

Holly City Family Center expands

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MILLVILLE — Is your zumba class as Holly City Family Center (HCFC) feeling a little bit cramped?

Fear not, athletes.

The open area between the former church and the HCFC building will become a new aerobics building addition by next winter.

"It's an incredibly exciting venture for us," said Paul Dice, secretary for the Millville Housing Authority (MHA), which is spearheading the project.

"Three years ago, the HCFC was nearly bankrupt. We've brought them back."

The funding will be coming from a loan from Century Savings in the amount of \$100,000, along with an additional loan of \$60,000 coming from the private sector.

"We're trying to secure all of our loans now. That's where we are in the process," Dice said.

The new center for aerobics will be dedicated to classes in aerobics, spin, step, kick boxing, zumba, pilates and yoga.

"Because of the influx of participants in our aerobics classes, we felt that this was the best move for the HCFC," said Janet Reeves, director of operations for the HCFC. "The need for this addition to our facility is really great."

The vacant lot is currently a running track sur-

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rounded by rock, with grass in the center.

Once the roughly \$200,000 in loans are secured, the MHA will break ground on the project.

Dice said they are shooting for a groundbreaking some time in mid-October.

They plan to open the 1,600-square-foot addition to their facility toward the end of November.

"We want to be open before the start of next winter," Dice said. "It's an aggressive building project, but we'll be doing our best to hit our goal."

The aerobics classes currently meet in the former

church building adjacent to the small running track.

Reeves said that the largest class currently running is the zumba, which hosts up to 35 participants per session.

"We started really planning this out last February, but it's been in the works for about a year," Reeves said. "This addition is what we need to finish the full picture of the HCFC."

Dice said, considering their position three years ago, this is something to be proud of.

"We went from bankruptcy three years ago, to addition today," Dice added.