

Coball is a sport, a made up game by Cecil PlanSky.

It involves a stick and a Ball.

You wack the Ball and try to

Hit the other people. When you get hit, you lose a life. You have

3 Lives, unless it is a death match.

A death match is when you only have 1 life.

Ayva Stone-Dahl is currently the Coball

World Champion. Ayva defeated Ella

PlanSky in November (Ella used to be the Coball Champion)

Island of Adventure!

By Ella Plansky

I'm drowning. I'm slowly sinking down into the stone cold depths of the sea. No! This isn't right. I struggle upwards, swimming towards the surface of the water, kicking as hard as I can. My heavy waterlogged clothes weigh me down, but finally I break the surface of the water.

I tread water, gasping and coughing up salt water. I blink the water from my eyes and look around for shore. I see it, just a little way off, a small stretch of beach. I begin to swim. I need to find a way to get back home! I don't know how I got here. One minute I was laying in bed trying to fall asleep, and the next minute I was drowning in the middle of the ocean.

I reach shore and drag myself up onto the warm, sandy beach. I look around. the landscape is picturesque, with the beach, a couple of palm trees, a field of grass and wildflowers a little way off. The sky is blue and cloudless and a little way off. The sky is blue and cloudless and a light breeze rustles the leaves of the palm trees. However nice it is, I should still find out where I am, and how to get home. A clue to where I am reveals itself just a little ways away. I see a small, wooden sign reading: "Welcome to the Island of Adventure. This is Alligator Bay." I only have a minute to puzzle over the name, when I hear a spashing sort of sound coming from the water like something swimming fast towards me. I turn to the water and see a big, green creature swimming through the water to shore. I am no longer wondering why this place is called Alligator Bay. I begin to run, heading towards the field of grass and wildflowers. I look up to see a huge alligator emerging from the water and

chasing me towards the field. I run faster and enter the field. As I hurry in, I have just long enough to read another sign as I enter the field. This one says: "Beware; you are now entering the Plains of Hidden Fears." The moment I pass the sign, I trip over a root and fall to the ground. I try to get up but my foot is stuck under the root! The alligator is coming closer and closer! I desperately try to yank my foot free, but it's stuck fast! I close my eyes, waiting for the clamp of the alligator's jaws around my neck. But it doesn't come. I open my eyes and look up. The alligator has stopped a few feet away, right next to the sign. I think of what the sign said: "Beware, you are now entering the Plains of Hidden Fears." Maybe the alligator is afraid of the plains. No, that doesn't make sense. Why would the alligator be afraid of the plains? What fears could possibly be hidden here? Besides, alligators can't read! But then why would the alligator chase me, then stop when it reached the plains. Then I hear a shuffling noise and see the alligator slowly lumbering back towards the water, its tail dragging dejectedly on the ground.

I hear another noise then, a noise that strikes fear into my heart. A noise that makes me shiver with fright. Slithering. The sound of a snake slithering thru grass. I know it's silly, but I'm *terrified* of snakes. I know I should get away, but I can't. I'm frozen with terror. Finally I see the snake. It's long and green with a triangular head and long fangs. I can tell just by looking at it that it's poisonous. Now I do get up and run, as far away from the snake as possible. I've only gone a few yards when I hear hissing from in front of me. Another snake! I turn to run in another direction and hear more hissing. I hear the snakes, now from every direction like they're closing in on me. I close my eyes, cover my cover my ears and run blindly through the field, trying to get away from the snakes!

To be continued in a later issue.....

— Advice Column —

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COMICS

We like to put up comics made by our readers. If you have a comic you would like to put up, please contact

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I walk

By Robert Bly

It is a pale tree,
All alone in January snow.
Beneath it a shoot
Eaten pale by a rabbit...
Looking up I see the farmyards with their groves—
The pines somber,
Made for winter, they knew it would com...
And the cows inside the barn, caring nothing for all this,
Their noses in the incense hey,
Half-drunk, dusk comes as it was promised
To them by their savior.

Today's Cooking Page

Syverson Family Crepe Recipe

Ingredients:

4 eggs

1 cup milk

1 cup flour

1 tablespoon olive oil (or vegetable oil, or melted butter)

1 pinch of salt

1 tablespoon of sugar (optional)

Instructions:

Blend ingredients thoroughly.

Heat skillet or crepe pan to medium to high heat.

Very lightly oil pan.

Pour very small amount of batter into pan to thinly cover bottom of pan.

Remove when crepe sets. Flipping crepe is optional.

Fill with you favorite fillings: butter, maple syrup, cinnamon sugar, or, for savory crepe, fill with creamed chicken, or smoked salmon with lemon pepper cream cheese.

News from Lake Superior

By Ayva and Ella

In 5 to 10 years there may be a large taconite mine 4 1/2 miles long and 1/4 mile wide in the Penokee Hills, spanning the border between Iron County and Ashland County, WI.

Some people in this area think the taconite mine will be good, bringing jobs and economic prosperity. However, some people are opposed to the mine, as studies, (including those of Professor Tom Powers from the University of Montana) have shown that mining does not always bring economic prosperity, and can actually bring long term economic hardship to communities in the area of the mine. Another reason some people are opposed to the mine is that they fear water pollution. The extra debris from the mine will flow through rivers into Lake Superior, although GTAC (the company running the mine) says they will keep it contained. It is likely for our wells to get polluted from the debris. Animals will drink from the debris filled rivers and may get sick.

Ayva Stone Dahl lives about 8 miles from the mine site and her family will feel the blasts from their house. Other families and farms will be effected differently as well. What would happen if Lake Superior was polluted as a result of the mine?

News Page

About the Oredocker Project School

As you may know, there is a project based charter school for grades 3 thru 5 called Ashland Elementary Charter School (AECS) in the Lake Superior Intermediate School. Now, opening in Fall of 2014, there will be a new project based charter school for grades 6 thru 8 called Oredocker Project School (OPS). It will be somewhere in the Ashland Middle School and only have 75 to 100 students. If there is to many students, then there will be a lottery. Enrollment starts January second.

Because it is project based, it is more student directed and students work on projects that include multiple school subjects. It will be multiage, so students of different ages will be in the same classrooms.

For more information about charter schools, go to:

www.ashlandcharterschools.com

For more information about OPS, go to:

www.oredockerprojectschool.com

Weather Page

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You can tell it's winter when you can't open your door because there's 3 feet of snow outside! Ashland WI just got 31 inches of snow over Sunday the 22nd and Monday the 23rd, in addition to the snow they already had. It totaled to over 3 feet! Did everyone

have this much of a snowstorm? Locals say that it was only Ashland that got this much snow, not the surrounding small towns because Ashland is right on Lake Superior. You're lucky if you don't live in Ashland!

When the Ashland weather forecast showed such a storm coming up, it made many people leave early for the holidays, while it left others snowed in. It was very bad timing for holiday travelers.

Luckily, the snow has settled down now and isn't quite as high, but that was a lot of shoveling! Talk about a white Christmas!

NEW COLDEST TEMPERATURE ON EARTH

By Ella

Before now, the coldest recorded temperature on Earth was -128.6 degrees Fahrenheit (-89.2 degrees Celsius.) But recently, a new look a data from a satellite showed that in August of 2010 in Antarctica, it was -134.8 degrees Fahrenheit (-93.2 degrees Celsius!) That's so cold that it hurts to breathe, so when people go outside they have to wear a sort of snorkel that circulates air in a tube inside their snow gear so that it isn't freezing cold when they breathe it in!

However, this will not be in the Guinness Book of World Records because it was data collected by a satellite, not a thermometer.

Sure makes 10 degrees seem not quite as cold!

Best of the Month

by Ayva

Best book of the Month

Wrapped

by Jennifer Bradbury

ages: 12 to 17

Best game of the Month

Fireboy and Watergirl

(This game can be found
on friv.com)

Best Movie of the Month

101 dalmations

ages: 7 and up

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