

Y celebrating expansion

Indoor track, kids' playground, Bradley S. Thomson Activity Center featured

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PHOENIXVILLE — The Phoenixville YMCA's expansion is near completion, and the doors are open to the community this week with various events to celebrate the occasion.

The Phoenixville YMCA is located at 400 E. Pothouse Road. It was founded in 1952, and has served to strengthen and enrich the lives of those in the Phoenixville community through the years.

According to YMCA Brand Director Jon Agnew, the YMCA now features a new lobby with a raised indoor track, a children's playground with watch rooms for parents, multi-purpose rooms, and the Bradley S. Thomson Activity Center.

"There've been a lot of changes here at the YMCA," said Agnew. "We hope every-

one comes out and takes a look at what's going on."

The construction, which began in June 2007, has brought a lot of internal changes within the YMCA.

The Bradley S. Thomson Activity Center features three all-purpose courts, two multi-purpose room, new locker rooms, additional child care space, and a kitchen area.

"One luxury we added was a

separate side door for parents to pick-up and drop-off their campers here at the YMCA," said Agnew. "We will have someone stationed at the door, and they will assist campers coming in and out of the YMCA, while making things easier for the adults. The new parking area now has 100 additional parking spots."

The second floor also has three age-appropriate classrooms — infant, toddler and pre-school — each with their

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own bathrooms.

"This babysitting is available for a nominal fee while parents take part in the Y's classes and programs," said

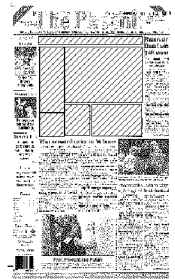
Agnew. "A playground is available for the children which can be accessed through the classroom, and is fully staffed by trained professionals."

Also on the second floor is an indoor track, which Agnew described as a 1/16 mile track, that when linked with the existing indoor track above the West gym, will provide walkers and joggers a 1/8 mile indoor track.

"They can use each one separately, or combine them into a figure eight," he said.

The Wellness Center that used to be located on the second floor of the YMCA is now on the first floor, which used to be the former lobby. The Wellness Center is equipped with new cardio- and strength-training equipment.

"It offers almost triple the size and space we had in our former wellness center," Agnew said. "The former wellness center will be converted into a game room and lounge. The machine room next to it will now be used for fitness classes. We are making the most of all of the space that we have."





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The new lobby and gym with other new areas at the Phoenixville Area **YMCA** are ready for its members as they plan a week full of fun at the grand opening and over the weekend.

