

# New faces, programs at StoneGate

Lawrence County residents can enroll in classes close to home at StoneGate Arts & Education Center Inc. at 405 I St.

Aspiring students can take courses toward a degree through Ivy Tech Community College or Oakland City University, or can enroll in one of Ivy Tech's Center for Lifelong Learning enrichment courses.

Two new faces at StoneGate Center are ready and able to help make that happen.

Vonda Clay of Ivy Tech Community College has joined the team at StoneGate Center representing Ivy Tech Bloomington.

Clay, who earned a BS degree in Business Administration at Franklin University, left her post as Ivy Tech's Secondary Initiatives Coordinator in Bloomington to fill the newly created position of Community Outreach Coordinator for Ivy Tech at StoneGate Center Jan. 1.

Clay is on hand at StoneGate Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to answer questions and facilitate Accuplacer Assessment testing. The assessment is required before enrolling in classes at Ivy Tech, and to ensure student success.



ABOVE: The large computer lab in Room 310 at StoneGate Center is home to a number of Ivy Tech classes.

Potential Ivy Tech students also have the opportunity to enroll for classes in Lawrence County during Ivy Tech's next Express Enrollment Day, scheduled for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 2 at StoneGate Center.

Dr. Judith Burton of Orleans accepted a position with Ivy Tech as its Center for Lifelong Learning Coordinator for StoneGate Arts & Education Center in Bedford and Ivy Tech Orange County Learning Center at Springs Valley Jan. 1.

Affiliated with Northwood Institute for 20 years, Burton later formed a professional



Vonda Clay



Judith Burton



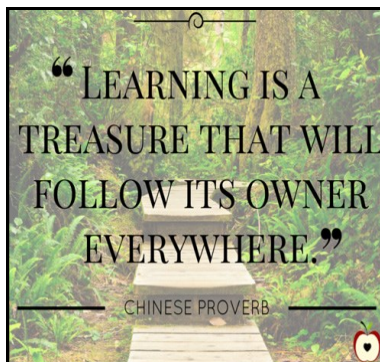
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## SOAR! into reading

SOAR! Adult Literacy is ready, willing and able to help adults learn to read.

Anyone interested in learning to read, volunteering to help another adult learn to read, who would like to contribute financially, or would simply like information about the program should contact SOAR! of Lawrence County by mail at 1116 16th St Bedford, IN 47421, by phone at (812) 275-4493, by fax at (812) 279-5998 or by e-mail at soardirector@gmail.com.



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## DIAMOND BLADES AT PURDUE



**TOP LEFT:** The FTC Diamond Blades 4-H Limestone Robotics team competed at the FTC Indiana State Championship Tournament at Purdue University Feb. 20.  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** FTC Diamond Blades members work with their robots during the state competition at Purdue.  
**ABOVE:** The FTC Diamond Blades won the state championship's "Think Award" at Purdue University.

## Oakland City University-Bedford

Oakland City University offers accredited associate, bachelor and master of science degrees in an accelerated format at StoneGate Arts & Education Center.

OCU is a military friendly university and has participated in the Yellow Ribbon Program since 2008.

Tuition is free for qualified veterans who have served at least 36 months' active duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

New classes begin every five weeks, so students can register to



begin their coursework at any time.

Online classes, on-site classes as well as Adobe distance education classes are available to OCU students through StoneGate Center.

For more information about OCU-Bedford and its current or upcoming offerings, call Academic Program Coordinator/Admissions Counselor Cheryl Bolton or Administrative Assistant Sincerae Aslinger at (812) 279-8126, or send e-mail to [cbolton@oak.edu](mailto:cbolton@oak.edu) or [saslinger@oak.edu](mailto:saslinger@oak.edu).

## Start-ups at StoneGate

StoneGate Center is home to five business incubator start-ups:

- 5D Analytics, a software service company licensing and commercializing government technologies to optimize planning, scheduling and milestone management;
- CommonSense Bookkeeping, LLC, a bookkeeping company specializing in small businesses;
- Bolton Custom Woodworking, featuring hand-crafted and designed wooden items;
- CPI Bridge, a company offering drainage solution products for municipal highway departments and contractors in Indiana;
- Robert Williams & Co., a

design firm specializing in historic restoration.

At present, 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 must provide a business plan, offer an estimation of how long the business will remain at StoneGate, convey the specific accommodations they will require, and be willing to discuss costs related to internet and electrical usage. Approximately six possible incubator spaces are available at StoneGate Center.

For more information about incubator space, contact Gene McCracken or Susan Hayes at (812) 279-8126 or e-mail [gene@stonegateeducation.com](mailto:gene@stonegateeducation.com) or [susan@stonegateeducation.com](mailto:susan@stonegateeducation.com).

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development and consulting firm and has facilitated training programs for corporations internationally. Burton has offered non-credit personal enrichment courses for Ivy Tech at Burton Kimble Farms since 2009, and will begin offering those types of opportunities at StoneGate Center beginning this spring.

Ivy Tech's Center for Lifelong

Learning courses in Bedford include topics such as art journaling, sewing a Barcelona bag, basic watercolor, coffee brewing, avoiding decorating mistakes, calligraphy and The Healthy Weigh. Class locations are StoneGate Center, 405 I St., and Ginger Threads, 1514 I St.

For more information about college courses through Ivy Tech,

visit [www.ivytech.edu/bedford](http://www.ivytech.edu/bedford), e-mail Vonda Clay at [vclay@ivytech.edu](mailto:vclay@ivytech.edu), or call (812) 279-8126, extension 3.

For class descriptions or to register for Ivy Tech Center for Lifelong Learning personal enrichment classes, visit [www.ivytech.edu/cll](http://www.ivytech.edu/cll) or call (812) 330-4400.

For more information about Oakland City University courses and degrees available in Bedford and online, e-mail Academic Program Coordinator and Admissions Counselor Cheryl Bolton at [cbolton@oak.edu](mailto:cbolton@oak.edu) or Administrative Assistant Sincerae Aslinger at [saslinger@oak.edu](mailto:saslinger@oak.edu) or call OCU Bedford at (812) 279-8126, extension 2.