

Atchison skatepark grand opening planned Saturday

(KAIR)--Atchison's new skatepark is set to open, with the first phase of the projected three-phase project to be viewed, and utilized, beginning Saturday.

The 4,500 square foot skatepark is constructed on former greenspace inside Atchison's Reisner Park, and built to commemorate the legacy of late Atchison skateboarder Joshua Kinsman, who died in 2018 at the age of 17.

Seeing the skate park built became the goal of Kinsman's mother, Pam, who took the idea to the City of Atchison months after her son's death, eventually leading to a cooperative effort between the City and the Skate High With Hope-the Joshua Kinsman Foundation, named in honor of Joshua. "It's very emotional and very exciting for us," Cline told MSC News. "We're just excited to see kids get excited about it and see them [using the skatepark]."

Saturday's grand opening celebration is planned from 11:00 until 2:00, at the park, where the skatepark will be unveiled, and a special appearance by the River Rat Skate Team planned.

Music, a bounce house, and food are all planned as part of Saturday's ceremony, with JW's Boys Barbecue to be on hand, with 100% of their food sales that day earmarked to assist the future, next phase of the park.

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