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Indiana too close



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INDIANA

51%
Hillary Rodham Clinton
49%
Barack Obama



NORTH CAROLINA

56%
Barack Obama
42%
Hillary Rodham Clinton



IN THE KNOW

2 things that will help make you smarter today



1 Cavaliers cave in Game 1

Cleveland kept the game close, but Boston came out on top. The Celtics beat the Cavs 76-72 in the opener of their Eastern semifinals. **Sports, 1C**

2 Fatal house fire likely accidental

Investigators say they may never know what caused the fire that killed a Harborcreek woman, but they don't think it was suspicious. **City&Region, 1B**

DEATHS

- Andalora, Sam J., 88**
- Bobrowicz, Anthony M., 85**
- Charlton, Ezekiel A. Jr., 82**
- Federici, Angelo E., 84**
- Glenn, Gail Elizabeth, 80**
- Goodenow, Merna O. Grimshaw, 91**
- Grimm, Marcia Lois, 53**
- Grzegorzewski, Joann Marie Schugardt, 77**
- Heinrich, Regis Anthony, 87**
- Hoenes, Donna M. Zimmerly, 75**
- Hogue, Ella Mae, 86**
- Kala, Frances E., 88**
- Martin, Mildred Catherine Cole, 92**
- Meyer, Lillian Anna Swain, 83**
- Miller, Jean Adair Deiner, 57**
- Napierski, Margaret "Peggy," 62**
- Pelkowski, E. Mae Conrad Kowalski, 72**
- Platt, Wilma L. Kimmy, 76**
- Rakowski, Lorraine S. Struchen, Forest L. "Corky" Sr., 81**
- Trojanowski, Frances "Pat" Bednarowicz, 77**
- Vali, Jean M. Wantz, 75**
- Zawistoski, Leonard B. "Bubba," 76**

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'She stood on the edge and looked down for half an hour. That was something.'



JANET B. CAMPBELL/Erie Times-News

A great horned owl sits in its nest atop a dead tree at Presque Isle State Park on Tuesday.

It's a hoot

Great horned parents, pair of owlets draw crowds at Presque Isle nest

By **ROBB FREDERICK**
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Five days into the wait, Jimmy Marz got his Mutual of Omaha moment. The great horned owl he'd been scouting swooped back to its nest, bringing dinner — a dead mourning dove — to two ash-gray puffball owlets.

Marz took up photography after a

career laying carpet. He watched the owls through the viewfinder of a Canon EOS 40D, and he thanked the gods of photography when the mother owl, finished with her young, stood and shook her bark-colored plumage.

"She stood on the edge and looked down for half an hour," he said. "That was something."

It was a reminder of the wildlife at Presque Isle State Park. It was a

► Please see **OWLS, 6A**

SEE OWLS AND MORE

The Festival of the Birds at Presque Isle State Park will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The schedule includes field trips, workshops and film screenings. For more information, go to www.presqueisle.org/audubon.

Finally, formally, runway deal done

Airport paperwork is in; now what's left is follow-through

By **JIM CARROLL**
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The deal to pay for Erie International Airport's \$80.5 million runway extension was signed and sealed Tuesday, and officials said it is now time to deliver on what they called the region's largest economic development project.

It will probably be two years before the 1,920-foot runway extension begins to take shape, and as long as five years before it is completed.

But officials who gathered for a signing ceremony in the airport terminal Tuesday said they are counting on it to boost Erie's fortunes.

"This project is the most important economic development project that we will do in my

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VOTE

With a deal in place, are you confident the airport runway project will move forward without further delay?

Yes No

Vote at GoErie.com before 4 p.m. today. Results: online and in Thursday's paper.

On the trail of truant students

Changes in law make school attendance even more important

By **KARA RHODES**
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The Batman curtains in the upstairs window were still.

But the front door of the house was ajar.

A panting black dog stuck its head out of an open window at the back of the house and howled.

Erie School District truancy officer Kelly Cahill knocked.

Then again. And a third time. It's not unusual for Cahill's knocks to go unanswered — even if it appears someone is at home.

Those that do come to the door offer all types of excuses as to why they or their children haven't been in school.

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