

STONEGATE SENTINEL

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StoneGate Arts & Education Center Downtown

Classes set to begin at new facility in January

BEDFORD — Oct. 17 marked the general contractor's completion of StoneGate Arts & Education Center Downtown, 931 15th St., and the day when the City of Bedford took ownership from builders Patterson Horth of Indianapolis.

Funding for the \$4.4 million facility resulted, in part, from the City of Bedford's successful bid for the 2013 Stellar Communities Grant, and Bedford Mayor Shawna Girgis' goal to revitalize downtown, and provide educational and job training opportunities for local residents.

Girgis anticipates the building will serve as an anchor for the downtown area.



StoneGate
ARTS & EDUCATION CENTER

Designed by Matheu Architects of Bloomington, StoneGate will deliver education, training and arts to downtown Bedford. In addition to being the county's official learning center, the building will serve to spur an active downtown after regular business hours.

The building was designed with flexibility in mind, and numerous educational partners, local businesses, manufacturers, and user groups — such as Little Theatre of Bedford, Bedford Library, Lawrence County Museum and the Lawrence County Art Association —



provided input in the initial stages of the project with an eye toward the multi-use capacity of the facility.

StoneGate Downtown offers 14 classrooms, with classes through Ivy Tech Community College, Oakland City University and Vincennes

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SOAR Adult Literacy seeks students, volunteer tutors

Success and Opportunity At Reading (SOAR!) Adult Literacy is in need of students and volunteer tutors.

Any adult who would like to learn to read, improve his or her current reading skills or would like to volunteer to tutor may contact SOAR! Executive Director

Adele Bowden-Purlee via email at soardirector@gmail.com.

Students will be matched with volunteer tutors who will meet with them at their convenience, approximately once a week.

Would you like to tutor? SOAR! Adult



SOAR-An Adult Literacy Program
Lawrence County

Literacy conducts regular volunteer training sessions as required throughout the year.

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Help Lawrence County celebrate its 200th birthday

Lawrence County residents interested in helping with Lawrence County's year-long bicentennial

celebration may join the monthly planning meetings at StoneGate Arts & Education Center North, 405 I St., Bedford.



The next meeting will be at noon, Thursday, Nov. 15.

For additional information about the bicentennial and how you can help, visit www.facebook.com/lawrencecountybicentennial.

