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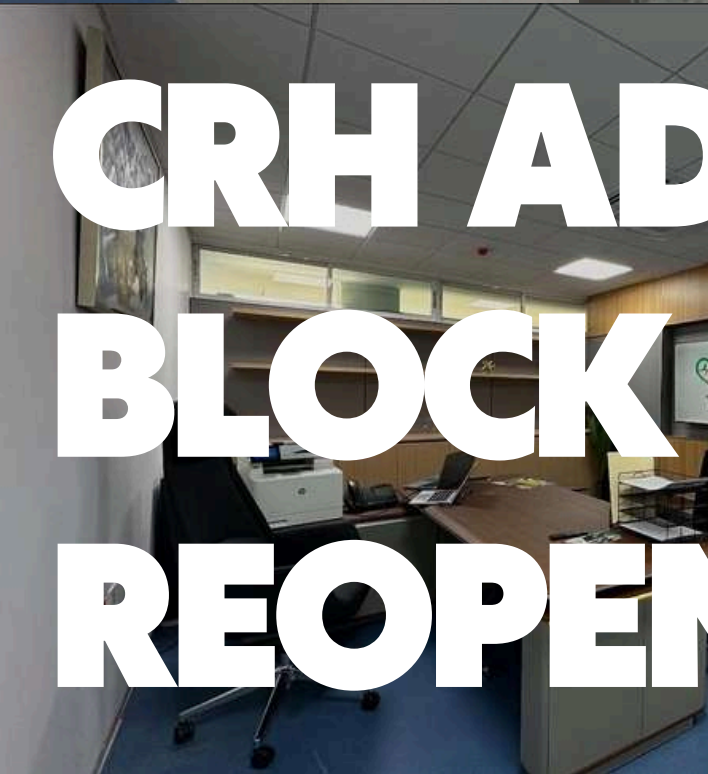
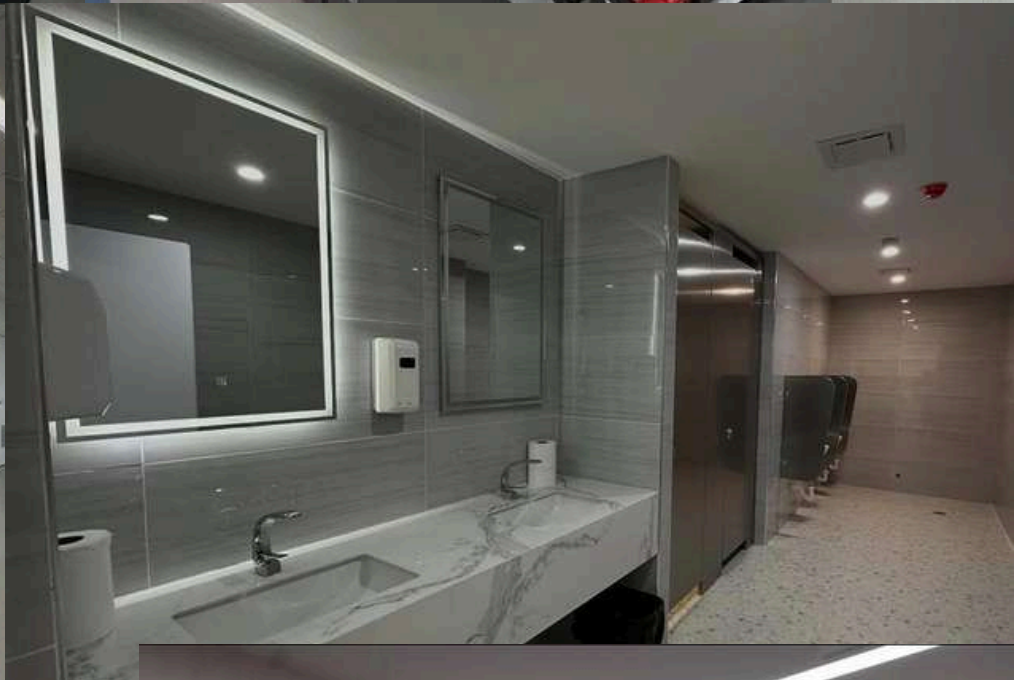
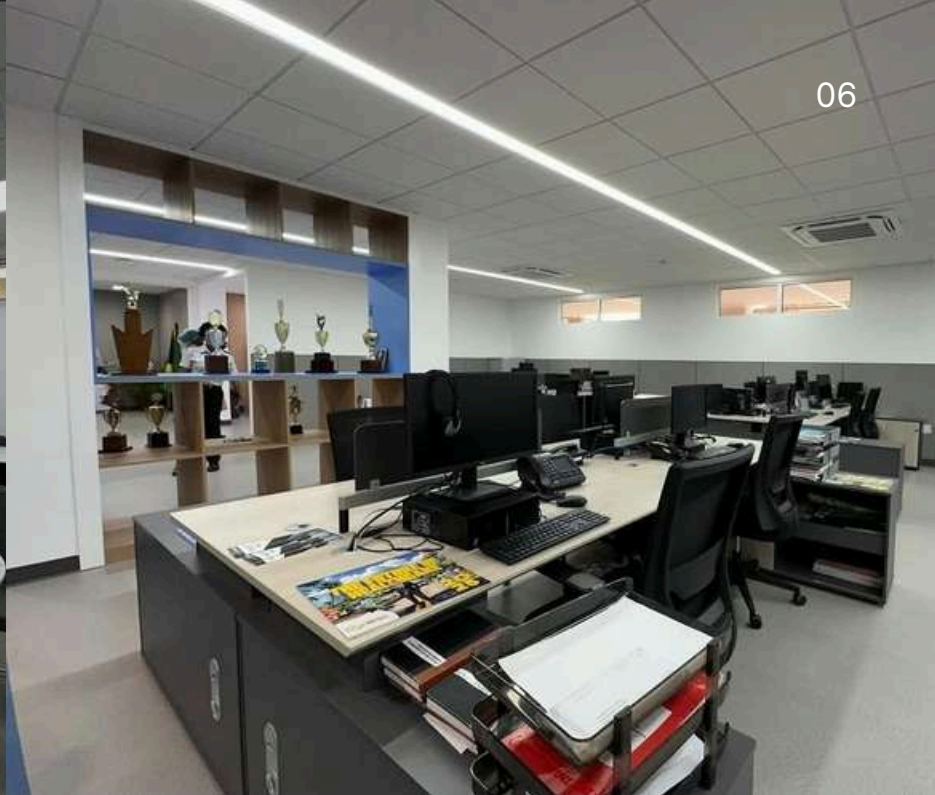


Teachers and students at the Spring Garden primary and infant school participate in National School Moves Day Activities

National School Moves Day in Jamaica is an annual event promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles among students. It was observed on the April 11th, seeing several schools across the region and wider nation participating. The day's activities included various movement-based exercises like dance fitness, aerobics, obstacle courses, relay races, and skipping competitions.

The initiative is a collaboration between the Ministry of Health & Wellness and the Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth & Information. It aligns with the government's commitment to fostering a healthier, more active generation of young Jamaicans. read it.





CRH ADMIN BLOCK REOPENED

Cornwall Regional Hospital's Road to Recovery Begins with Administrative Block Reopening

The Cornwall Regional Hospital has realised its first milestone, with the reopening and upgrading of the facility's Administrative Block. The hospital has been undergoing rehabilitative and redevelopment works, following the discovery of extensive air quality issues and dereliction dating back to 2009.

The administrative services were subsequently relocated, as the process for the facility's restoration began. The extensive repairs and overhaul of the hospital will total some \$23.5 billion, including the relocation of services and the restoration of the main building, set for completion in the first quarter of 2026.

Though the Administrative Block is now fully operational, it is only the first of several updated departments that will soon come alive. Over the next year, CRH will gradually reopen critical departments including its Accident & Emergency Unit, Maternity Suite, Nursery, Operating Theatres, and Intensive Care Unit.

These spaces will be equipped with state-of-the-art medical technology and infection prevention finishes, putting CRH in line with the highest standards of hospital design and function.

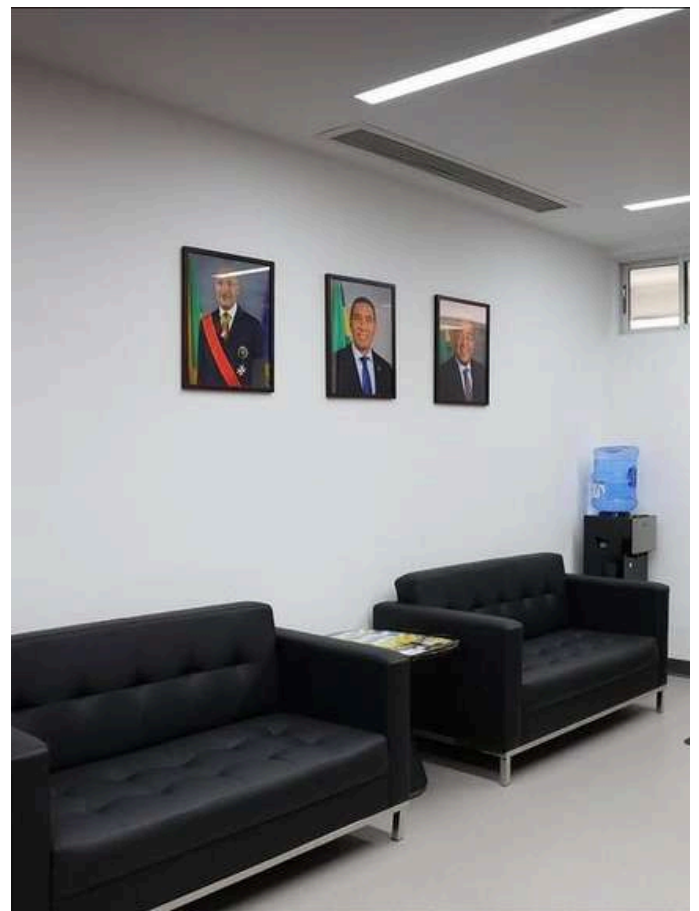
For the communities of western Jamaica who have waited patiently and, at times, anxiously, this isn't just the reopening of a building. It's the rebirth of a vital institution. A signal that, with the right mix of vision, investment, and perseverance, transformation in Jamaica's public health sector is not only possible; it's already happening.

The reopening of the Administrative Block may seem modest compared to what's still to come, but it holds immense significance. The modernized space now houses the hospital's key administrative functions—accounting, procurement, office management, and general services—within a vastly improved environment.

Staff now enjoy enhanced ventilation and lighting, modern office layouts, technology upgrades, and improved accessibility—changes designed to promote wellness, boost productivity, and support more efficient operations.

Importantly, this reopening isn't just about comfort; it's about continuity.

Next, think of a compelling feature for your cover story. This will be what draws your audience in. Make sure that you have accompanying visual content that immediately catches the eye. Include photos, illustrations, and other graphics to match. Appeal to your audience, choose the right fonts and images, and you'll have a magazine that people will remember for years to come.





PETROJAM donates Tuttnauer autoclave to St. James Type V Health Centre

As part of its continued commitment to supporting Jamaica's public health sector, PETROJAM Limited has donated a state-of-the-art, 6-gallon Tuttnauer Autoclave to the St. James Type V Health Centre, significantly boosting the facility's sterilization capabilities.

The high-grade equipment will enhance infection control standards by ensuring the safe and efficient sterilization of medical instruments—an essential function in the delivery of quality healthcare. The donation reflects PETROJAM's ongoing corporate social responsibility efforts and its recognition of the vital role primary health centres play in safeguarding community health across the island.



WRHA HOLDS ANNUAL STAFF MEETING

In an atmosphere of reflection, renewed purpose, and shared vision, the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) held its much-anticipated Annual Staff Meeting,. Bringing together leadership and employees from across the region's health facilities. The event served as both a forum for open dialogue and a catalyst for continued improvement in healthcare delivery.

The gathering featured key presentations from senior executives, including the Regional Director, Department Heads, and Facility Managers, each outlining critical achievements, ongoing projects, and future goals. Among the topics discussed were service delivery improvements, infrastructure upgrades, staff development initiatives, and budgetary planning.



Encouraging staff at all levels, from clerical workers to clinical teams, to voice their concerns, offer feedback, and propose solutions; Open-floor discussions covered a wide range of topics, including staffing challenges, occupational safety, and strategies for improving patient satisfaction.



MAY ACTIVITIES





Move for Health Day Church Service



Move for Health Day church service

In recognition of National Move for Health Day, the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) hosted a special Church Service to underscore the importance of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The service, held under the theme “Movement through faith”, brought together healthcare workers, community members, and regional leaders in a moment of reflection, praise, and renewed commitment to healthier living.

Held at Emanuel Chapel in Mount Salem, St James, the worship gathering formed part of the WRHA’s wider observance of Move for Health Day to promote physical activity as a key pillar of wellness and disease prevention. The service emphasized the value of nurturing both body and soul, especially as healthcare professionals continue to guide the population toward better health outcomes.

Do you know the staff member by their sneaker?



SEE PAGE 25 FOR REVEAL



WRHA hosts Sneaker Day for Staff to promote movement

As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting employee wellness and encouraging active lifestyles, the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) hosted “Sneaker Day” under the theme “lace up and get moving” across its regional offices, inviting staff members to ditch their formal footwear and step into comfort, all in the name of health.

The initiative, featuring a virtual workout session with Regional Physical Activity Specialist, Mr. Orane Gardner, saw employees donning sneakers to work in a show of solidarity for physical activity and wellness in the workplace, turning hallways and offices into walking and movement zones





“Labour Day in Jamaica isn’t just about remembering the struggles of workers—it’s a call for action. In healthcare, that means ensuring every person, including the elderly, differently-abled and vulnerable, has fair access to clinics, hospitals, and quality care.”

—Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment & Sport

The labour day spirit echoed across the parishes of Western Jamaica as the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) joined the nation in observing Labour Day 2025. Under this year’s national theme, “Ramp Up di Access... Show You Care,” WRHA staff participated in various beautification and accessibility projects aimed at improving the physical environment of healthcare facilities and the communities they serve.

From painting and gardening at health centres to creating wheelchair-accessible ramps for elderly and disabled patients, teams of healthcare workers, volunteers, and community members united for a day rooted in service, patriotism, and purpose.

WRHA takes Guardian Group 5k Run/Walk





Staff members from the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) laced up their sneakers and hit the pavement with purpose as they joined hundreds of participants in the annual Guardian Group 5K Run/Walk. The event, which took place at the Harmony Beach Park on May 24, 2025, brought together individuals, organizations, and fitness enthusiasts in support of a worthy cause.

The WRHA's participation was both spirited and symbolic with the Noel Homes Hospital being one of the beneficiaries, reflecting the Authority's ongoing commitment to community wellness, prevention, and public health advocacy.

The event offered staff a meaningful opportunity to engage in physical activity, foster camaraderie, and show solidarity.



JUNE ACTIVITIES



MBCCI and JHTA satisfied with CRH progress

Western Jamaica’s premier business and tourism leaderS; the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MBCCI) and the Montego Bay Chapter of the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association (JHTA), have expressed strong satisfaction with the ongoing rehabilitation of the Cornwall Regional Hospital (CRH). Their feedback came following recent site visits with WRHA representatives, where both organizations received a firsthand look at the substantial work underway at the facility.



The groups also toured the upgraded Administrative Block, inspected work in the radiology and emergency wings, and were briefed on infrastructure improvements including electrical systems, data cabling, and the installation of medical gas lines.

JHTA and MBCCI’s joint support reflects broader confidence from the private sector in the government’s handling of the redevelopment—an encouraging signal to residents, healthcare workers, and investors alike.

As work continues on key areas like the Accident & Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, and Maternity Suite, CRH is poised to reclaim its role as the flagship hospital of western Jamaica—strengthened by the collective watchfulness and advocacy of the region’s most influential institutions.

Caribbean Nutrition Day Wellness Extravaganza



Caribbean Nutrition Day Wellness Extravaganza lit up Independence Park in Savanna-la-Mar with energy, excitement, and meaningful health engagement. Organized by the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) alongside the Ministry of Health and Jamaica's broader observance of Caribbean Nutrition Day, the event attracted hundreds of participants eager to embrace healthy living.

The fun-filled programme featured free health screenings; including BMI, blood pressure, STI, and blood glucose checks, live food demonstrations with nutritious samples, interactive games, fitness breakouts, and an upbeat atmosphere complete with entertainment and prizes.

The event is part of a broader effort to change behaviour through experience. By combining health education with fun and flavor in the heart of the community, WRHA hopes participants leave empowered to make healthier choices at home every day.

Noel Holmes Hospital Certified Baby Friendly

In a landmark ceremony held on June 17, 2025, the Noel Holmes Hospital in Lucea, Hanover was officially designated as a Baby-Friendly facility under the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI). The BFHI, launched by WHO and UNICEF in 1991, is a global effort to transform healthcare environments so they provide optimal support for breastfeeding and newborn care. Noel Holmes Hospital, a Type C secondary facility serving over 67,000 residents of Hanover and surrounding areas, now joins ten other sites in the country in the commitment to Baby-Friendly care. The hospital's certification sends a strong message to families in Hanover that when you give birth locally, you're also getting world-class support for breastfeeding and newborn health. PAHO/WHO Representative Ian Stein underscored that this accreditation is not a one-time achievement, but a lasting commitment embedded into everyday practice.



WRHA PR Team awarded at National P.R Retreat

The Western Regional Health Authority's (WRHA) Public Relations Team has earned national recognition within the Ministry of Health and Wellness at the 2025 National Public Relations Retreat held at the Royalton Blue Waters in Trelawny.

The event, hosted by the Ministry of Health & Wellness brought together communication professionals from across regional health authorities, hospitals and agencies to assess best practices, share experiences, and celebrate exceptional work in health communications.



The National Public Relations Retreat is an annual event that includes training workshops, knowledge exchange sessions, and an awards ceremony recognizing excellence in health communications.

The WRHA PR team continues to lead innovative outreach strategies to engage the public and promote wellness initiatives across St. James, Hanover, Westmoreland, and Trelawny.

Hanover Health Services awarded Top Customer Service Champions for the period October 2024 to March 2025.



The customer service team at the Hanover health services were awarded top customer service champions for the period October 2024 to March 2025.

The team emerged on top for maintaining top ranking in areas of complaints management, customer satisfaction ratings, timely and efficient reporting, most number of staff trained in customer service and complaints management and most number of patients surveyed.

As the healthcare sector continues to evolve, Hanover’s customer service team sets a shining example of what is possible when service excellence becomes a shared goal. Their achievement underscores the critical role of customer service in shaping public trust and satisfaction in healthcare.



Mrs. Whittingham-Gayle presents the winning trophy and gift certificates to the senior customer care officer, Ms. Rushella Clarke while the Parish Manager, Mr. Aldwayne Beckford (left) and Mr. Donovan Hamilton (right), Chairman of the Noel Holmes management committee, shares the proud moment with some members of the Customer Service Team

HEALTH CENTRES IN WESTMORELAND TOURED BY HEALTH minister



Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. the Honorable Christopher Tufton, MP, recently toured three health centres in Westmoreland – the Little London Health Centre, Petersfield Health Centre, and the Negril Health Centre along with the Chairman of Board of Directors for the Western Regional Health Authority, Eric Clarke and Chairman of the Management Committee of the Savanna-la-Mar Public General Hospital, Jamie James.

The working visit formed part of the Ministry’s ongoing efforts to strengthen primary healthcare delivery across Jamaica and will be executed under the primary care reform programme to be undertaken by the Chief Medical Officer. During the tour, the Minister met with staff, examined the facilities, and assessed current projects designed to improve patient care and service delivery.

At each location, the Minister expressed appreciation for the dedication of healthcare teams who continue to provide vital services to the public. He also reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to upgrading healthcare infrastructure to better serve communities.

The Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) continues to work in partnership with the Ministry of Health & Wellness to modernize and expand healthcare services within the region.



Did you guess the staff member right??





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THE SAVANNA-LA-MAR
PUBLIC GENERAL
HOSPITAL WILL SOON
HAVE A NEW LOOK,
WITH EXPANSIONS ON
THE WAY.....



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'No Woman Should Die from Cervical Cancer' – WRHA Coordinator

By: SERENA GRANT, June 23, 2025

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Photo: Serena Grant
 Non-Communicable Disease Coordinator at the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) Dr. Marcia Johnson Campbell.

JAMAICA INFORMATION SERVICE

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JIS News
 Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton, addressing a press briefing during a visit to the Falmouth Health Centre in Trelawny on June 13.

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Negril clinic opens new chapter in paediatric care

...Gives Jamaican children a chance to walk freely

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Janet Silveira Photo
 Minister of Health and Wellness Dr. Christopher Tufton (centre) and Elaine Allen-Bradley (second right) of Elaine Bradley Foundation cut the ribbon officially opening a new physiotherapy unit, with RJIH Holbe's Cristina Campbell (left), and Jorge Arturo Veyra (second left) and Dawn Turner, orthotist out of Canada.

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June 23, 2025

Look out for early signs of autism



Senior Clinical Psychologist at the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA), Georgia Rose. (JIS photo)

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Parents Urged to Safeguard Children from Household Chemicals

By: SERENA GRANT, June 23, 2025

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Cornwall Regional Hospital reaches milestone with re-opening of upgraded administrative block


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The upgraded administrative block at the Cornwall Regional Hospital in St. James is officially open

By: Myesha Blosfield | No comments



The upgraded administrative block at the Cornwall Regional Hospital in St. James was officially opened today.

The hospital has been undergoing extensive rehabilitative and redevelopment work following the discovery of significant air quality issues and deterioration that date back to 2009.

As a result, administrative services were relocated to allow the restoration process to begin.

The full scope of repairs and upgrades at the hospital will cost approximately \$25.5 billion, including the relocation of services and the restoration of the main building, which is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026.

Media Blitz

Cornwall Regional Hospital Marks Major Progress with Administrative Wing Opening
 By: GARWIN DAVIS, April 25, 2025

Health & Wellness



Health Minister unbothered by pending audit of Cornwall Regional Hospital
 10:13 am, Fri April 25, 2025



Cornwall Regional Hospital

Health and Wellness Minister Dr. Christopher Tufton

With the government beginning to reopen sections of Cornwall Regional Hospital in St. James, Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton, says he is not concerned about the special hospital audit announced by Auditor General Pamela Mooren Ellis.

Renovated administrative wing at Cornwall Regional Hospital opened
 4:06 pm, Thu April 24, 2025



Health Minister Dr. Christopher Tufton

The administrative wing of the main building of Cornwall Regional Hospital in St. James was open Thursday in keeping with the government's promise to phase the opening of the renovated facility.

In March, Health and Wellness Minister Dr. Christopher Tufton announced that the reopening would begin in a few weeks. He also said the completion

CRH admin block reopens, price tag now \$23.5 billion
 April 25, 2025
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Health and Wellness Minister Dr. Christopher Tufton (third right, front row) cuts the ceremonial ribbon to open the administrative block of Cornwall Regional Hospital's main building. Looking on (from front row, left) is senior medical officer Dr. Curtis Yeates, parish manager for St. James Health Department Lennox Wallace, WRHA Regional Technical Director Dr. Dian Campbell-Sternatt, Mayor of Montego Bay Richard Vernon and WRHA Regional Director St. Andrew Sinclair. Chairman of Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) Eric Clarke is at second row left.

Petrojam donates \$1.1 million autoclave machine to Mo-Bay's type-five health clinic

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Health workers protest violence against women following recent assault on nurse

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Public health intern impresses with sanitation project in Daniel Town

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Triple Treat - Montego Bay mother gives birth to triplets
 by Ashanti Lawren - STAR Writer | June 02, 2025 | Share on [Like 0](#) [Post](#) [WhatsApp](#) [+](#)

When doctors told Tashoya Hamilton she was carrying triplets, not twins, as she had believed for months, the 26-year-old mother was stunned. But nothing prepared her for the moment last week when she safely delivered two girls -- Jazira and Jahzara, and a boy, Jace.

They arrived early at 32 weeks, as is typical for triplet pregnancies. On average, babies are born between 37 and 40 weeks of pregnancy.

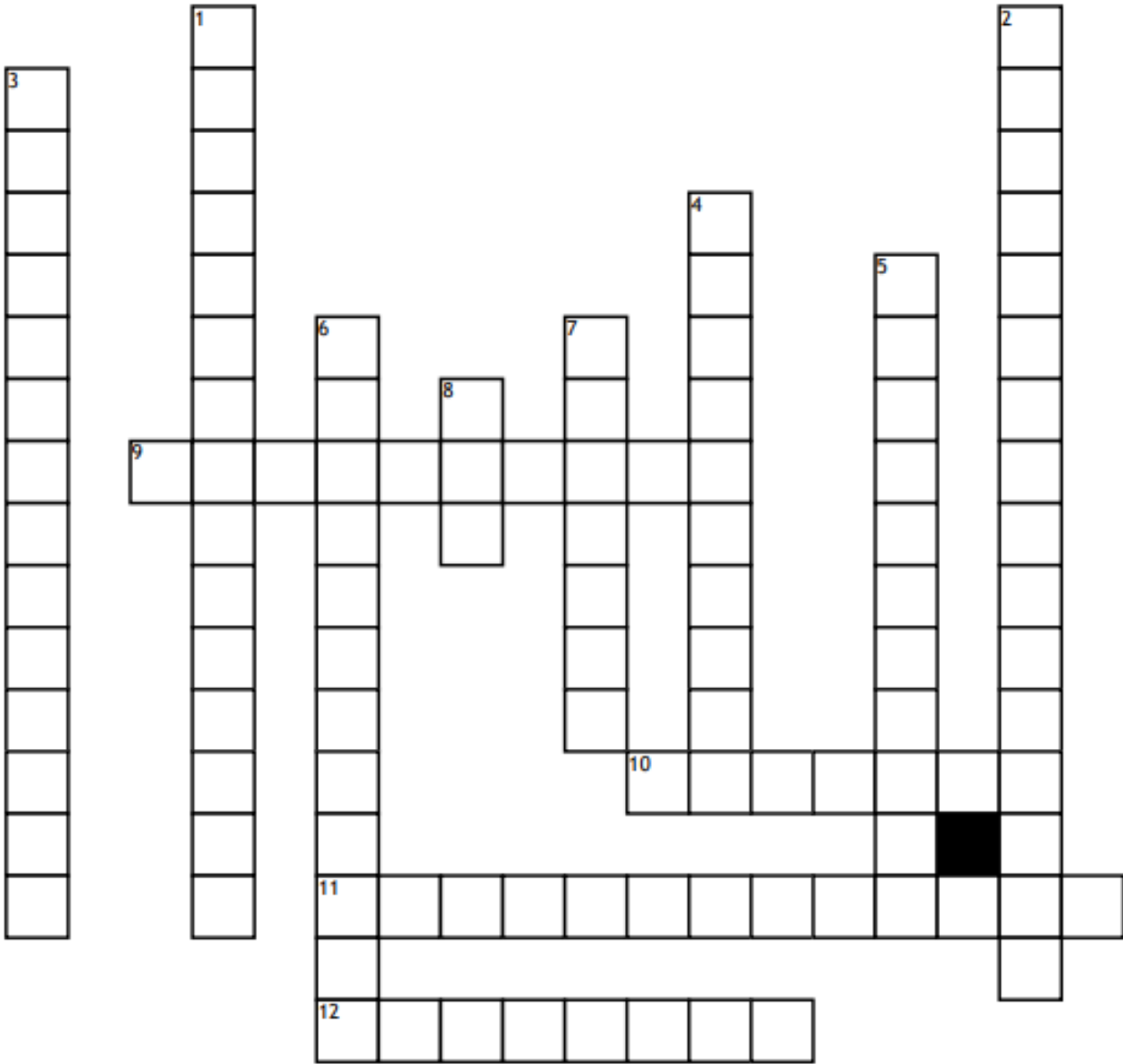
"This is more than a blessing, I can't find the words to describe it," she shared.

As the nurses prepared for her delivery at the Cornwall Regional Hospital on May 28, Hamilton closed her eyes and leaned into her faith, she had an unexpected sense of peace.



Tashoya Hamilton's bundles of joy, Jazira, Jahzara and Jace were delivered at Cornwall Regional Hospital on May 29

DATA PROTECTION



Across

- 9. Converts data into a secret code for protection
- 10. Must be in writing and obtained from the Data Subject or legal representative
- 11. Making data untraceable to individuals.
- 12. Ensuring that personal data is correct and up-to-date.

Down

- 1. Ensuring only authorized access to data

- 2. Collecting only what's needed
- 3. The entity that determines the means and purposes for processing personal data.
- 4. A breach should be reported to the Office of the information commission within _____ hours.
- 5. The individual whose data is processed.

- 6. Any Information that can be used to identify a living individual or an individual who has been deceased for less than 30 years.
- 7. One method hackers use to trick people into revealing personal info usually via email.
- 8. Person responsible for overseeing data protection compliance within an organization