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ditional recreation opportunities in Union County for residents and visitors. The project far exceeded Commissioner Paris' expectations.

"There was a time where that road was full of potholes and trees had grown over into it," he said. "I knew

they had been working but didn't have any idea that it would look that good. But I see this as another quality of life issue. This is another way to enjoy the outdoors in Union County, which is what a large part of our population comes here for. It's especially going

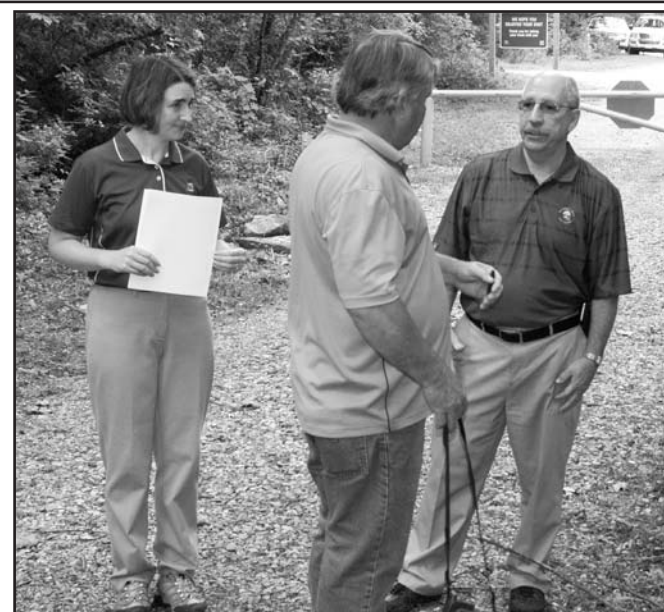
to help those on this end of the county who have a little bit longer drive to Meeks Park. I look at this as just another way to improve recreation in the county."

In a statement released last week, the TVA said, "as stewards of the Tennessee

River Valley, the TVA strives to protect, enhance and improve 293,000 acres of public lands and 11,000 miles of shoreline to achieve the greatest public benefit by working with valued partners, such as Union County."

After getting his first look at the scenic terrain north of Nottely Dam in three years, Commissioner Paris assured TVA Project Leader Kemmy Garrett that the county, with the help of a crew from the Colwell Detention Center, would immediately begin clearing the underbrush and would have the recreation site open to the public in under a month.

"We're aiming for 30 days or less," Commissioner Paris said. "I'm big into recreation and I don't think you can ever have too much of it whether it's for the adults or the kids. We've had an asset like this in our county that for years we were unable to show off and now all of a sudden we will be able to. This is an opportunity where you can canoe



Rebecca Hayden Morgan and Kemmy Garrett of the TVA prepare to provide Commissioner Paris with a tour of the site Photo/Todd Forrest

for six miles and that's a big deal."

TVA's Eastern Region Manager of Natural Resources Rebecca Hayden Morgan provided a word of caution for those using the river in the future. "With the site's proximity to the dam, the river waters are subject to rise at any moment so pay close attention

to the river levels when using the area," she said.

Traveling north from Blairsville on Highway 19/129 to Nottely Dam Road/Highway 325, the site is on the right just before crossing the dam, approximately two miles from the red light at the intersection of the Murphy Hwy and Nottely Dam Rd.

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Detectives talked with the cleaning company at the residence as they noticed that the house had been cleared of all material items, Sgt. Osborn said.

"They cleaned the place out," Sgt. Osborn said. "The cleaning folks described the vehicle that they saw leave the residence."

Thirty minutes later, detectives were stopping a vehicle with a female driver, Sgt. Osborn said.

"We arrested Mary Margaret Wimbish, the driver of the vehicle," Sgt. Osborn said. "Later, we arrested a Matthew Ronald Forrester at his place of work."

Information recovered during the investigation revealed the property from the vacation home burglary was in a storage unit. All items were recovered, Sgt. Osborn said.

"We executed a search warrant, recovered stolen items, and returned the items recovered from the storage unit to the rightful owners," he said. "This case has solved three burglaries. Additional charges are pending."

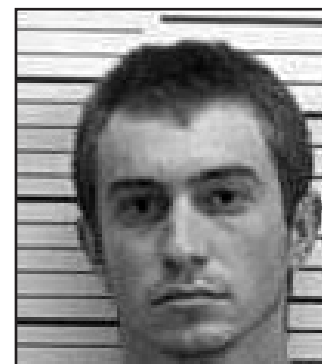
Wimbish faces charges of first-degree burglary, second-degree burglary and possession of a controlled substance, jail records show.

Forrester faces charges of two counts first-degree bur-



Mary Wimbish

glary, second-degree burglary, and possession of a controlled substance.



Matthew Forrester

Both remain in the Union County Jail, jail records show.

Get out the Primary runoff vote



The Republican Party of Union County would like to remind everyone that early voting in the Primary runoff election of July 22 began yesterday. Early voting will continue Monday through Friday (except July 4) at the Union County Courthouse during normal business hours through Friday, July 18.

If you did not vote in the May 20 primary and are a registered voter, you are still eligible to vote in this runoff election. You can vote by requesting an absentee ballot or during the early voting period or on Election Day, July 22, at the polls. While the Union County turnout in May was above the state average it was still less than 20 percent of the registered voters and some are predicting less than 10 percent in the runoff.

Your vote counts more than ever, so make your voice heard by casting your vote for the candidates of your choice.

The Union County Republican runoff races are the U.S. Senate between U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston and businessman David Perdue; the Georgia School Superintendent contest between Mike Buck and Richard Wood and Union County School Board District 5 seat between Amber Pruitt and Patrick White. There are no Democrat runoff races in the BOE race.

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