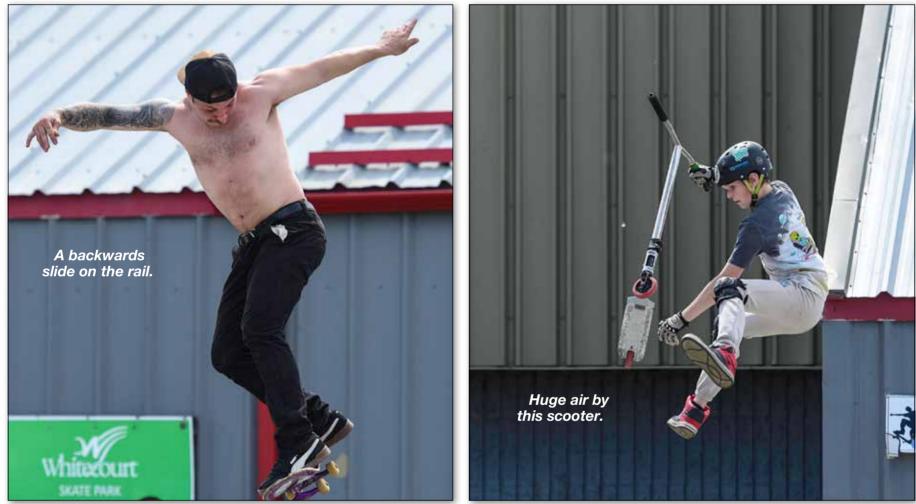
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Pump up the skate jam!



Skate Jam 2024 took place over the weekend under a blazing hot Saturday sun. Youth from the area took part in the fun event which saw newbies and pros mingling at the skate park, showcasing their talents and learning from each other. See story page 3.





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Pump up the Skate Jam!

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By Serena Lapointe

Youth aged eight to seventeen took part in the 3rd Annual Skate Jam at the Whitecourt Skate Park on Saturday, June 22. The Town partnered with the Alberta Action Sports Association and House of Wheels for the event which took place from 1 pm until 4 pm and featured giveaways and prizes for participants and spectators.

Emma Harper, Youth Development Coordinator for the Town of Whitecourt, said having a variety of events in town is important. "The skate park is definitely a place where



you get a different variety of youth that use it. I think it's an important aspect of our community that we want to be able to showcase."

The co-owner/operators of House of Wheels in Edmonton, the Purnell brothers, Aiden and Bevan, have been part of Skate Jam all three years. House of Wheels is an indoor skate park with locations in Edmonton and Calgary. "Our Edmonton location is massive. It's like thirty thousand square feet of indoor riding area which is bigger than what you have outdoors here in Whitecourt," explained Bevan. "We want to be a place for the beginners all the way up to the pros to be able to progress safely and

learn the big scary tricks safely on the airbag and stuff like that."

Since they opened just over five years ago, the brothers have been sharing their love of action sports with various communities, by helping hold events. "We've done this in other towns. The Town of Whitecourt asked us to come out and we said absolutely. It's something we really like to do, getting out to other communities and getting involved and supporting the riding scene. It's been a good time," he added.

Both are also directors of the Alberta Action Sport Association (AASA), which they started last year. The AASA's mission is to promote and run grassroots to pro events for BMX freestyle, scooter, skateboard and roller freestyle (inline), provincially. The association is also developing a world-class rider development program.

Aiden said coming to events like Whitecourt's, is important to helping grow action sports because it's not like other sports in how people get involved in it. "Team sports, like soccer, baseball, hockey, they have levels like peewee or minor and everybody knows that's where you start. But, with action sports, like scooter, skateboard or BMX, it's almost the opposite. Everybody knows about the big guys from the X Games

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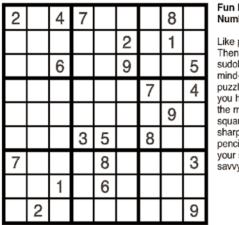
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SUDOKU



Fun By The Numbers Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Volunteer school groups 5. Cash machine 8. Title of various Muslim rulers 12. Indian hand clash cymbals 14. Scarf 15. Easily manageable 16. Cry 18. Financial term 19. Reactive structure in organic chemistry (abbr.) 20. Clean out a riverbed
- 21. Seaport (abbr.)
- 22. English seascape
- painter
- 23. Bring back again
- 26. Subtracted from
- 30. Related on the
- mother's side
- 31. Mooches
- 32. Commotion
- 33. Boer War general 34. Silklike nylon fabric 39. CNN's founder 42. Sarcastic in a bitter way 44. Minute reproductive unit 46. Nourishment 47. Large predatory tropical fish 49. Small, rich sponge cake 50. Drink a small amount 51. Golfer Rodriguez 56. Norse personification of old age 57. Large flightless bird 58. Capsized 59. Convicted American spy 60. Music genre 61. Makes tractors

62. Undergo cell

disintegration

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- 63. Patti Hearst's captors 64 Selfs **CLUES DOWN**
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- 8. Small round hole in a
- leather cloth
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- 10. State of affairs that
- seems deliberately contrary
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- against
- 17. New Hampshire city
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- teeth
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- 28. Denial

institution of higher learning (abbr.) 35. A doctrine 36. Consumed 37. Trent Reznor's band 38. Perform in a movie 40. Schoolhouse implements 41. Mathematical term 42. Man who behaves dishonorably 43. Expression of regret 44. Martens 45. Approval 47. Pleasantly warm 48. The Eurasian hoopoe 49. NBAer Bradley 52. Engineering organization 53. Horsefly 54. Type of sandwich 55. A day in the middle of the month

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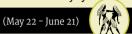
ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

It will be difficult to ignore an urge to snoop in someone else's business, Aries. If that person wanted to confide in you, he or she would have already, so it's best to stay out of things.



Taurus, aspire to grow more comfortable with the important people in your life, as you are going to be seeing them more often. Perhaps start planning outings you all can enjoy.

GEMINI



Gemini, put in as much effort as you can muster this week so that you can stay on top of all of your chores. This will free up time later in the week for some R&R.



LEO

Cancer, you deserve to enjoy yourself at a function without any guilt. However, a nagging worry about your workplace will not leave your mind. Try to ignore it.



Leo, rest is just what the doctor would advise for you this week, particularly if you have been under the weather. Curl up on the couch and binge on some television shows.



Keep your eye on the ball, Virgo; otherwise, you may lose track of things that need to get done. If it helps, use a notetaking app or set reminders so you can check things off the list.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23)

Libra, this could be a rather lucrative week for you if you act quickly. When someone gives you a tip on how to earn a few extra bucks, it is something you have to get done right away.

SCORPIO (October 24 – November 22)

This is the perfect week to pamper yourself, Scorpio. Everyone may have a different idea of what that involves, but it could be a picnic for one or an afternoon getting a massage.



Sagittarius, you can take it easy for a few days and slow down in your daily activities. You're quite ahead of the game and can use the down time for something fun.

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(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

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AOUARIUS (January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, it is your turn to prove to others that vou have what it takes to take on more responsibility. It may be a while before a few more jobs come your way.

PISCES

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(February 19 - March 20)

Your desire to do something new is becoming an obsession, Pisces. That means it could be prime time to finally take action. Then you'll be able to move on to other thoughts.



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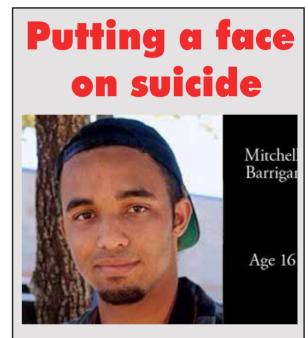
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For further details on any of these opportunities visit www.whitecourt.ca and search the project title.

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Posing with one of the time period characters that roam Fort Edmonton.





Field Trip Fun

Homeschool families from the area travelled to Edmonton on Wednesday for a fun field trip to Fort Edmonton Park. Around a dozen families took part, combining for nearly 30 youth. After a forecast fit more for fall than summer, the sunny sunshine and twenty-degree temps were a pleasant turnaround, giving families a beautiful day to enjoy the many activities and learning experiences at the park. The Whitecourt homeschooling community is a growing group that takes part in various activities throughout the year.



A funny memory for these two siblings.







Taking a ride on the carousel.

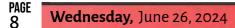


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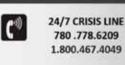
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or the pro athletes, but nobody knows where to start, other than coming to look at their local skate park."

Six House of Wheels-sponsored athletes attended the event along with area youth to help show beginners or those who don't know where to go next, what they can aim for. "We want to put on these events and make sure that the kids know that there is a community here and give them a place to belong and a place to work on their skills and find a little inspiration with some local legends and sponsored athletes, and let them see what the sport can be," said Aiden.

Bevan said seeing younger kids at the event was really nice to see. "Seeing the little kids get into it and have fun and seeing how big their eyes get when the pros do something huge is really sweet. It's also really nice to see the municipalities bringing us out to support. We're super grateful to the town of Whitecourt for putting on the event and supporting the scene. Not all municipalities are doing that so it's awesome to see it."

Harper said having House of Wheels and the Alberta Action Sports Association there for Skate Jam was great, especially the interaction with area vouth. "There are definitely a few kids in our community that have quite a lot of talent and getting to see them show off their stuff is really awesome. Giving them an opportunity to do that, to show what they can do, and also having those more professional riders hanging out with them, together at the same event, is a lot of fun for everyone," she said.

The event featured fun competitions like the silliest trick, longest jump and best trick, with winners getting prizes from the House of Wheels crew. There was also a free barbeque sponsored by Enersync Solutions and a nearby porta-potty sponsored by Environmental 360. Numerous prizes from the Town of Whitecourt and Enersync Solutions were given out throughout the afternoon too.

"Just watching the guys that have obviously spent a long time practicing and are really passionate about it do their thing on the skate park, is pretty amazing. Coming down as a spectator and watching is pretty fun for this event," said Harper.

Anyone who showed up without the right gear to participate, as helmets were mandatory, could even borrow

something and give it a whirl. Harper had helmets, loaned from BGC (Boys and Girls Club) and a couple of skateboards and a scooter, courtesy of the Town. "This event is made to be really inclusive and be a fun day that anyone could come to so if you for some reason don't have the equipment that you need or you don't have a helmet we have it here so that you can use it and still be able to participate."

Harper said safety was paramount. "I think helmet safety is extremely important especially when you're doing tricks and stuff on something like a skate park where it's all cement. Kids are also probably trying some tricks for the first time or doing some new techniques that are, frankly, a little bit dangerous and concussions are a big thing these days. We all know how serious that can be so, helmets go a long way to helping protect against that."

She added that they couldn't have asked for a better day. "The weather worked out great for us this year. It's a great day to be outside. I hope this event is here to stay. We want to promote the use of the skate park and people having fun on it in a positive way, and I think this does that."

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The 2024 Fog Duckers are getting ready to swing into playoff season! This smiley bunch will be joining their fellow Whitecourt Slo Pitch teams and players starting on Tuesday, June 25 as the post-season begins. The tournament will be a double knockout with two divisions for round-robin action. Following the playoffs, the league will be doing drop-in-nights every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm. Those interested in playing must join the Whitecourt Slo-Pitch Association Facebook page.



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- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition of supplies and materials
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- May perform the same duties as workers supervised

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 - Assist clients/guests with special needs Co-ordinate, assign and review work
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- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
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	Mix of sun and clouds	Light rain	Rain	Mainly sunny	Mainly sunny
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Low	11°C	10°C	9°C	8°C	11°C
Wind	E 13 km/h	E 9 km/h	NW 21 km/h	NW 18 km/h	W 13 km/h
24-Hr Rain / Snow	5-10mm	5mm	~15mm	-	-

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Woodlands County Council recap

Woodlands County Council discussed the following items at their recent meeting of Council:

Sgt. Dallas Choma, with Lac Ste. Anne County, provided an enforcement services update in Woodlands County. During Q1 2024, 73 tickets and 17 warnings were issued, and peace officers responded to 15 incidents. Woodlands County continues to contract Lac Ste. Anne County for municipal enforcement services.

reading to Bylaws 617-24 and 618-24, borrowing bylaws for West and East Mountain Road Resurfacing, respectively. Both projects were carried over to

2024 and a borrowing bylaw must be passed to fund the projects. The proposed bylaws are available on the Woodlands County CivicWeb Portal in the June 19 Council Meeting agenda package. Woodlands County ratepayers are welcome to make comments on the bylaws before they are passed and feedback can be directed to the Director, Corporate Services, before end of business day, Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

Council gave first Council gave first reading to Bylaw 616/24 - Land Use Amendment Application 2024LUA01 Bylaw 616/24 and a public hearing is scheduled for 9:45 am. July 17, 2024. at the Woodlands County Whitecourt Council Chambers. The amendment would rezone the parcel on PT W 1-62-6-W5M, Plan 1084KS Block 7 Lots 5 and 6 in Fort Assiniboine from Public/Institutional to Hamlet Residential.

Council approved a pilot project to identify local Woodlands County businesses and their products. Local businesses can apply with 10 businesses being selected and provided "Woodlands County Local Vendor" signs and graphics to use at markets, events and advertising. Information can be obtained by contacting Woodlands County's Economic Development Officer.

Township Road 584 Road Construction project, to connect Range Road 120 and Range Road 121, was carried forward to the 2026 budget to ensure engineering is completed and avoid conflicts with the BF78525 bridge construction project in the same area in 2025.

Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Regular Council Wednesday, July 17, 9:30 am
- Regular Council -Wednesday, August 14, 9:30 am

Meetings are held in-person at the Municipal Office in Whitecourt and streamed on the Woodlands County YouTube channel. Agenda packages are available on the Woodlands County CivicWeb Portal.





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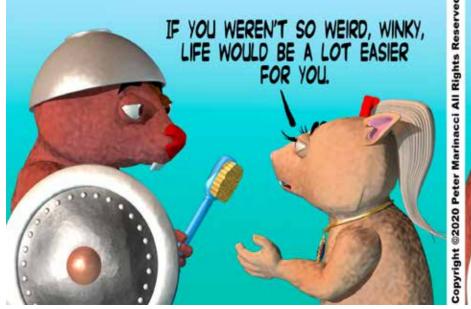
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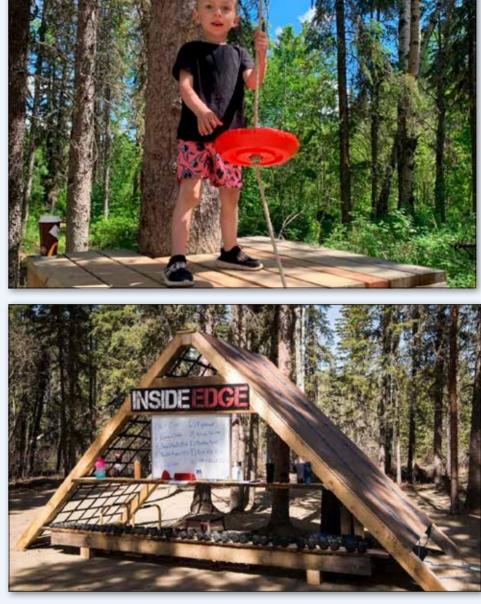


Fitness Forest



Sloane and Jameson Vandezande were all smiles as they enjoyed the zipline at Inside Edge Training's Fitness Forest. Fitness Forest is an outdoor training gym designed with weights, obstacles, running loops, monkey bars, zip lines, and more. It provides a great full-body workout for all ages, aimed at improving strength and endurance.

For registration information and to explore other offerings at this one-of-a-kind gym, people are encouraged to check out Inside Edge Training's Facebook page.



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The Press has started a new Facebook page

After losing our page due to Canada's online news act, we have decided to start fresh.

On June 19, fifth graders from Central School spent a day at Camp Warwa, engaging in team-building activities and reconnecting with their friends from Pat Hardy Elementary School. They also challenged themselves with exciting new experiences. Joining them was Mr. Turcotte, the principal of Percy Baxter School, who aimed to build relationships with the students as they prepare to transition to middle school next year.

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"It's about doing something special for the kids"

The Press

Parent group puts on unforgettable prom event for graduating Hilltop class

By Serena Lapointe

A small group of parents with children graduating from Hilltop High School this year decided to create a magical experience by putting on a prom event their experience to be. fit for Hollywood. Held on Saturday night at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, Prom Hall instead," she said. 2024 was a labour of love for a dedicated group of moms who of Hollywood Prom wanted their graduating kids to have an experience similar to theirs.

"A lot of us that decided to join the committee were grads from the 80s and 90s who had the opportunity to have the full experience at our graduation. We were able to have supper with our families and the prom dance after. We noticed that there's just ceremonies full of speeches now and then you have to go your separate ways monton but couldn't with your family and try to figure out supper," explained Maria Delvecchio, President/ Chair of the Whitecourt pened to have a com-Prom Committee for Hilltop.

"So, what we wanted to do for our kids is give them the prom experience. We really wanted it to be like

the Hollywood movies so that when they are watching those movies and they see those prom scenes with everyone in the gymnasium, that's what we wanted However, without the support of the school, we did it at St. Joseph's

The event took a year to plan. Once the theme was chosen, the group researching started proms that followed that theme. Delvecchio said they wanted large decorations, like massive Golden Globe statues, big movie props, an archway and backdrops for the young adults to pose in front of. Unfortunately, none of the companies they found that made those props shipped to Canada.

"I tried to look in Edfind anything either," said Delvecchio. "One day I was looking on Facebook and we happany in Whitecourt, named Partycles, that does prop decorations. I had a meeting with them, showed them



One big happy group.



Some of the parent committee volunteers.



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Valerie Winger at 780-706-1858 Email: wctpress@telus.net







A fancy arrival for this friend group.

Grad parents of Hilltop students stepped up in a big way over the weekend, holding a prom event for their graduating kids. The event featured a red carpet, paparazzi, elaborate props and backdrops for group pictures, lots of prizes, snacks and dancing until the clock struck twelve.

Money Matters

One Canadian Dollar = 0.72 US Dollar at an exchange rate of 0.7298 (using nominal rate).



Dollar Values as of June 26, 2024

Letter to the Editor policy

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some specs and our ideas and he said that he could make it for us. And sure enough, he did!"

She said discovering a local company was exciting for several reasons. "You want to keep your business in your own community, so this couldn't have been better." She said it also helped stretch their budget since they no longer had to budget for US dollars to ship something in.

As the planning continued. Delvecchio said the community stepped up big time with cash donations and draw items. "We had fantastic sponsorship. We ended up with ten thousand dollars in cash from our community. Tonight, we have fourteen draw prizes and two grand draw prizes with a value of over \$6,000." The two

big draw prizes were packages. One package featured a big-screen TV, furniture and a popcorn maker and the other was a laptop bundle, perfect for anyone heading off to post-secondary.

"It takes a team to do this, and it definitely took a team," said Delvecchio. "When the committee first met. there were eleven volunteers at the table. We ended up with a core six, and those six were amazing. They put in as much effort as possible to make this event happen. Everyone worked really hard to get this organized and get it off the ground and running and I think for six people, we did a lot of work and I think it came together really well." Delvecchio said a group of parent chaperones also helped keep the event safe.

The committee sold 116 tickets, with a few

tickets being sold at the door. Delvecchio said they were thrilled with the turnout. "It's my understanding that there are 153 grads and we got 78 so that's more than half. We are pleased with that. We were hoping for 125 guests, and we're only like ten shy of that." ress

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Amy Spink, Media

Coordinator for the

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because we know that

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are likely on people's

feeds, and then not be

able to experience it

Delvecchio said the event is extra special because her daughter is her only child. "This is it for me. I wanted to give her the prom that I had. We're excited to be able to do this for all of them. We are emotional that we can do this for our kids." She said she hopes parents from the new crop of grade twelve students starting in the fall step forward. "We hope people come forward so this can happen for next year's graduating class. It was work, but it wasn't hard. It just took time. If you've got the time and the pas-



"I can make your hands clap!"



Treats fit for Hollywood.

sion, and you want your children to have a prom experience, please step Spink, who used to

Spink, who used to teach grade 6/7/8 classes at Percy Baxter, said she was proud of the kids. "I remember most of them, and to see them now is just amazing. I couldn't be prouder." She said she gives full kudos to Delvecchio for getting the ball rolling and leading the way. "She has really been diligent in setting everything up and keeping it organized."

Spink also thanked the community for rallying around the kids. "We couldn't have done this without the community sponsors and donations. It shows that this is a community event, and we are really thankful to have had so many people step up and be involved in whatever way they could be."

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To the next crop of parents, Spink said they should jump on board. "We all know we love our kids so much and we just want them to experience every possible experience, and this is just another way that we can do that. It's about giving them something special." Great job, parents!



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Behind the scenes of the red carpet.





