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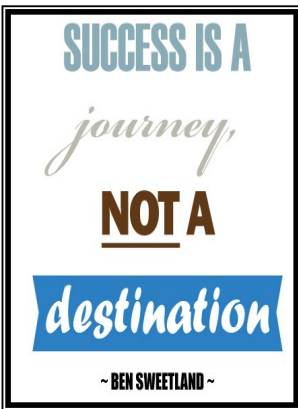
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SPOTLIGHT ON STONEGATE

Welcome to StoneGate Arts & Education's inaugural newsletter.

This publication will highlight monthly happenings at StoneGate Center about its occupants and activities: Oakland City University, Ivy Tech Community College, Lawrence County 4-H Limestone Robotics, Success and Opportunity at Reading (SOAR!), current incubator businesses, as well as new ventures and meetings at the site.

Look for upcoming spotlight columns from Executive Director Gene McCracken and Program Manager Susan Hayes.

The facility, which boasts 16 classrooms, continues to house Oakland City University and Ivy Tech Community College and the Land of Limestone Exhibition;

however, the site is much more than that.

StoneGate Center is home to four Lawrence County 4-H Limestone Robotics groups, three business incubator start-up ventures – with rooms for more – provides office space to SOAR!, Orbit Futbol soccer, and offers study rooms and classrooms for workforce development, meetings and tutoring.

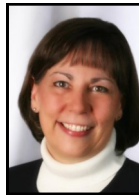
The Northwest Assembly Hall is available for educational, governmental, non-profit and public meetings – currently, at no charge. The spacious meeting room has hosted Ind. Gov. Mike Pence's Town Hall Meeting, and meetings of Bedford City Council, Hoosier Uplands, Indiana Youth Institute's Youth Worker Café, Bedford Rotary's Women's Day of Pampering, Indiana University Health Bedford Hospital, Lawrence County Economic Growth Council's Community Entrepreneurship Initiative, Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Management, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT),

Leadership Lawrence County, and the Advanced Manufacturing Program (AMP).

Stop in and see what's happening at StoneGate Center.



Gene McCracken



Susan Hayes



ABOVE: The City of Bedford acquired StoneGate Arts & Education Center on July 1, 2014.

LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H LIMESTONE ROBOTICS

In Lawrence County Indiana, tomorrow starts today. Tomorrow starts in the minds of our community's youth. Tomorrow starts in the willingness of our adults to share their wealth of life experiences.

Tomorrow starts when a community identifies a place for these two unstoppable forces to come together, build memories, and encourage dreams.

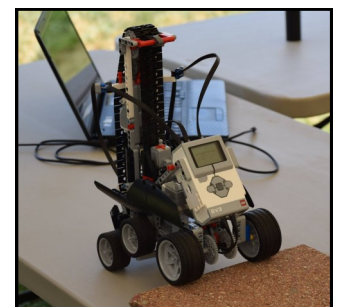
STEM Lawrence County paired with StoneGate Arts & Education Center is Lawrence

County's solution to establishing such a meeting place.



This "Technical Field of Dreams" is a place where successful adults encourage young minds to dream about great things; a place that inspires young hands to reach out and shape an ever-changing world; a place that steers young feet

as they travel to places yet unseen; and finally, a place that encourages young hearts as they fall in love with critical skills like Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).



ABOVE: A robot designed by the Lawrence County 4-H Limestone Robotics club is put through its paces during a recent demonstration.

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www.facebook.com/stonegateartsandeducation

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STONEGATE CENTER –
DEVELOPING, LEARNING,
CREATING

FLEDGLING BUSINESSES WELCOME

In support of the City of Bedford's focus on "building a better Bedford," StoneGate Arts & Education Center is making offices available for business people interested in launching new small business enterprises in the Lawrence County area.



Currently, these incubator spaces are available free of charge. Ideally, as the businesses begin to flourish, rental costs will adjust on a sliding scale until the individual enterprises are solvent enough to strike out on their own.

Interested business owners will be required to provide a business plan, offer an estimation of how long the business will remain at StoneGate, what specific accommodations they will require, and be willing to discuss costs related to internet and electrical usage.

Currently, eight or nine possible incubator spaces are available at StoneGate Center.

Common \$en\$e Bookkeeping has established incubator office space and two other businesses – Bolton Woodworking and Robert Williams Co., an architectural firm – have recently taken offices.

For more information about StoneGate Center business incubator spaces, contact Gene McCracken by phone at (812) 279-8126 or via e-mail at gene@stonegateeducation.com.

SUCCESS AND OPPORTUNITY AT READING

SOAR! (Success and Opportunity at Reading) is a non-profit adult literacy organization funded by tax-deductible contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations.

SOAR! is a partnership between Lawrence County Economic Growth Council, Bedford Chamber of Commerce and StoneGate Arts & Education Center.

The program is free to adults who have not acquired basic reading and survival skills.

It is confidential, one-on-one tutoring within a supportive and nurturing environment. It is a chance for adults to gain increased confidence and independence by

mastering skills necessary for everyday life.

Volunteers help others fulfill their reading and survival skills goals to become more self-sufficient members of the community.

For additional information, contact SOAR! Director Adele Bowden-Purlee by phone at (812) 275-4493, by fax at (812) 279-5998, by e-mail at soardirector@gmail.com,

or on the internet at lawrencecountysoar.com.



Adele Bowden-Purlee

S.O.A.R.
Readers Rock!
Saturday, September 12, 2015
10:00 am–2:00 pm
Bedford Lowes Parking Lot
COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE "ROCKER" OF YOUR CHOICE AND HELP PUT THE FUN BACK IN FUNDRAISING

OAKLAND CITY UNIVERSITY

On July 1, 2014, Oakland City University presented its Indiana Limestone Co. facility to the City of Bedford, which re-named the building StoneGate Arts & Education Center.



man resources or management; and a bachelor of applied science in operations management.

Graduate degrees include a master of business administration and a master of science in strategic management. Numerous OCU online degree offerings include a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice among a myriad of others. OCU is a military friendly school and has participated in the Yellow Ribbon Program since 2008. Tuition is free for qualified veterans who have served 36 months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

Onsite OCU personnel at StoneGate include Academic Program Coordinator and Admissions Counselor Cheryl Bolton and Administrative Assistant Sincerae "Cerae" Aslinger.

For more information about OCU and its current Bedford offerings, call (812) 279-8126, or e-mail cbolton@oak.edu or saslinger@oak.edu.



Cheryl Bolton



Sincerae Aslinger

OCU has provided quality, Christian education at the site since 1983, and has served Lawrence County at other area venues since 1977.

OCU continues to offer associate, bachelor and master of science degrees in an accelerated format at StoneGate Center.

Undergraduate programs include an associate of science degree in business administration; a bachelor of science in business administration, with concentrations in accounting, hu-

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ivy Tech Community College-Bedford, a branch of the Bloomington campus, relocated to the present day StoneGate Arts & Education Center when the Lawrence County Learning Center ceased operation.

Ivy Tech offers a wide variety of basic college courses, including English composition, reading and writing, public speaking, interpersonal communication, algebra, psychology, sociology and medical terminology.

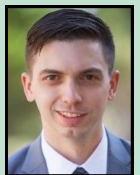
Numerous courses transfer to other learning institutions; Ivy Tech has transfer agreements with public and private institutions in Indiana and throughout the country.

To register for classes in Bedford, visit Ivy Tech Bloomington's Express Enrollment Center at 200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

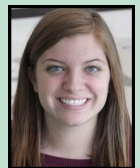
StoneGate Express Enrollment Days are the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Upcoming dates are Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16.

Director of Admissions Adam Gross and Assistant Director of Admissions Jourdan Cleaver are available at StoneGate Center on Express Enrollment Days to answer questions for all current or potential Ivy Tech students, or by phone or e-mail on other days.

For more information about Ivy Tech, contact Gross at (812) 330-6196 or agross52@ivytech.edu, or Cleaver at (812) 330-6342 or jcleaver8@ivytech.edu or go online to www.ivytech.edu.



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