

SPORTS

Boarders of all ages stormed the concrete Friday, April 4, when Eugene's new **WJ Skatepark** officially opened for action. Five-plus years in the planning, the expansive new shred factory at Washington-Jefferson Park features several ramps, bowls, walls and other skate-worthy surfaces, many inspired by historic skater sites across the nation, designed by Dreamland out of Lincoln City. Pro skater Mark Scott, who along with his wife Dangel Scott co-founded Dreamland, said the Eugene site — now the largest covered, lighted skate park in the nation — is the biggest the company has laid out since the historic Burnside Skatepark in Portland. And, certainly, opening day was evidence of the park's broad appeal, as hundreds of skaters put their noses to the grindstone.

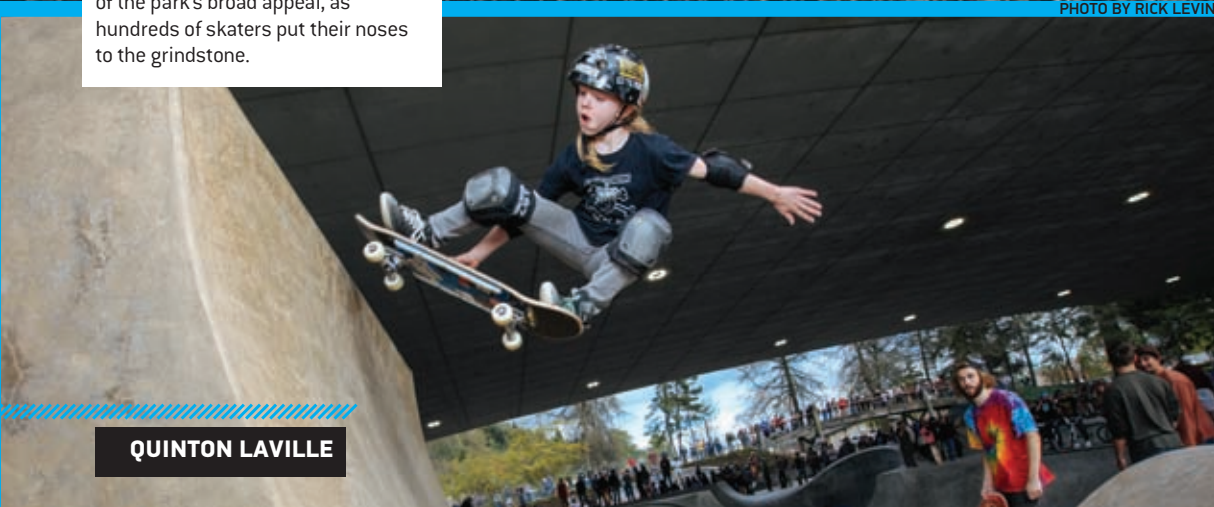


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