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## STONEGATE SENTINEL

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# **Learning About Literacy**

**SOAR Director Examines Problem of Adult Non-Readers in Lawrence County** 

he March 1 StoneGate Arts & Education Center Board of Directors meeting featured a talk by Success and Opportunity At Reading (SOAR) Director Adele Bowden-Purlee, who spoke about adult literacy in Lawrence County.

Bowden-Purlee explained the program and the way in which volunteers are matched with students to assist them in reaching their reading goals.

SOAR's mission, she said, is to provide adults in Lawrence County with the opportunity to learn to read and improve their lives and our communities.

Out of 92 counties, Lawrence County is ranked 11th in unemployment with a rate of 5.2

percent. Indiana ranks third in the nation in the and loss of tax revenue resulting from number of adults who stopped their educations after high school.

Adult low literacy can be connected to almost every socioeconomic issue in the United States — personal healthcare spending, non-productivity in the workforce, crime,



SOAR-An Adult Literacy Program Lawrence County



unemployment, among other issues.

For information about obtaining reading help or to volunteer as a tutor, contact SOAR Director Adele Bowden-Purlee via e-mail at soardirector@gmail.com.





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### **OCU Bedford Offers Microsoft Classes, Certification**

akland City University, Bedford will offer a series of four Microsoft Office classes during its spring and summer 2017 sessions.

Students may register for one class or enroll in the entire four-session certification program.

Microsoft Office classes to be offered at OCU Bedford in 2017 will include:



Microsoft



- MS Word. March 23-April 20;
- MS Excel. April 27-May 25;
- MS PowerPoint, June 1-29;
- MS Outlook/Access, July 6-Aug. 3.

For more information, contact OCU Academic Program Coordinator and Admissions Counselor Cheryl Bolton or OCU Administrative Assistant Doran Kruse at (812) 279-8126 or via e-mail at cbolton@oak.edu or dkruse@oak.edu.

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#### StoneGate Arts & Education Center

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In order to participate, you MUST register with WorkOne on or before April 14th, 2017

To register, contact: Robin Compton (812) 847-4479, ext. 244 or rlcompton@dwd.in.gov Earl Isom (812) 583-2070, or eisom@vinu.edu







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### **County Marks Bicentennial**

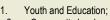
**BEDFORD** — The Lawrence County Bicentennial Commission conducted its first meeting Feb. 23 at The Mixing Bowl, 641 X St., to begin preparations for the county's 200th birthday.

Co-chairs Becky Skillman and Marla Jones directed the meeting and outlined the purpose of the commission.

The group's mission will be direct the bicentennial commemoration by leading a grassroots effort in all nine townships, providing all citizens the opportunity to celebrate the bicentennial in a way meaningful to every-

Lawrence County was formed on March 1, 1818, and was named in honor of U.S. Naval Capt. James Lawrence, who coined the catchphrase, "Don't give up the ship," during the War of 1812.

The commission invites citizens to submit legacy projects and programs for the commission's endorsement. Projects and activities should fall under one of four pillars:



- Community Involvement:
- Historic Celebration;
- Nature Preservation.

Projects will need to celebrate history and leave a legacy through meaningful activities or programs. Projects must be open and accessible to the public, relevant to the county and its bicentennial, fundable without commission support and achievable. Sponsorships are

For more information, visit the Lawrence County Bicentennial Facebook page or contact Marla Jones at (812) 275-1608 or mjones@bedford.in.us.







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