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Sheep riding? Mutton to it

Tyler Miller, 4, got a good look at the ground after trying to ride this ornery sheep during the Mutton Bustin' competition at the Ontario Junior Rodeo championships held

Saturday at the Country Depot store on Hwy. 7. Miller posted a time of 9.65 seconds and was none the worse for wear (left) after his tumble. Photos by Stephen Uhraney

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Contract awarded for leisure centre

Concord-based firm, Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd. has been awarded the construction contract to build the \$11.3 million leisure centre in Georgetown South Community Park.

The company will be paid \$10 million plus GST to build the facility. While Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd. was the lowest bidder of the eight pre-qualified bidders; their tender of \$10.3 million was further reduced after the bidder suggested cost saving items without compromising the project.

When the project was first approved in September 1999, the approved cost was \$6.3 million, but soaring construction costs and a 14-month delay waiting for \$3.1 million SuperBuild funding caused the price tag to almost double.

Planned is 33,750 sq. ft. building with a six-lane 25-metre pool with play pool and flume slide, a hot tub, sauna, three change rooms, offices, and 250-seating banquet hall/multi-purpose space with kitchen, plus a smaller multi-purpose meeting room. As well, the town recently added a \$200,000 park service facility for

operations and maintenance of the centre and the surrounding park. Development charges and SuperBuild funding will pay for it; the tender award includes this addition.

It's expected the centre will be substantially completed by January 2004 with it up and running for community use by March 2004.

In a recorded vote, Mayor Kathy Gastle and Councillors Rick Bonnette, Ron Chatten, Dobbie Frizzell, Jane Fogal,

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