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Atchison Family Donates Land for Benedictine Expansion

(KAIR) -- A prominent Atchison family has donated land to Benedictine College.

James and Pat Asher have donated more than seven acres of land adjacent to Benedictine College's Larry Wilcox Stadium, allowing the college to expand to the north.

According to college officials, the property could become a new baseball/softball stadium that will carry the family's name.

Groundbreaking for the Asher Sports Complex could come as early as May of this year, with leveling of the land the first step.

Additional fundraising will be necessary to complete the construction.

The block on which the Asher home is located will continue to be a residential neighborhood as originally developed.

Although the couple will no longer see farmland to the east of their home, they have been assured the land will be maintained and developed appropriately.

Plans for the complex are still being formulated.

Jim Asher, a retired Atchison hospital administrator and his wife, Pat, a retired Benedictine College employee, sent all seven of their children to Benedictine College.

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