

### HOSPITAL,

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. maternal mortality rate in 2022 was 22.3 deaths per 100,000 live births, a significantly higher number than rates in other high-income countries. Notably, the maternal mortality rate for African American women in the United States is alarmingly higher at 69.9 deaths per 100,000 live births.

Many postpartum complications, including anemia, infections, heart disease, and hypertension, occur days or weeks after delivery, and 53% of pregnancy-related deaths happen between one week and one year postpartum.

The Special Delivery Program seeks to change this through empowering postpartum patients to

advocate for their health and by ensuring providers are aware of recent deliveries when diagnosing and treating patients.

As a part of the program, patients will be given wristbands to wear for six weeks following delivery, helping ensure they receive timely and appropriate care for any potential complications by making it simpler to identify postpartum patients and ensure that healthcare providers are aware of recent pregnancies, thereby reducing the risk of misdiagnoses.

Patients, families, and healthcare providers can also remain vigilant about postpartum health during such a critical time period.

In an effort to “check in” on patients that recently delivered a child, friends, families, and community members are encouraged to take time to ask them how they feel, and encourage them to seek medical care if health concerns are expressed.

The Special Delivery Program reflects CRMS’s commitment to advancing maternal health, with the community invited to join in raising awareness about postpartum health and supporting individuals during a critical time. For more information on the program, including warning signs to look out for, visit [www.clarkregional.org/special-delivery](http://www.clarkregional.org/special-delivery).

The Special Delivery Program is not intended to replace postpartum provider visits, but rather to serve as an additional tool by supporting patients as part of their overall postpartum care plan. Attending scheduled postpartum appointments remains essential for recovery and with addressing any concerns directly to a healthcare provider.



Clark Regional Medical Center (Photo submitted)



Rock the Block returned this past Friday after rain postponed the opening of the free summer concert series twice. (Photo by Matt Cizek)

### ROCK,

Over the next few hours, songs being played and heard included “Don’t Rock the Jukebox” by Alan Jackson, “Neon Moon” by Brooks and Dunn, “Help Me Hold

On” by Travis Tritt, and much more.

Levi Agee, an attendee and son of both Donna Fisher Agee and Mike Agee, was one of many attendees.

“I just love the environment...[and] people

coming together,” he said. “We want to come support my parents...but we love Winchester. It’s our home base for a lot of times.”

Yet there was more.

Along with nearby Abettor Brewing provid-

ing food and drink for all, the Bell on Wheels food truck and Regeneration Distillery were among local organizations present under tents and offering products to visitors.

With the next Rock the Block event scheduled

for Friday, July 18, anticipation is high for more summer fun.

“I love hearing my music, and I like when people get together to dance...it’s [going to] be fun,” added Banks.

### ACTION,

“I feel that...[people] aren’t hearing the issues of due process and procedure, and how much they’re [going to] cost everyone,” said Paris Road Action Group Coordinator Holly Kuster, who expressed concern with transparency, due process, and notifications.

According to Jim Newman, a local citizen who raised concerns, various surrounding locations - including Royal Oaks Village - could be negatively impacted.

Among other reasons, said Newman, were surrounding sounds and traffic flow.

“Noise and traffic is what, I think, my principal concern would be,” he said. “If you look at the design...somebody is [going to] have to pay millions of dollars to make that intersection navigable.”

Addressing noise abatement, a procedure to minimize impact of noise on surrounding communities, is something that Kuster alleges was not handled properly along with the public having

adequate time to address matters.

“There’s a bunch of people that never saw the [public] notice because the sign was not maintained...I think maybe the wind or something had folded it over in half. The only reason why my husband and I saw the sign is because someone had mentioned there was [going to] be rezoning,” Kuster said.

“We have asked for open records...on multiple occasions. Multiple people have asked for this information, and we’ve gotten very little back,” said Wayne Iverson.

Iverson, a member of the Paris Road Action Group, hopes that any governing body involved - including the Winchester-Clark County Industrial Development Authority, Clark County Fiscal Court, and Winchester-Clark County Planning Commission - uses a sound financial approach.

“They should know whether or not this is a good business investment, what’s the cap rate, and then what [are] the expenses and so on,” he said,

stating that determining the cap rate would involve factoring in how many gallons per day would need to be sold to make a profit after paying expenses.

He also opined that other financial matters - such as the lack of an economic study - were of concern, adding that problems and improprieties had arisen with the utilization and implementation of an industrial review bond.

As stated on <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/i/idrb.asp>, IRB’s “are a type of municipal bond, issued by a state or local government on behalf of a private company for a specific project.”

With the Paris Road Action Group having concerns of various kinds

- many of which were addressed in a Facts and Findings Letter addressed to the Winchester-Clark County Planning Commission and Clark County Fiscal Court - they mentioned that future actions will continue.

“My opinion would be it’s going to be a big money maker for somebody, [but] it’s not going to be a big money maker for the county,” said Newman.

This is an article with differing points of view, and members of the Winchester-Clark County Industrial Development Authority, Clark County Fiscal Court, and Planning and Community Development Department have been reached out to for comment.

### PARK,

HWC Enterprises, Inc., a London construction firm, continues to work on the contracting.

Although inclement weather might have previously created complications, staff is excited for the near future.

“It’s going to be done before winter, and I expect...there’s going to be plenty of hot days...that kids are going to be out there splashing,” Manley added.

While community involvement - including local donations - continues to be welcome, the city looks to give back as well.

“We want [others] to know they’ve been heard. That’s why we’re pushing now to try to get done,” Flynn added.

“[Others] start seeing things we have, and hopefully that generates more to help our park system in general, and draw more activity to the community itself,” McCoy added.

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