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## ALBION TAKES WIN

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LOSES IN LADIES SOFTBALL **SPORTS/10**



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### HAVE YOU HEARD?

*Tidbit for today's talkers*

#### Swiss heartland voters ban nude hiking

APPENZELL, Switzerland (AP) — Voters in the heart of the Swiss Alps on Sunday passed legislation banning naked hiking after dozens of mostly German nudists started rambling through their picturesque region.

By a show of hands citizens of the tiny canton (state) of Appenzell Inner Rhodes voted overwhelmingly at their traditional open-air annual assembly to impose a 200 Swiss franc (\$176) fine on violators.

Only a scattering of people on Sunday opposed the ban on the back-to-nature activity that took off last autumn when naked hikers — primarily Germans — started showing up in eastern Switzerland.

The cantonal government recommended the ban after citizens objected to encountering walkers wearing nothing but hiking boots and socks.

"The reactions of the population have shown that such appearances over a large area are perceived as thoroughly disturbing and irritating," the government said in a statement.

A similar legal move is expected in neighboring Appenzell Outer Rhodes with legislation being prepared against "this shameless behavior."

German Web sites promoting the activity describe it as "a special experience of nature, free and healthy" and said nude walking in the Alps has roots in antiquity.

### TODAY'S HOLIDAY

*Good, weird and fun days*



**WRITE AN OLD FRIEND TODAY DAY**

### AREA DEATHS

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- **Caleb, Ruth M.;** Newfane

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# TREE CITY USA



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**HELPING HANDS:** Mayor Adam Tabelski and students from Oak Orchard Elementary pile dirt on top of one of the newly planted trees on Main Street. The tree planting was part of the Arbor Day celebration Friday, where Medina was named a Tree City USA.

## Medina receives national recognition

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"All across America people like us are gathering," said chairman of the municipal tree board Christopher Busch, to a group of more than 200 students Friday. "Our future tree board is here."

Students from Oak Orchard Elementary and Village of Medina residents gathered in Rotary Park for an Arbor Day celebration, where it was announced that Medina is now a Tree City USA.

"This is a special Arbor Day in the village," said Mayor Adam Tabelski. "We're now a Tree City USA, which is a unique designation. Tree City USA status reflects a priority we have to plant trees in the Village. It was a joint effort from the DPW, the village board, the tree board and, of course, the citizens."

Tabelski said that a few years ago the village thought it was important to plant trees and created the tree board. Since then, the board has been planting trees each year. This year, 20 new trees were planted around the village for Arbor Day, including the two that were planted on Main Street during the ceremony. Ten more trees will be planted in the next two weeks.

This is the second year that Medina has received this recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation, the first was in 1991. During the ceremony, Mark Gooding, of the New York State Department of Conservation, presented Tabelski with a plaque, a hat and Tree City USA signs that will be displayed for people to see when they enter and exit the village.



**HONORED:** Mayor Adam Tabelski holds the plaque that was given to the Village of Medina, recognizing them as a Tree City USA.

Different classes from Oak Orchard Elementary also sang songs and recited poems about trees and saving the forests. Every student also got the opportunity to throw dirt on the new trees that were planted and

**DIG:** Below, gold shovels were used to plant two trees on Main Street Friday. Students from Oak Orchard Elementary took turns piling dirt on top of them.



got to take home a cherry or pine tree to plant in their yard.

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## Lyndonville motor vehicle accident



**ACCIDENT:** A car crash occurred in front of 858 Main St. in Lyndonville Friday. The accident happened shortly after 8 p.m. and the Lyndonville Fire Department was dispatched along with two Medina Fire Department ambulances.

### HEALTH

## Swine flu hits U.S. school

**FLU:** New York City school outbreak leaves more than 100 people possibly infected.

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The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cleaning crews spent the day scrubbing down every desk, chair and classroom at a New York City school. Infected students spent the weekend in bed wearing surgical masks. Anxious parents pestered their kids through the night by constantly checking their temperature.

The swine flu outbreak that has spread throughout the country appears to have hit New York City the hardest in the United States, with more than 100 people possibly infected at a large Roman Catholic high school in Queens.

About a dozen students from St. Francis Preparatory school apparently brought back the virus after spending a week in Cancun for a spring break trip. City officials said they have confirmed eight cases among students at St. Francis, but the number is likely to increase.

The strain identified in the students is the same one that has ravaged Mexico, killing up to 86 people and sickening 1,400.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg stressed that the New York cases were mild and many are recovering, but said that some family members of students also had flu symptoms, "suggesting it is spreading person to person."

The federal government declared a public health emergency to respond to the outbreak, which has sickened people in Kansas, California, Texas and Ohio. Many of them had recently visited Mexico.

State infectious-diseases, epidemiology and disaster preparedness workers have been dispatched to New York to monitor and respond to possible flu cases. Gov. David Paterson said 1,500 treatment courses of the antiviral Tamiflu had been sent to New York City.

St. Francis is the largest private Catholic high school in the nation, with 2,700 students. The school canceled classes on Monday and Tuesday in response to the outbreak.

Brother Leonard Conway, principal of St. Francis, said that cleaning crews spent the weekend sanitizing the entire school, using a heavy-duty disinfectant to cleanse desks, chairs, labs, offices and classrooms.

School officials realized something was horribly wrong on Thursday when about 75 students showed up at the nurse's office complaining of fevers, upset stomachs and achy bones. The

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**PREPARATIONS:** America's goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa arrives to Aztec Stadium wearing a surgical mask before his team's soccer game Sunday with Tecos in Mexico City, Mexico. Public officials closed the stadiums to the public Sunday, and health workers screened airports and bus stations for people sickened by a new strain of swine flu that experts fear could become a global epidemic.