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County park dedication Sunday

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The formal dedication of the new Ross County Park on Egypt Pike will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Adelphi band will perform before and during the ceremony. Members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will provide a color guard and participate in a flag raising ceremony.

The first softball game to be played on the new park diamond, between the Giovanni's Pizza and Queen Builders teams, will follow the dedication.

One diamond for softball and baseball, complete with bleachers and press box, has been finished, and a second diamond is under construction. Restrooms and water facilities are available, and work is underway on outdoor cooking and picnic facilities. Campsites, hiking and nature trails also will be provided, and plans are being prepared to develop tennis courts.

The 78-acre park site was acquired from the federal government as surplus federal land. It is located about four miles north of the Unioto Schools on Egypt Pike.

The county has established a policy of making the ball diamonds available for reservation on a first come, first served basis. There is no charge for the use of the diamonds. Ed Charney, county parks coordinator, is responsible for scheduling.

Much of the work in preparing the park has been done by county employees hired with funds provided under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

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