

## Holly City center ready to expand

**MILLVILLE** — The Holly City Development Corp. has closed on two loans that are paying for most of the construction cost of a 1,600-square-foot addition to its Holly City Family Center.

The agency awarded the construction contract last week to Fabbri Builders Inc. The Vineland firm was among seven bidders for the work and won with the second lowest bid at \$264,822.

The addition will host aerobics and spin classes at the center, which is at Mulberry and Buck streets.

Holly City Development Corp. is a nonprofit arm of the Millville Housing Authority.

MHA Executive Director Paul Dice said the construction contract and drawings should be finalized soon. City permits are expected to take two weeks to obtain, putting the start of work in mid-November.

“And that was our (timetable) goal all along,” Dice said. The contract calls for work to be completed in 120 days and not interfere with the center’s schedule.

Cumberland Empowerment Zone is lending \$50,000 at 5 percent interest over 15 years. Century Savings Bank is lending \$115,000 at 6.25 percent over 15 years. The loan is \$15,000 greater than

anticipated, reflecting higher-than-expected bids.

The development corporation is putting up an additional \$100,000 for the project.

Dice said the seven bids ranged from \$244,053 to \$377,858. J. Bishop Construction of Millville was the lowest bidder.

“Both companies are qualified, no question about it,” Dice said. “But Fabbri just was more qualified.”

In other news, the Millville Housing Authority officially is out of the business of running an assisted-living program.

The authority received state Department of Health and Senior Services approval Oct. 10 to immediately turn over operations of the program to Caring Inc., a Pleasantville company that accepted a contract this summer to take over the business.

Dice said Caring ended up hiring 17 of 19

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