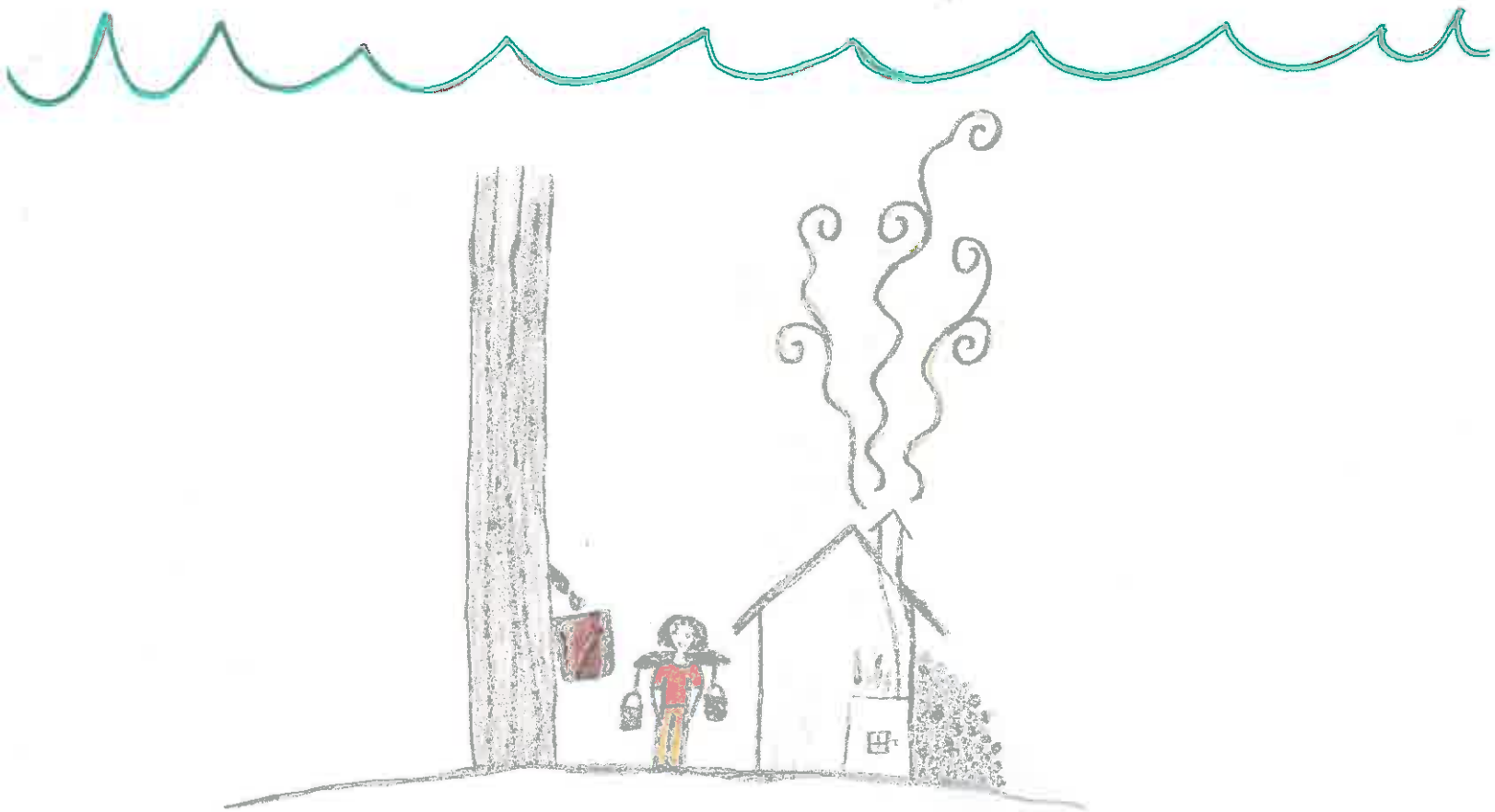


# The Superior Magazine



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# Poetry Page

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## ❄️❄️❄️ *Winter Haikus by Ella Plansky* ❄️❄️❄️

The snow falls onto  
A white winter wonderland  
It is beautiful

It's below zero  
And the snow is falling hard  
All the schools are closed

Now Christmas is past,  
But it is still freezing cold  
I can't wait 'till spring

Blizzard comes in night  
Kids cheer when school is cancelled  
Let's play in the snow!

Many snowflakes fall  
The snowdrifts pile up outside  
Now we are snowed in

Many days drag by  
Through never-ending winter  
We all wait for spring

*And this small poem by Cecil  
Plansky:*

*Wind blows cold on my face,  
A snowball hits me-  
What a disgrace!*

# ISLAND OF ADVENTURE!

BY ELLA PLANSKY

CONTINUED FROM ISSUE 2

"I'M NOT GOING TO EAT YOU." SAYS THE DRAGON, AS IF READING MY THOUGHTS. "IN FACT, I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO RESCUE YOU FROM THE ENTICEMENT OF THE POOL OF DISTANT THOUGHTS." "OH," I SAY. I GUESS THE POOL WAS A SORT OF ENTICEMENT. IT WAS ALLURING AND BEWITCHING, AND WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE DRAGON I PROBABLY WOULD OF STAYED AT THE POOL FOREVER.

"WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME?" I ASK.

"WELL," REPLIED THE DRAGON THOUGHTFULLY, "I CAN TELL YOU'RE NOT FROM THE ISLAND. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO HOME?" I NOD. "WELL THEN, I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY. CLIMB ONTO MY BACK."

THIS IS NO EASY FEAT. THE DRAGON'S SCALES ARE SLIPPERY AND HARD TO CLIMB, BUT EVENTUALLY I MAKE MY WAY UP ONTO THE DRAGON'S BACK AND GRAB HOLD OF A LARGE SCALE JUTTING OUT FROM THE DRAGON'S NECK. THE DRAGON LUMBERS TO THE EDGE OF THE CAVE, SPREADS IT'S WINGS, AND TAKES OFF INTO THE SKY.

IT SOARS HIGH AND FAST ACROSS THE ISLAND. WHEN WE BEGIN TO DESCEND I SEE THAT WE ARE LANDING NEAR THE OCEAN. I SMELL THE SALT AND HEAR THE WAVES LAPPING THE SHORE. WE LAND WITH A BUMP NEXT TO A WOODEN DOCK. A WOODEN SIGN LIKE SO MANY OTHERS AROUND THE ISLAND ANNOUNCES THAT THIS IS THE BOAT LANDING. AT THE END OF THE DOCK THERE IS SOMETHING BOBBING

IN THE WATER, BUT I'M TOO FAR AWAY TO SEE WHAT IT IS.

"GO," WHISPERS THE DRAGON. "WALK DOWN THE DOCK AND TELL THE FERRYMAN YOU WISH TO GO HOME."

"THE FERRYMAN?" I ASK.

"THE MAN IN THE BOAT AT THE END OF THE DOCK. YOU'LL KNOW HIM WHEN YOU SEE HIM," ANSWERS THE DRAGON.

I BEGIN TO WALK DOWN THE DOCK. WHEN I GET TO THE END I SEE THAT WHAT WAS BOBBING IN THE WATER WAS INDEED A SMALL ROWBOAT. THERE IS A FIGURE SITTING IN IT COVERED IN A BROWN TATTERED OLD CLOAK. HE CAN ONLY BE THE FERRYMAN.

I CLEAR MY THROAT AND SAY, "I WAS TOLD YOU COULD GIVE ME A RIDE HOME."

THE FERRYMAN NODS AND GESTURES TO THE ONLY EMPTY SEAT. I STEP IN AND SIT DOWN, AND IT IS ONLY THEN THAT I REALIZE HOW IMMENSELY TIRED I AM. I SHIFT IN MY SEAT AND LAY DOWN ON THE BENCH. THE FERRYMAN PUSHES AWAY FROM THE DOCK AND WE GLIDE GENTLY THRU THE WATER. I HEAR THE WATER LAPPING SOFTLY AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE BOAT. SPLISH SPLASH, SPLISH SPLASH, SPLISH SPLASH.....

I WAKE UP. I'M IN BED IT'S 7:30 AND MY ALARM IS RINGING. IT WAS ALL A DREAM. I GET UP, THROW ON SOME CLOTHES, AND GO DOWNSTAIRS FOR BREAKFAST.

THE END

# The Amazing Sea Wasp

By Ella Plansky

*Chironex Fleckeri*, commonly known as the Sea Wasp, is a very poisonous species of Box Jellyfish. It has been called the most deadly jellyfish in the world. It is said that the amount of poison in one of them is enough to kill 60 people, although most stings are nowhere near that severe. It's 9 to 10 foot tentacles are covered in microscopic poison stingers that can cause excruciating pain and death if not treated immediately. There have been 63 known deaths in Australia from 1884 to 1996.

The Box Jellyfish's name came from its box shaped bell. The bell is the big, round part at the top of the jellyfish. The Sea Wasp's bell is usually about 6 to 10 inches, but it can get up to 13 inches. They have 60 tentacles and weigh about 4 pounds. All jellyfish, including the Sea Wasp, are radially symmetrical, meaning that they are exactly the same all the way around like they have a top and a bottom, but no front or back. All jellyfish also go through three stages of life. The first is a planula. When a baby jellyfish hatches, it's called a planula. The planula doesn't look like an adult jellyfish at all. It's an oval disk. The outside is covered in cilia (small, delicate hairs that help propel it through the water by beating.) With the help of currents, the planula swims away from where it was hatched and attaches itself to a rock, or other hard surface. Then it enters its next stage of life: a polyp. The polyp doesn't look like an adult jellyfish either. It looks like a long tube with a large fringe at the top. The polyp's mouth is at the center of the fringe. It grows stronger and bigger by eating tiny animals it can suck in. It begins to grow small buds on it. When the buds get big enough, they drop off and become polyps too! Then they grow for a couple of years. Eventually they begin to change again. They grow grooves that get bigger and bigger until the polyp looks like a stack of plates. When it's ready, the top plate breaks off and floats away. Then the next one floats away, and the next one, and the next one. Each plate is actually a baby jellyfish called an ephyra. The ephyra eats and grows, and soon



becomes a medusa, or adult jellyfish. By the time it reaches this stage, its life is nearly over. It reproduces and then dies.

The Sea Wasp lives in coastal waters from northern Australia and New Guinea, to the Philippines and Vietnam. Humans have impacted the lives of jellyfish very little. Jellyfish have sometimes inhabited areas that other animals have abandoned due to pollution. They have a much higher tolerance for pollution than many other animals do. Sometimes, when the water is polluted by fertilizer, it helps the jellyfish. Some scientists even think that jellyfish numbers are increasing.

Chironex Fleckeri  
Distribution Map



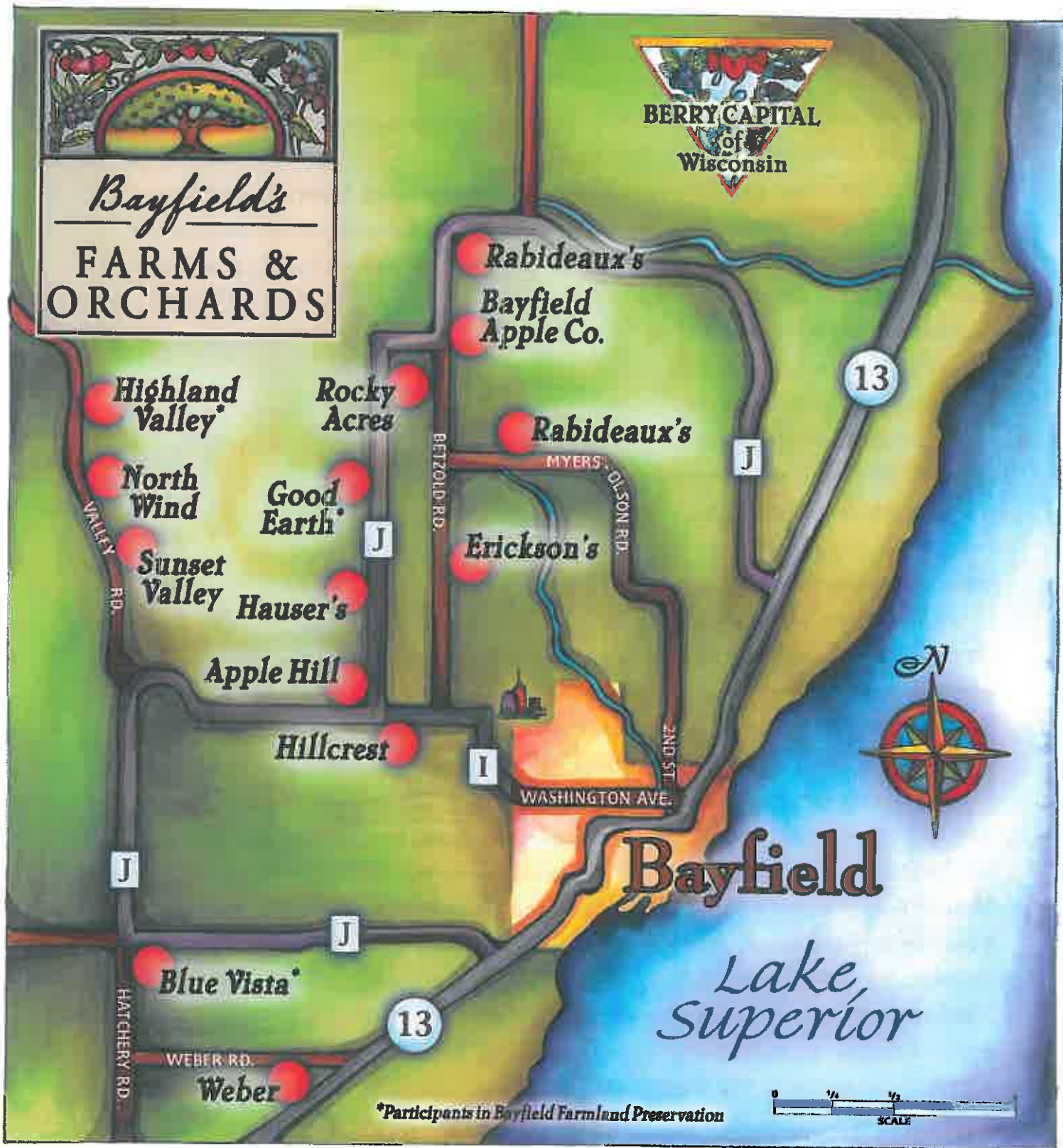
There are many animals that look very much like jellyfish and are commonly mistaken for them, but are very different indeed. One of these is a family of creatures called hydrozoans. There are roughly 10,000 hydrozoan species. Most of these species are nothing like jellyfish, but a few are very similar. Most of them are also very small. The biggest of them grows to be about 6 inches across. These ones are transparent, and sometimes bioluminescent. However, sometimes hydrozoans live in freshwater, and jellyfish never do. The best known hydrozoan is the Portuguese Man of War (picture on the right.) It's found all over the world in tropical ocean currents. Very different from most jellyfish, the Portuguese Man of War has a large balloon filled with gas that floats on the surface of the water. The balloon can be up to 16 inches across and their tentacles (at biggest) can be up to 150 feet! Their poison is almost as dangerous as a cobra, so it is never safe to enter the water when any are near.



Scientific information for Chironex Fleckeri: Kingdom: Animalia Phylum: Cnidaria Class: Cubozoa Order: Chirodripida Family: Chirodripidae Genus: Chironex Species: Fleckeri  
Sources: Jellyfish, by Kris Hirschmann [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chironex\\_fleckeri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chironex_fleckeri)



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# Weather Page

## More snow swamps Ashland! -----by Ella-----

A few days a warmth from February 18th to 20th got some Ashland residents thinking that spring was on the way. But it was only a few days. After that, much, much more snow and temperatures down to -14 on the 27th. Definitely not spring yet! The snow was so high on Chapple Avenue in Ashland, that when you walk on the sidewalks, the snow next to you reaches over your head from all the plowing and shoveling.



The Ashland school district has called so many snow/cold days that they had to make up for them on several days that were supposed to be vacation days. In fact, to make up for it, they are lengthening the school days! The only other alternative was going to school extra days in the summer, although some students claim they would rather go in summer than have extra long school days. Fortunately, they are only lengthening it by 10 minutes; 5 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon.

However, not all the effects of the cold are bad ones. A good effect of this year's cold winter is that it's killing off some of the invasive Emerald Ash Borers, which will slow them down when it's spring.

Another effect of the cold is that The Great Lakes are nearly frozen over! They are 88% covered in ice. The average ice coverage is only 50%. The lakes haven't been this ice-covered since 1994!



# Detranora & Joe

By Ella Plansky

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Joe: "Finally Detranora, you're being normal and playing video games!"

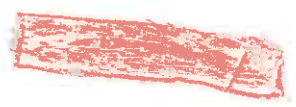
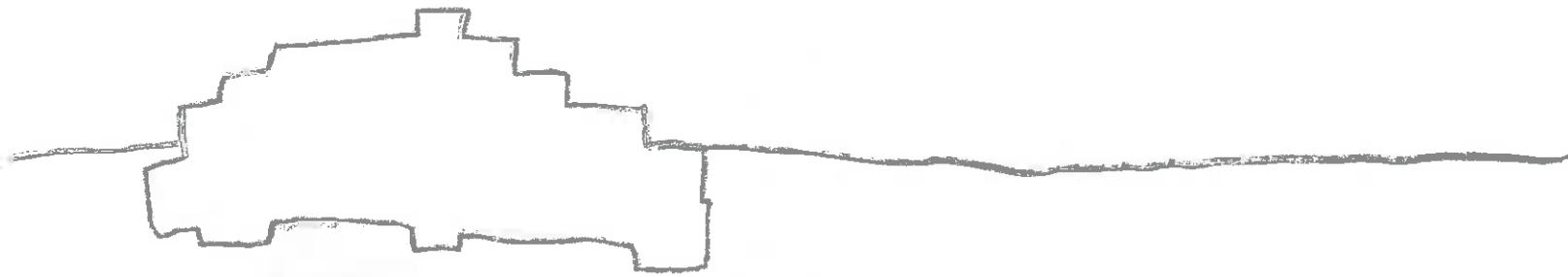
Detranora: "What's that ominous looking devil thing coming up?"

Joe: "What does ominous mean?"

Detranora: "Sort of like..... foreboding."

Joe: "Well, what's foreboding mean?"

Detranora: "Go get a dictionary."



## News Page

-----By Ella Plansky-----

### Subway to remove azodicarbonamide from bread

Subway's "Eat Fresh" motto no longer rings so true. Up until now an unpronounceable chemical used to add elasticity to yoga mats, shoe soles, and other rubber products called azodicarbonamide is used in Subway's sandwich bread. It is used to make the bread stronger and stretchier. Other breads use it too. It is recognized as safe by the FDA, but is said to be poorly tested. It is banned in Europe, Australia, and other countries. In fact, in Singapore, you can be fined \$450,000 and be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison. It has also been linked with Asthma and other respiratory issues.



Ever heard of the Subway "Smell" that all Subway foods and buildings seem to have? Subway has admitted that the smell comes from their bread, and it has been said to originate from azodicarbonamide.

Recently, a popular food blogger named Vani Hari found out about azodicarbonamide and posted it on her website (called Food Babe.) She has written about Subway ingredients several times since 2012. She made a petition to get azodicarbonamide out of Subway bread and she got 67,000 signatures! After seeing that Subway announced that they would take it out of their bread. However, it is still in current breads. I know I won't be eating Subway for a while!

### News on the Olympics

The 2014 winter Olympics were held in Sochi, Russia this year. There was extremely high security due to worries about terrorist attacks. Fortunately, none occurred and the Olympics went as planned.



#### Medals

Russia had the most medals, and the most gold medals (13 gold, 11 silver, 9 bronze, 33 total.) The United States had the second most medals, but not the second most gold medals (9 gold, 7 silver, 12 bronze, 28 total.) Norway had second most gold medals and third most total medals (11 gold, 5 silver, 10 bronze.) Canada had fourth most total medals, and third most gold medals (10 gold, 10 silver, 5 bronze.)

#### Ski Cross Crash

In the quarter finals of men's ski cross, 3 of 4 skiers wiped out just as they reached the finish line. There are a lot of pictures and videos on the internet if you google it. It looked like it hurt!

# The Cooking Page

By Ayva

## SunButter Blossoms

### Ingredients:

1  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup Flour  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. baking soda  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup Shortening  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar  
1 egg, beaten  
1 tsp. Vanilla



**Directions:** Sift together flour, salt and soda; set aside. Cream together shortening and Sunbutter; add sugars. Add egg and vanilla. Blend in dry ingredients. Shape dough into balls using rounded teaspoon. Roll in sugar and place on baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Top with chocolate candy kisses. Press down and return to oven. Bake 2 to 5 minutes longer or until golden brown.

**Note:** Substitute the traditional all-purpose flour for gluten free flour in the same amount!