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## DEATHS

Greenwood  
Beverly A. H. Van Valer, 65  
Morgantown  
Melvin E. Ratliff, 82  
Elsewhere  
Janice Bailey, 60

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# Group members are Mom to all vets

## War Mothers in county support troops during war, back home, in hospital



Barbara Letts, an American War Mothers member, has two sons serving in the military.

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More than 60 years ago, Greenwood resident Barbara Letts scratched aluminum off gum wrappers for World War II scrap metal drives.

During the Vietnam War, Trafalgar resident Gladys Graham sent care boxes packed with popcorn to her son fighting overseas. Today, the war is in Iraq and Afghan-

istan, and Letts, Graham and 37 other women from Johnson County are still doing their part to support the troops.

They are members of American War Mothers, an organization started by a Franklin woman 89 years ago. Their goal is to show past and present military personnel they are appreciated.

Most of the 39 members of the Johnson County chapters are older than 70 and understand the sacrifices that come with military service. All had a son or daughter who joined the military. Some even watched a child

leave to a fight a war.

Graham joined when her son was fighting in Vietnam and has been a member for 35 years.

Letts joined in the '70s, when the first of three of her children joined the military.

Today the mission is the same: Support the troops.

The women bake thousands of cookies a year and travel to the veterans hospital in Indianapolis to play a little bingo with veterans.

While Graham's son isn't serving in

the military now, plenty of other sons and daughter are, and Graham said she wants them to know she supports them.

She's logged more than 20,000 volunteer hours at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Indianapolis since the 1960s. That's more than two years of volunteering.

With two Johnson County chapters, the mothers meet each month to plan ways to help military members and

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# FOLLOW THE WINE

## Visiting local wineries a popular winter activity



Debbie and Kevin Lloyd of Greenwood sample wine at Mallow Run Winery in Bargersville. Mallow Run is a part of the Indy Wine Trail.

# Trail takes enthusiasts to several area winemakers

Taking a wine tour has become a popular winter adventure.

Holidays are one of the busiest times of the year for wineries, but this year local winemakers are seeing a parade of new wine testers.

With unseasonably warm weather, people are spending more time visiting local wineries on the Indy Wine Trail, said John Richardson, owner of Mallow Run Winery in Bargersville.

In June, seven wineries, including Mallow Run, formed the Indy Wine Trail, the state's third wine trail.

Located in central Indiana, the trail runs through Johnson, Bartholomew, Marion, Hendricks and Hamilton counties. Visitors travel to each winery to sample the various wines produced in the area.

To celebrate its first year, the trail is featuring a passport that each winery can stamp.

After visiting all seven wineries, a person receives an 18-ounce wine glass featuring a logo and the names of the wineries.

The winemakers provide customers with information on nearby overnight accommodations and restaurants and directions to sights along the route.

They also coordinate special events throughout the year, including a Valentine's Day tasting, where a different wine and chocolate dessert will be offered at each winery on the trail.

"It's just a chance to show the differences and commonalities on the wine trail," said Charles R. Thomas, owner of Chateau Thomas Winery.

Chateau Thomas Winery is one of the larger wineries on the Indy Wine Trail, producing more than 108,000 bottles last year.

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# Indiana law makes grocery sales, shipping difficult

Winery owners across the state have strong feelings about a state law prohibiting direct sale of wine to retailers and changes to wine shipping laws.

The law prevents David Ferrin, owner of Ferrin's Fruit Winery in Carmel, from selling his wines to local Marsh supermarkets.

Sales must go through a wholesaler or Ferrin must obtain a wholesaler permit, but neither option is worth his time, he said.

About 25 percent of Ferrin's business was

from selling wine to Marsh stores and restaurants.

"We used to be able to pretty much do what we wanted to," Ferrin said. "Now I have to go through a distributor, which is going to cost me."

Charles Thomas, owner of Chateau Thomas Winery in Plainfield, obtained a wholesaler permit.

Chateau Thomas sells wines in more than

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## AT A GLANCE

The wineries on the Indy Wine Trail are shown on the map below. For more information about the trail and each winery, visit [www.indywine.com](http://www.indywine.com). For information about other Indiana wineries and trails, visit [www.indianawines.org](http://www.indianawines.org).

- 1 Buck Creek Winery
- 2 Chateau Thomas Winery
- 3 Easley Winery
- 4 Ferrins Fruit Winery
- 5 Grape Inspirations Winery
- 6 Mallow Run Winery
- 7 Simmons Winery



SOURCE: INDY WINE TRAIL STAFF GRAPHIC



Submitted photo. This monument to Chynna L. Dickus, who was murdered in her Franklin home with her stepson in July, was built in El Salvador. Dickus had taken a mission trip to the country.

# Dickus mission efforts honored

## Memorial erected to slaying victim

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The first time Chynna L. Dickus, 26, called her mother from El Salvador during a mission trip, she told her she wanted to come home.

She said there were bugs everywhere, and they were squished in her sandals, her mother, Marsha Anderson, said.

The second time she called home, she told her mom she wanted to stay and be a missionary.

Those calls took place in June. Dickus and her stepson, Blake Dickus, 10, were murdered in her Franklin home July 24.

Now someone who met Chynna Dickus during that mission trip has built a memorial for her in El Salvador, Anderson said.

A sign attached to the stone-wall monument says: "En memoria de nuestra amiga Chynna," which in English means, "In memory of our friend Chynna."

Dickus went on the mission trip through Grace Assembly of God near Greenwood as part of a sewing and medical team, Anderson said.

A woman at the church in El Salvador who worked with Dickus sewing children's clothes set up the memorial, she said.

"She really got attached to some of those kids," Anderson said.

Her mother describes Dickus as a sensitive person who liked to laugh and loved people.

When Dickus returned from the

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# UNDER A PARENT'S THUMB

## Return of students means adjustments

STORY BY SARAH LIPPS  
PHOTO BY JOSHUA MARSHALL

Julie Leeth had a picture in her mind of what Christmas break would be like when her daughter came home from college last year.

She envisioned the then-18-year-old spending lots of time at the house visiting with her younger brothers and with relatives.

But Ruthie Leeth had other plans.

The Butler University student wanted to see her family, but she was also dying to catch up with the friends from high school she hadn't seen in months.

Most days Ruthie was gone all

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day, sometimes until early the next morning.

At first, the two locked heads. Julie demanded her daughter call and let her know where she was going to be.

Eventually, they came to an understanding: Ruthie would only call if she needed help, and Julie would just accept the fact that her daughter was making her own decisions.

Three Franklin families have found that flexibility is the most important factor in creating the best arrangement for the holidays. The right compromise allows parents and siblings to enjoy the company of their college students and gives the young adults some of the freedom they had at school.

"It's awkward. I'm used to doing my own thing in my own way. Then I'm home, and they are in control and I have to ask permission," said Ryan Waggoner, also a Butler student.

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Ryan Waggoner, left, spends time at home with his mother, Gaynell, on the southside during his break from Butler University.