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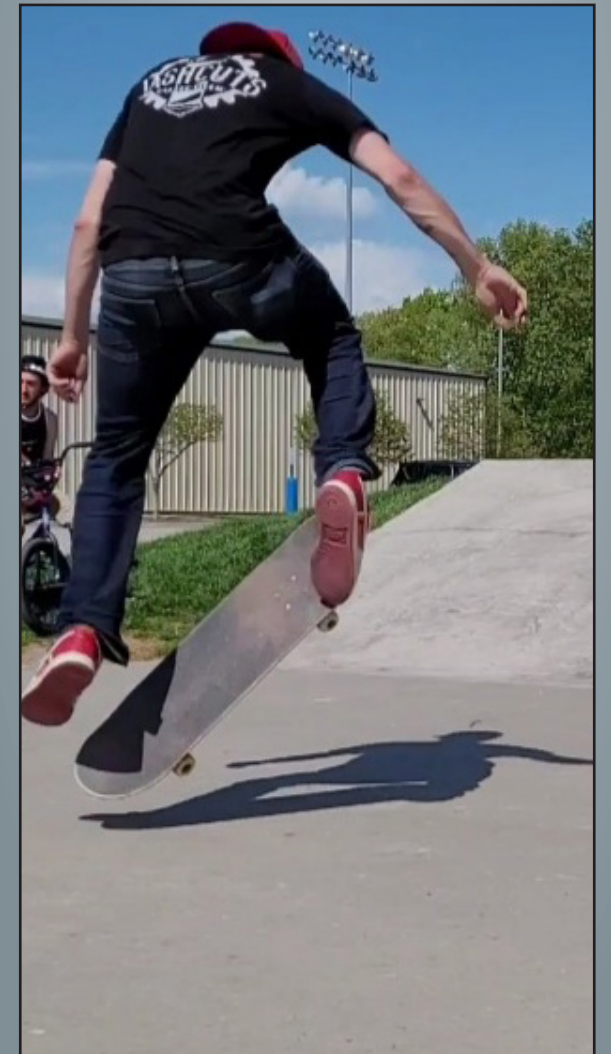
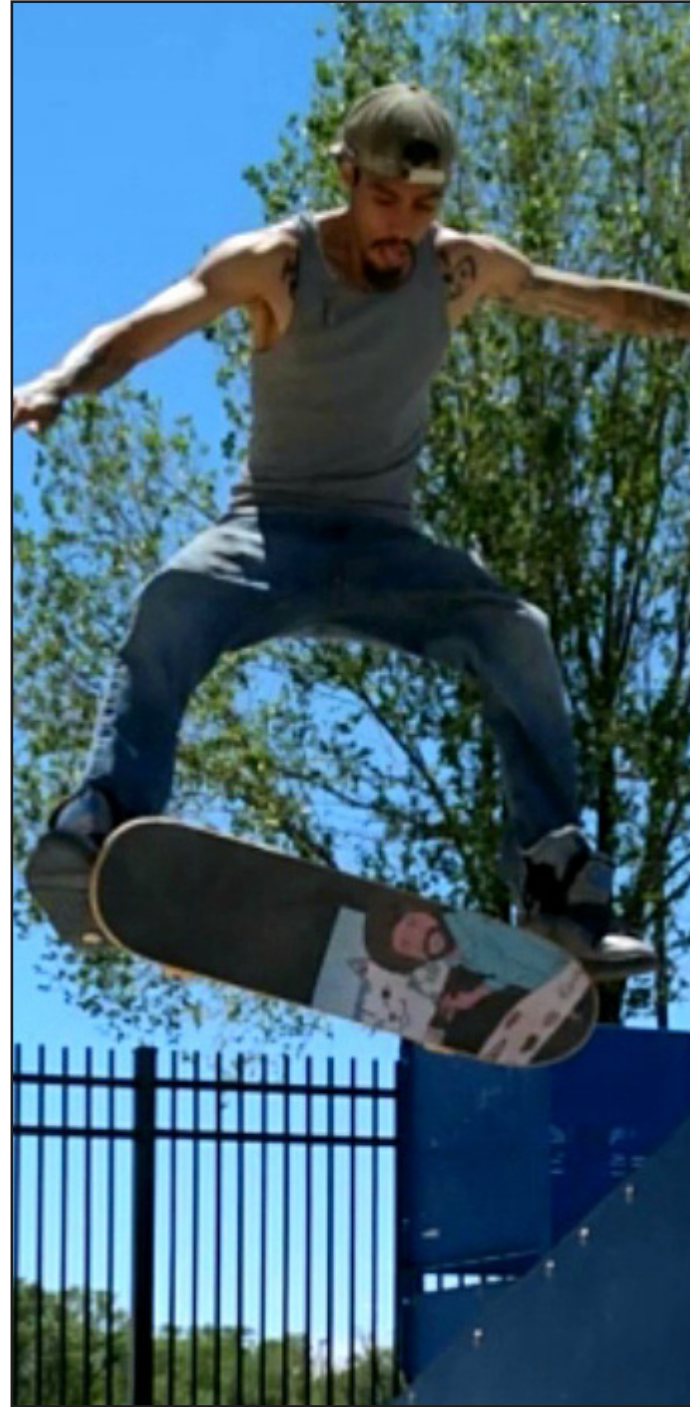
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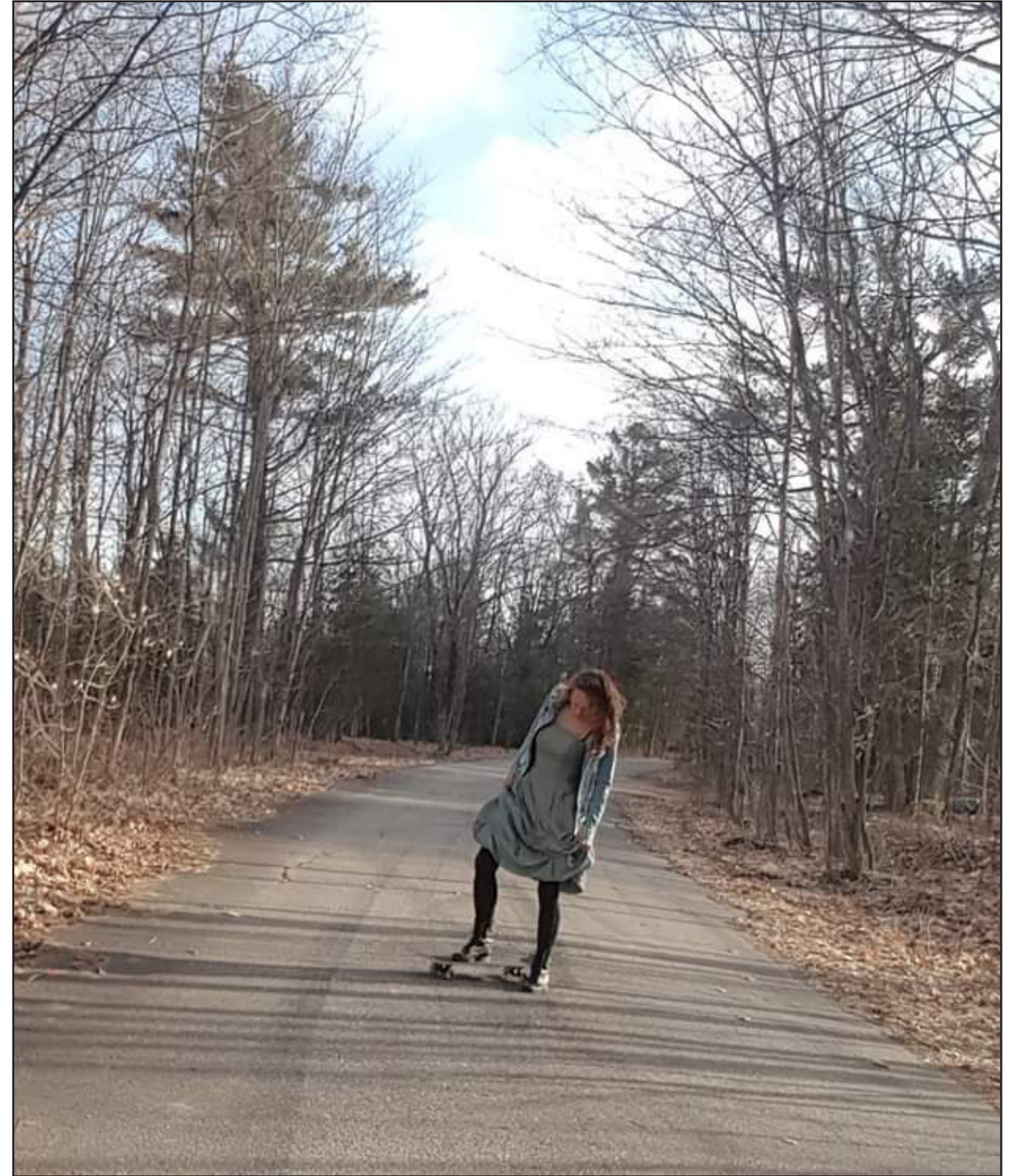
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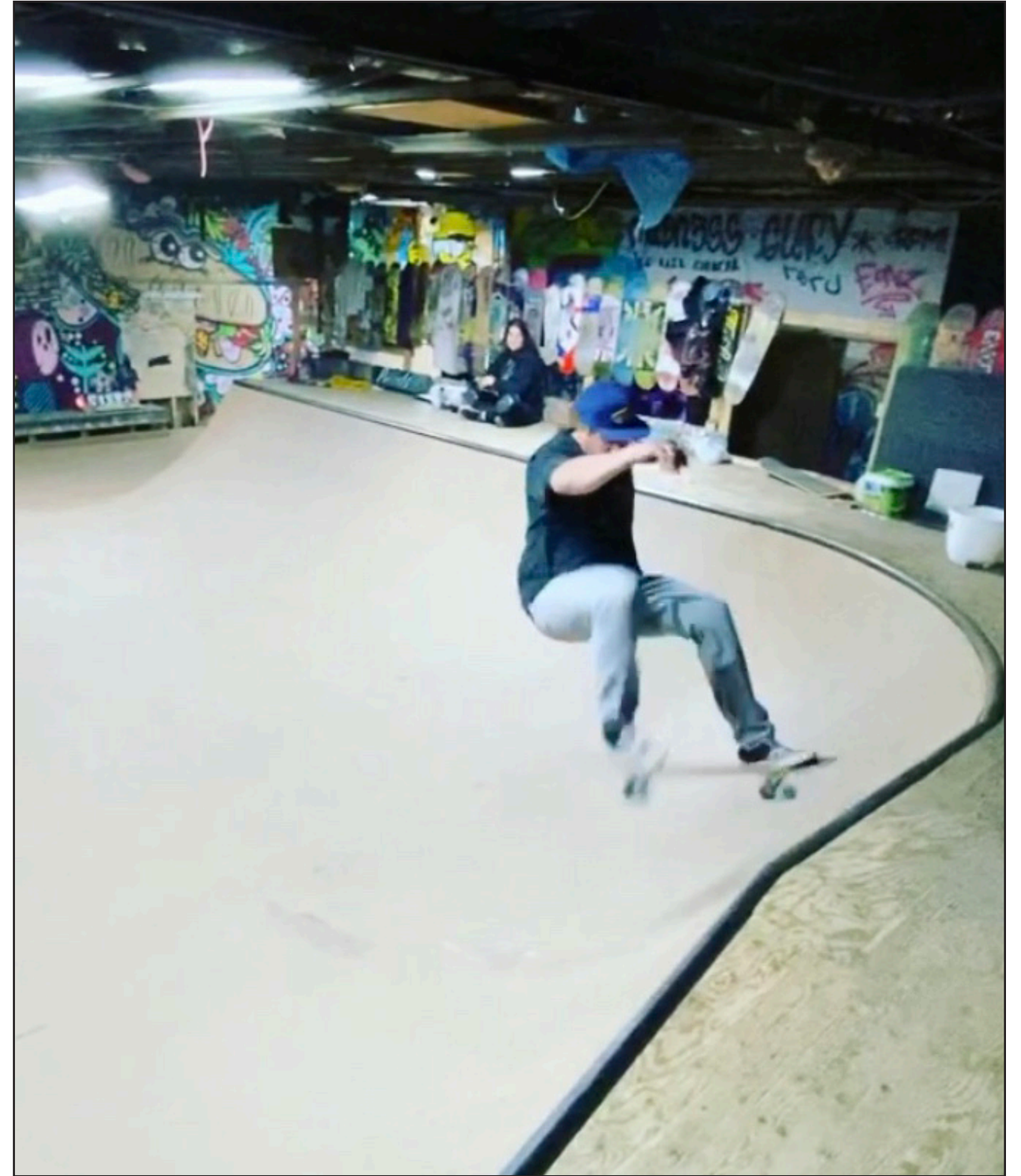


When I was a teen I wanted to skateboard and practiced as much as I could. I was diagnosed with scoliosis and the Dr wanted to put metal rods in my back. I refused and shortly after was kicked out of my house as well as diagnosed with epilepsy. Scared and alone I put away my board and focused on "real life ". I went on to graduate on the honor roll despite my struggles. I went on to be come an Early Childhood Educator, mother and was so happy with my journey. When my first son was 7 weeks I accidentally karate kicked a tree stump and tragicy impaled myself ending up with 26 stitches and a draining tube on my inner right thigh with Postpartum depression and PTSD on top of it all . This was extremely difficult. After a long road I was finally healing. Years later I had another baby I was so happy. Then I found myself in domestic relationship leaving me even more broken then ever before. I went on to seek resources and took baby steps to put my life back in order. I went on to open "Piercy Early Learning Practice " helping homes harmonize! I offer childcare ,parental resources, music, arts and dance classes. Last year I did cartwheels and slipped on the beach which caused my leg injuries

from 16 years earlier to just about prevent me from walking properly. I still had to care for 5 children daily as well as single mom life. I am 40 years old now!! Physio was so hard to get to and it is covid !!

I needed to do something and that's when I rediscovered my skateboard. It allows me really stretch or work of the inner thigh effortlessly. I do squats and other leg stretches while on the board. It has also developed amazing core strength and balance . I love to dance with my board and with only 2 songs I am left so out of breath. I love going to the skate and work on my balance and speed. I am not a trickster though they are so fun to watch!!!! I teach children to feel confident on a board and "how to fall" . I went as far as designing photo shoots involving their boards. I am extremely grateful I rediscovered this sport. This board has helped me regain control of my leg unlike physical therapy. Who would have thought a simple skateboard could be so helpful . I gave it up scared to hurt myself at age 16 and at age 40 it was the tool that helped my healing!! What a paradym shift!!!!







My names Brad Vacca, im 32 years old been skating for 20 years, had a few local sponsors, and just have never stoppee or given it up since day 1 and dont think I ever will!





My name is Dennis Duran im from Las Vegas NM smal town i started skateboarding when i was 13 till 22 recently got back on to the skateboard im usually a national competitor in snowboarding my goals are to progress and progress and show that no matter the age anything is possible if u put uour mind to it no matter the bumps in the road plus i wanna show my community that u can do anything if u really try cause the youth are starting to go bad and its sad to see my achievements

come more from snowboarding but i have won some small local contest on the skateboard but im usually a free skater now my challanges were struggling with support and finding motivation to get out which i have from there trying to strengthen my self coming from a broken back was a verry big challage learning to walk, skate, snowboard, had to relearn all over again i hope this article is whar ur looking for



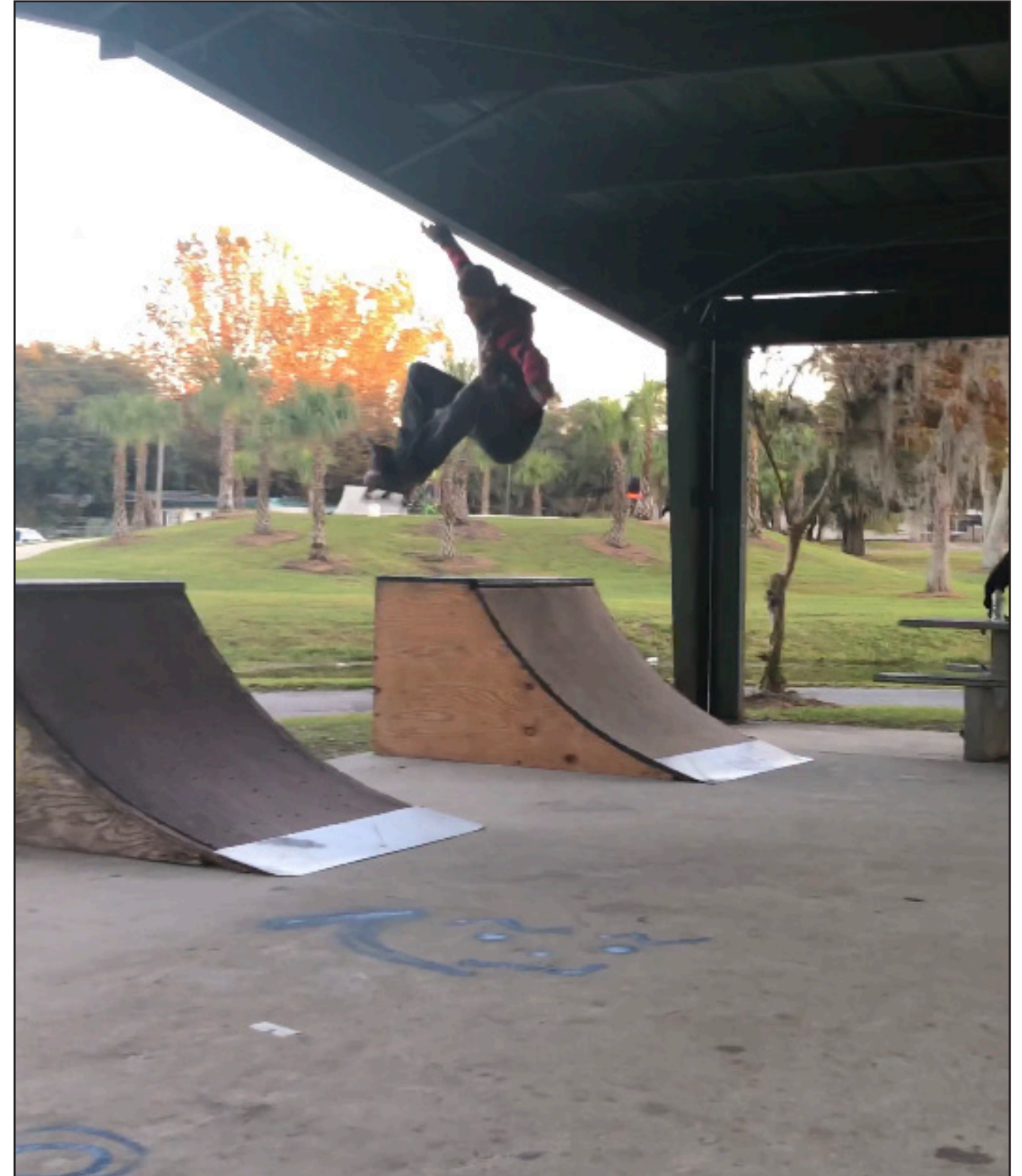
Garson Robertson is 9 years old from Sault ste Marie, Ontario. He enjoys occasionally skateboarding with his mom but has a huge passion for hockey. He looks up to his older brother Nevin and is devoted to his dog Jazzy. He loves playing games with his whole family like "hide and seek"!! Even his pup plays! Garson loves school. He was one of the youngest participants in his

school science fair as he was in Junior Kindergarten and presented the solar system. He also takes great pride in nature and our country. At age 4 he sang Oh Canada at a local charity event. He loves music and enjoys exploring drums and violin. He works really hard to use his talents to help empower others and to always be grateful.



I grew up in lake county Florida where the skateboarding scene isn't very prevalent, but over the years I've tried to build a group of local skaters to form a community for our local city kids to feel more connected in the skate world here in LC. I hope to one day build to biggest

skate community in Florida for people to share ideas, trick tips, spot locations, and even just connect with other with the same interest. Photographers Credits: Danni Baird, George Taylor, George Bowman





Joey Bondi

My name is Joey bondi, I'm from Ontario Canada and have been skateboarding for 21 years now. I use to do it competitive back in the day with lots of sponsors, but I have taken a step back from that part or skateboarding and have just been doing it for fun!

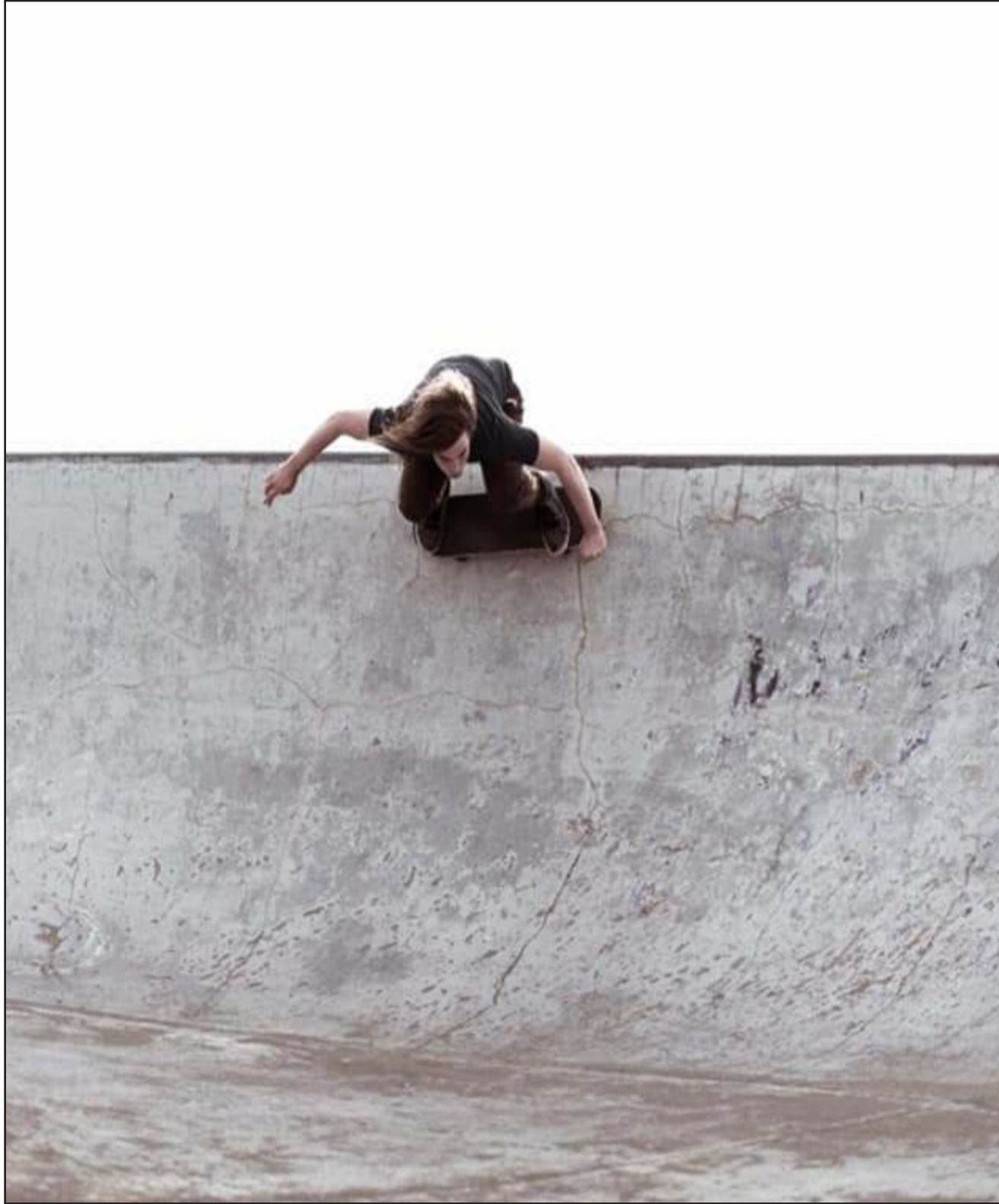
Photographers Credits: Dakota trews





31 year old dad, stopped skating at 19 and now picking it back up. Had to change some bad habits and start eating right, but with lots of hard work and lots of stretching you're never too old to get it back







My name is Justin Snyder, 28, and I've been skateboarding for 16 years without a break except for a few broken bones and a couple of surgeries along the way.

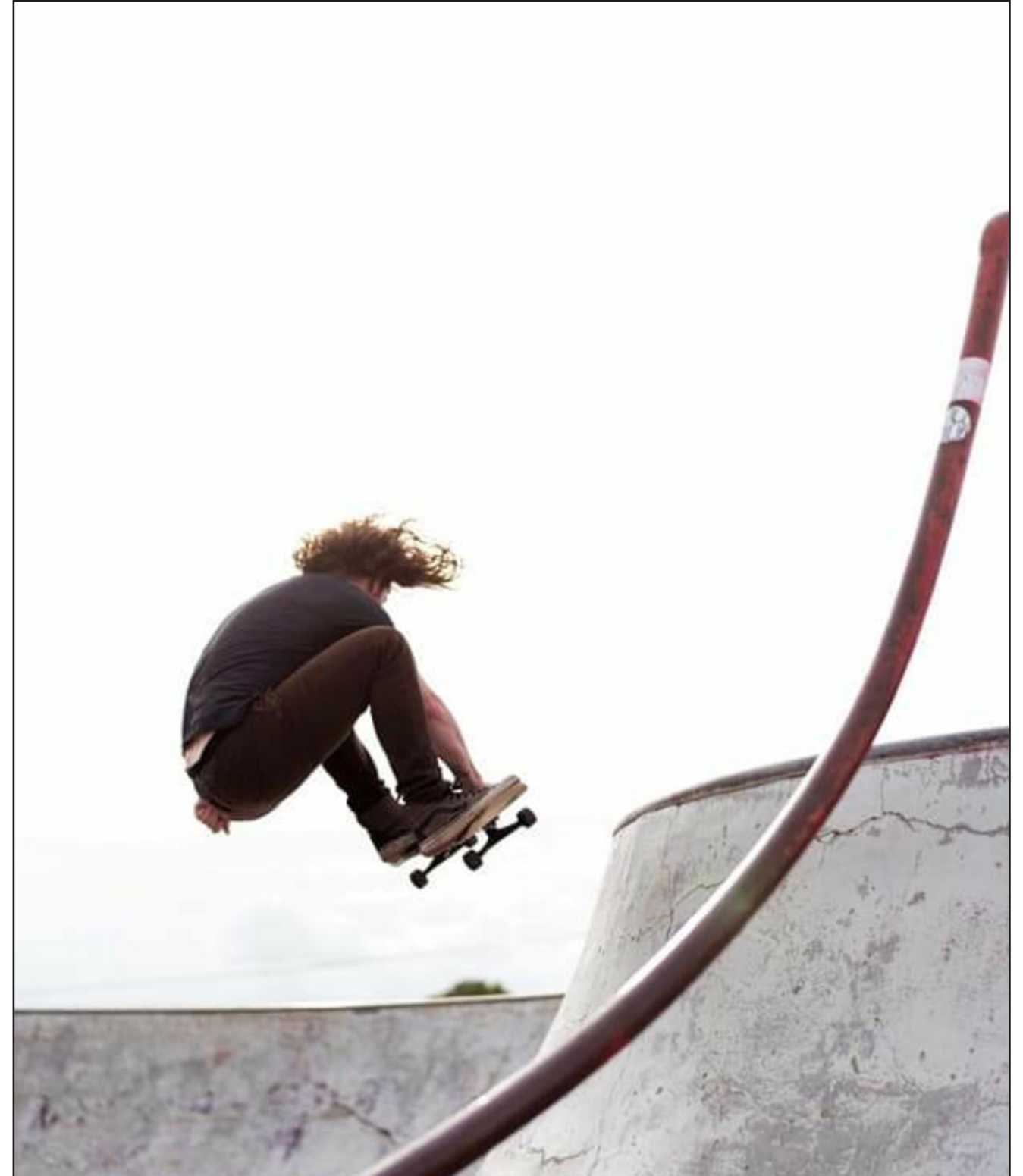
I've been blessed to be on this journey skateboarding has taken me on and to be a part of the community that comes along with it. Growing up I played every sport that was available to me. I was a naturally gifted athlete until I discovered skateboarding. I wasn't naturally talented and I had to work hard to be good at it. I fell in love.

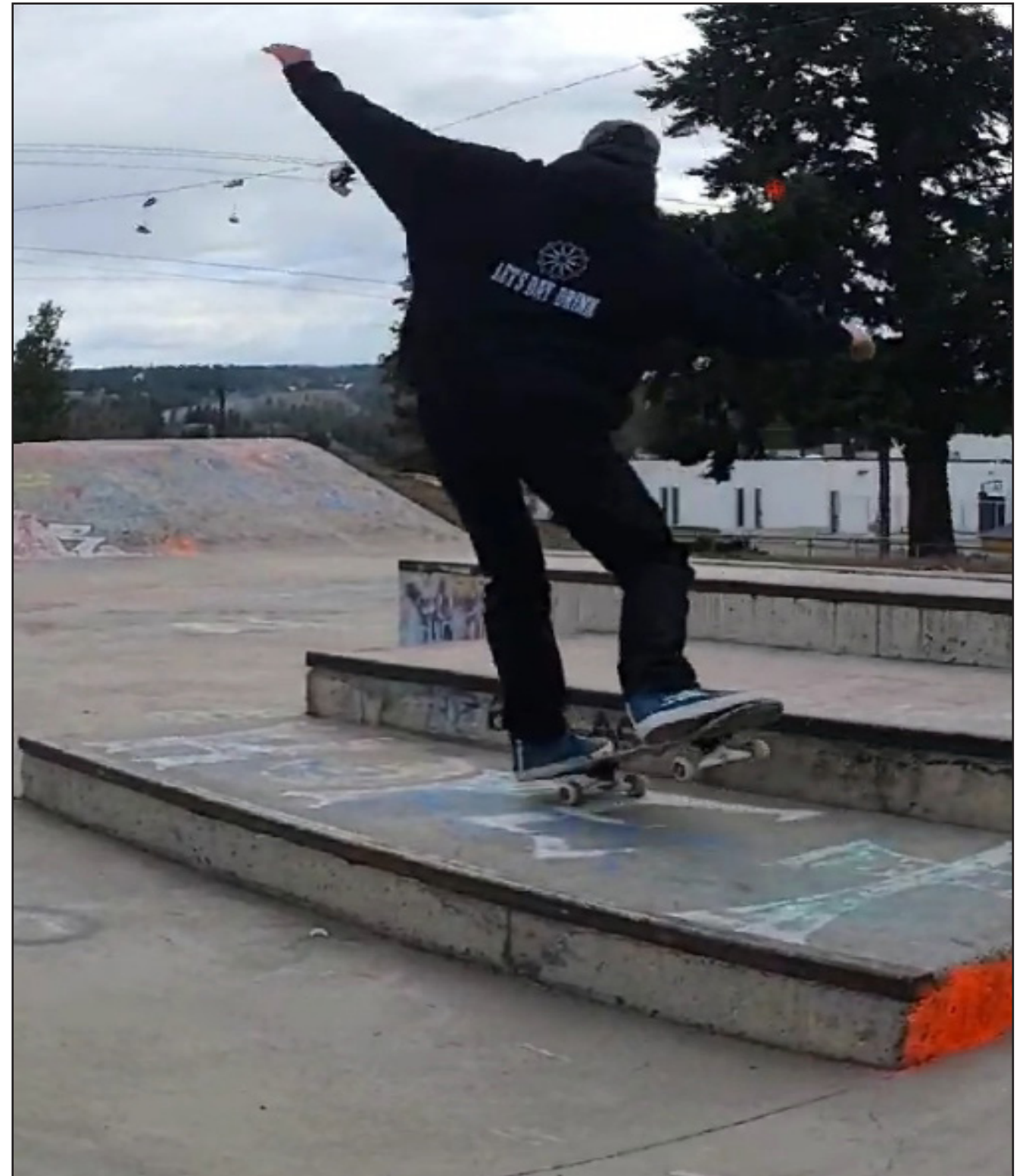
I stopped all other sports and focused solely on improving at skating. Now, 16 years later, I'm in the best shape of my life and at the height of my ability.

I have a very specific goal in mind when it comes to skateboarding. At the point I'm at now, my focus is on getting the exposure I need for myself so I can use that to benefit my community. I want to showcase the talent in my hometown Clarksville, TN. And, ultimately, I want enough eyes to be on us that we can get a decent skatepark built.

The love and family aspect of skating in Clarksville is amazing. The skaters are all motivated and talented. I want to put myself out there as much as possible so that my community can thrive and skateboarding will remain in our city for generations to come.

Photographers Credits: Tyler Hodge/ Madison Snyder







I've been skateboarding for two years and it's been a very strong ambition of mine right off the bat. I would like to go pro some day but that's far in the future but not too far (hopefully). My Instagram is i_like_bees_69 my phone number is 250-293-6184 and my email is keenanbronswyk@gmail.com please reach out if you would like to talk about anything skateboard related

such as contests sponsorships competitions or even trick tips. I love the sport and plan on doing it until my legs don't work and even then I'll figure out a way. I would like to start a board and apparel company in the far future. Keep skating everyone!
Photographers Credits: Michael Wilkinson Joey Besignano and Noah Vandergulik Devon Harrison







I've been skateboarding for 18 plus years now and I've never had a problem with skateboarding. It became part of my life and it was there through some of my hardest times in life. I also love how it can either be independent or social depending on how you feel and how you want

it to be. There's so much joy in being a skateboarder. I'll skate until I'm physically unable to. Until than always remember to live, love, laugh, and skate.

Photographers Credits: Myself





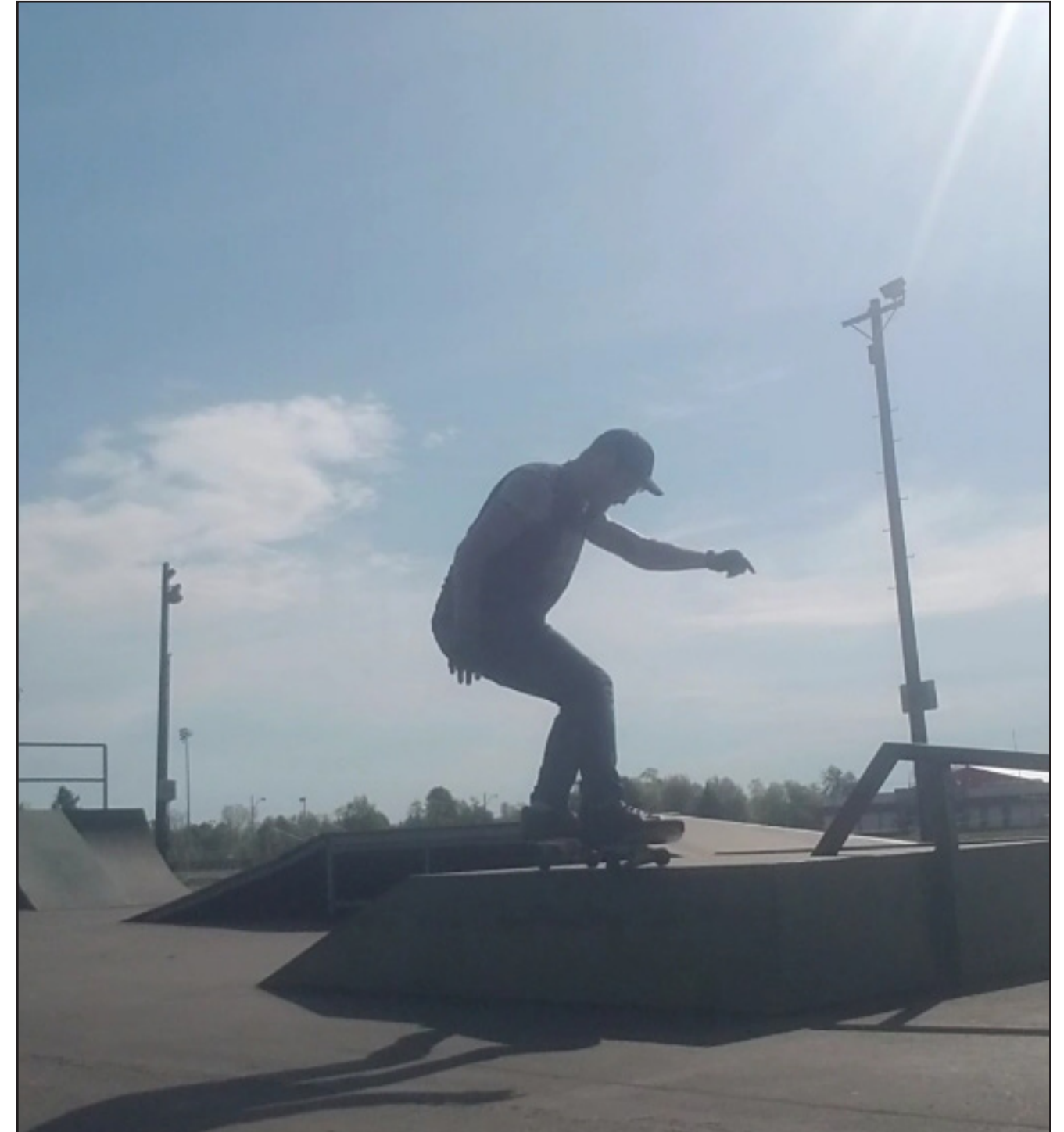


I'm a 46 year old life long skater. Never stopped and never will. I've been sponsored and competed for many years. Now I'm a tad older I still have the same passion for skating. I recently started a non profit to help communities and families in every aspect of skating. From holding workshops to teaching to filling their pantry etc. I will always support the culture that has given me a lifetime of creative happiness. My goals in the future are to see more parks get built and to see as many people on a board as possible. Right now

I'm currently in the middle of a huge charity donation for our local children's hospital. People from all over the world have donated. I currently have about 40 completes and all the safety gear(helmets and pads donated by pro tech) I also give away product daily to younger kids that I can tell need a bit of help. No matter what achievements or challenges you might face always remember to #spreadthestoke. Photographers Credits: Michael Brent Sanders. Pete Lucia





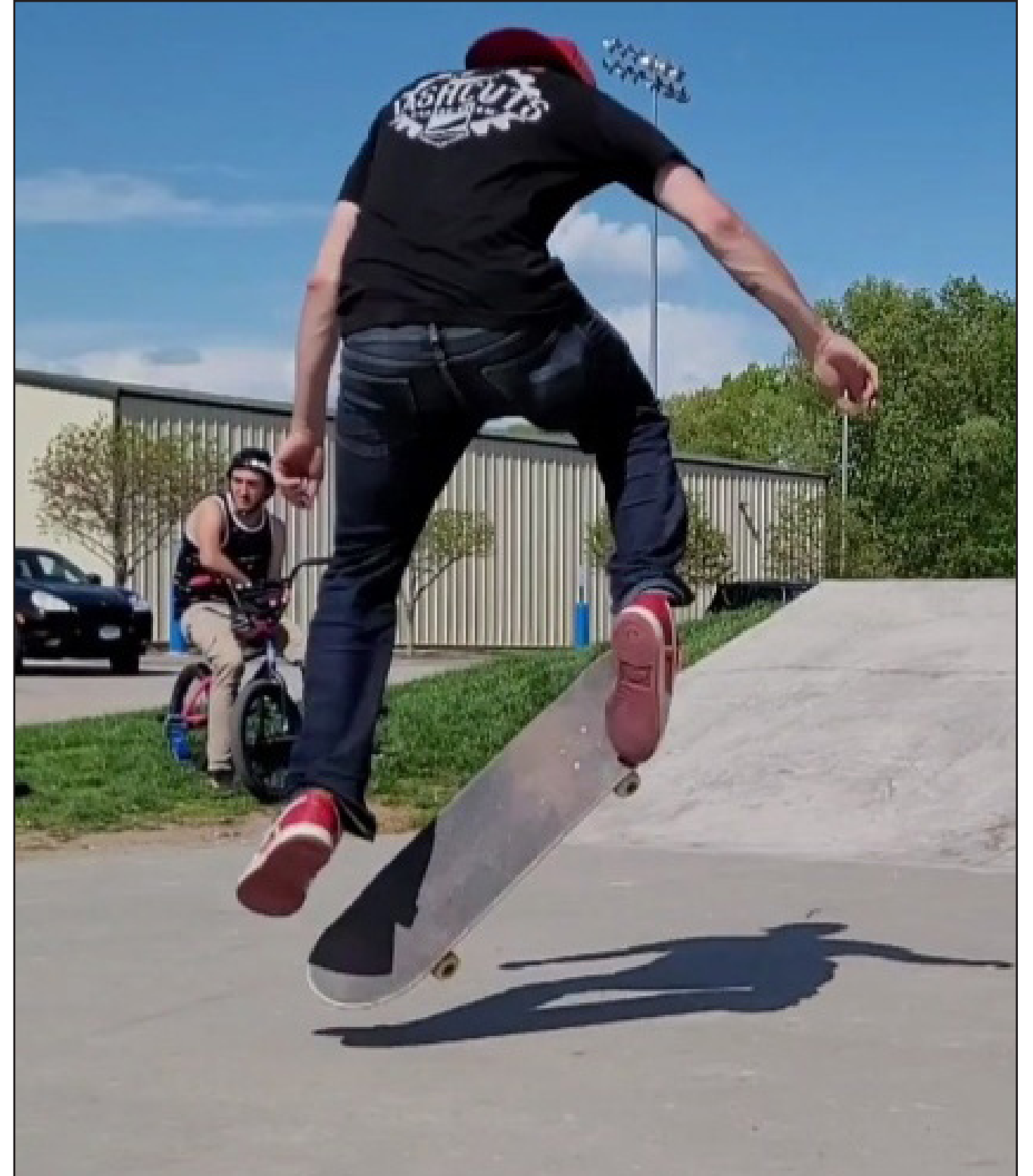


My dreams are to be the greatest I can be at skateboarding and staying in shape as much as I can. ...so I can achieve anything the world throughs at me...



Well wassup guys, I'm Max. I grew up in a rough life. Drifted from place to place. I work wit my best friend during the day, but at night I live the skater boi life. Whether than be a smoke sesh or partying to skating everything. I am married to the love of my life. I'm pretty involved with the skating community. I plan to actually open my own indoor skate park. But yea, dats me.
Photographers Credits: Myself

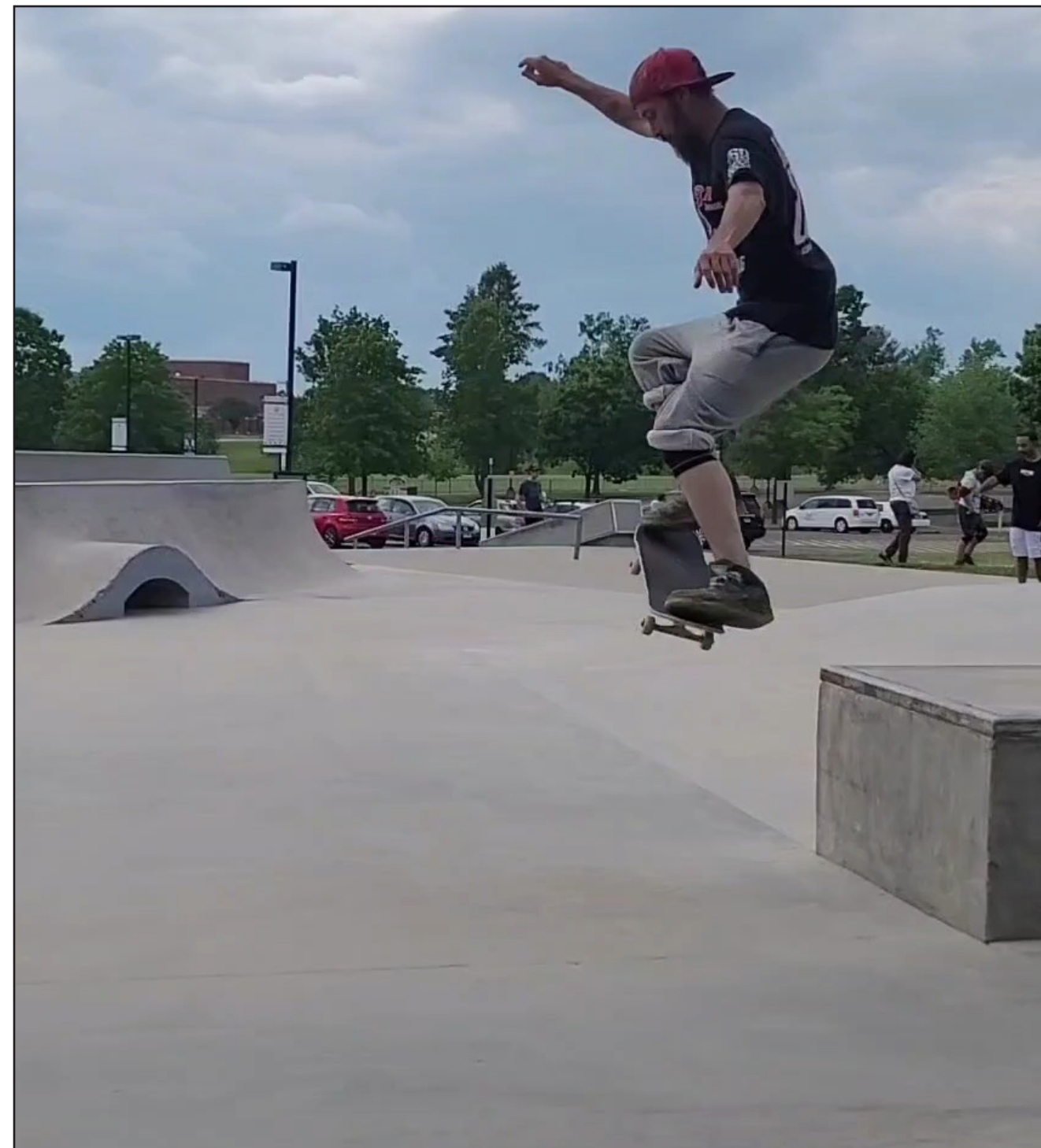




Tom Arietti

I'm currently 33 from Connecticut. Took a long time off and regained my passion during our not so good times over the last year or so. I started to really try at age 13 and it was honestly my escape from the real world as i truly needed something like that during those years. I was never the best or the guy who had all the tricks I wanted but I always felt I had a solid amount of tricks that were locked in and I was ok with that. I skated up to my early 20s and i just lost touch with the sport

unfortunately. I recently brushed off the cobwebs and got back on my grind! To make it better, my daughter wants to learn and I am currently getting her into the sport and she absolutely loves it. The smile on her face when she's enjoying the sport that I have been passionate about most of my life, is better than any personal achievement, goals and dreams combined. I will say that I have an entirely different outlook on my progression and plan to be far better than I ever was,

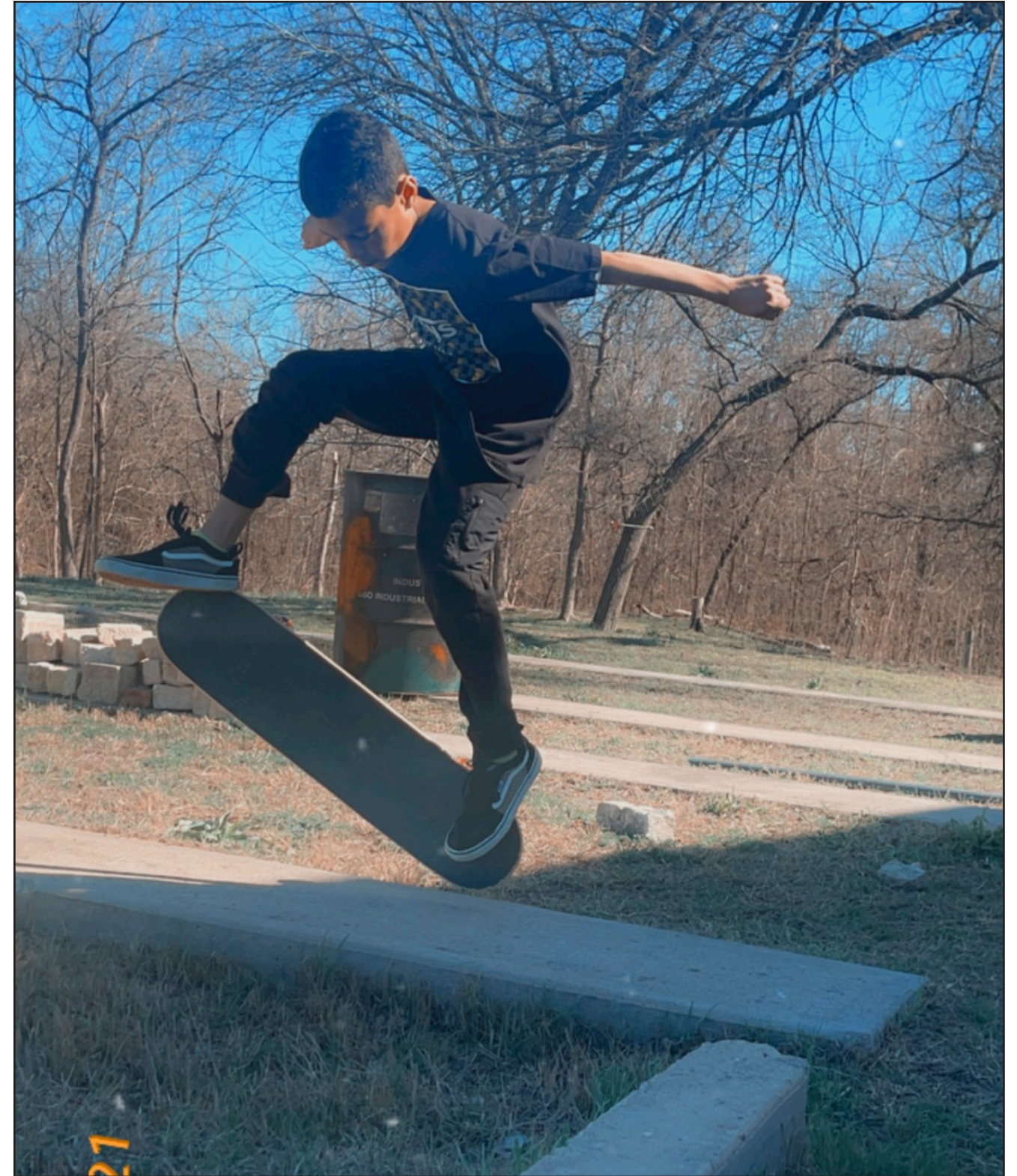


am I am already to that point with just a couple of hard months back on the board! And a goal for me is to keep helping out at my local skateparks and giving helpful tips to beginners and show that anyone can do it at any age if you put the time in and just enjoy yourself! Photographers Credits: Tom Arietti



My name is Wyatt and I am 11 years old soon to be 12. I live outside of Austin Texas and I love to skate. I collect skateboards and finger boards. My goals is to keep skateboarding never give up! I want to travel the world

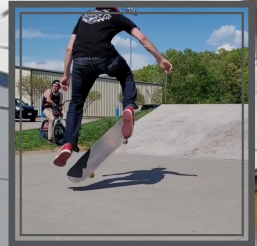
and skate all of the most famous skate parks. I practice as much as I can and my big dream is to go pro one day and travel the world with my sister and two older cousins and shred at the skateparks with my family.







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