

# STONEGATE SENTINEL

DECEMBER 2018

## Celebrating county's 200th



**B**edford — Lawrence County residents interested in helping with its year-long bicentennial celebration are welcome to join the monthly meetings at StoneGate Arts & Education Center North, 405 I St.

The next meeting will be an abbreviated meeting and work day at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

For more information about the bicentennial and how to help, visit [www.facebook.com/lawrencecountybicentennial](http://www.facebook.com/lawrencecountybicentennial).

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# Inaugurating StoneGate

## Dedication, ribbon-cutting opens new downtown facility



**B**EDFORD — StoneGate Arts and Education Center's new home — StoneGate Downtown, or the Shawna M. Girgis Building — at 931 15th St. will begin

hosting classes next semester with Oakland City University, Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University. In the future, the site also will offer space to the Indiana University Chinese Flagship Center as well as other educational partners.

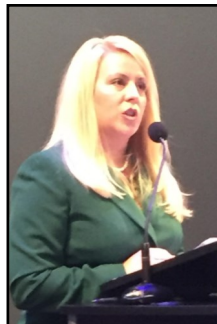
The three-story facility features 14 classrooms, a large 125-seat performing arts space, three large computer labs and a smaller computer lab, in addition to offices for college coordinators, a college assessment/instructors' workroom, study areas and gallery space.

The OCU spring semester will begin the week of Jan. 7, and Ivy Tech classes are scheduled to begin Jan. 15. VU plans to begin offering classes in March.

In addition to the building's namesake, classrooms and the large performing arts auditorium are named for a number of former Bedford mayors at the new education center.

To honor former Bedford Mayor Ivan Brinegar, city officials named the performing arts venue inside the building for him. It features

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Shawna Girgis, Bedford Mayor



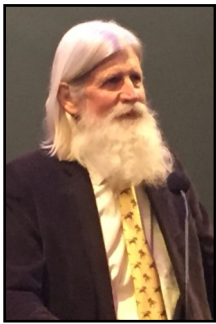
Marla Jones, City of Bedford



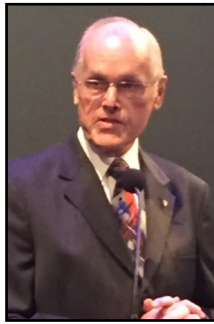
Sue Ellspermann, Ivy Tech President



Christine Matheu, Architect



Mark Scherschel, RDC President



Byron Buker, City Council President



Steve Brinegar



Michael Dora, Director, Indiana USDA



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**STONEGATE CENTER —  
 DEVELOPING, LEARNING,  
 CREATING**

# SOAR seeks to improve lives

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



*SOAR-An Adult Literacy Program  
 Lawrence County*

Volunteers can have a profound effect on students who are eager to learn to read.

Any adult who would like to volunteer to tutor, or would like to learn to read or to simply improve his or her current reading skills 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.

SOAR! conducts regular tutor volunteer training sessions as required throughout the year.

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a biographical display, explaining Brinegar's influence on Bedford, as well as the state and nation.

Lawrence County artist Stephen Burton is creating oil and canvas paintings of the 16 mayors to grace their respective rooms.

The building's first public event was the Lawrence County Museum's Teen Brain Games in Brinegar Hall Dec. 4.

Under the auspices of the City of Bedford, the former StoneGate building at 405 I St., StoneGate North, will continue to play host to nonprofit organizations and business incubator start-ups.



**ARTIST RENDERING/MATHEU ARCHITECTS**  
**BEDFORD** — StoneGate Arts & Education Center, Shawna M. Girgis Building, will begin hosting classes in January 2019.



## Information

Ivy Tech Community College will begin its spring semester Jan. 15 at StoneGate Arts & Education Center Downtown, Girgis Building, 931 15th St.

For information, to schedule free Accu-Placer testing, or to enroll, contact Vercii Reed at (812) 279-8126 or at vreed16@ivytech.edu, or Niki Blackwell at (812) 330-3197 or at nblackwell6@ivytech.edu.



## Information

Oakland City University will begin its spring semester classes the week of Jan. 7 at StoneGate Arts & Education Center Downtown, Girgis Building, 931 15th St.

For information about OCU classes and degrees at StoneGate Center, contact Academic Program Coordinator Cheryl Bolton or Administrative Assistant Doran Kruse at (812) 279-8126 or at cbolton@oak.edu or dkruse@oak.edu.

*When you have  
 Christmas  
 in your hearts,  
 it doesn't matter  
 what's under the tree.*

