

A Glimpse into The History of Fairfield Glade

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How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life? The rabbit is always jumping up and down but it lives for only 2 years and the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years.



Who is John Conrad?



- Raised in Newton-le-Willows, between Manchester and Liverpool in England.
 - *William Huskisson September 15, 1830*
- Graduated in 1973 an Electrical Engineer, Leeds University, England
- 10 years for Marconi Radar Ltd – worked in Abu Dhabi, Malaysia and Jordan
- Left England with my wife and moved to Buffalo, NY, (1984) before moving on to Boston, MA, and Tampa, FL. (Spent less than half my life in UK)
- 28 years with Textron (Bell Aerospace Textron and Textron Systems)
- Quickly moved into Engineering Management and worked as a Program Manager on many Defense Contracts
- Retired to Fairfield Glade 12 years ago, with my wife Carol
- Became “The Trails Guy” and the “Tours Guy”
- **I am NOT a Historian !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



He is a modest little man who has a good deal to be modest about.



Ancient History

“borrowed” from Tom Martin’s Book “Fairfield Glade History (1986)

- **Thomas "Big Foot" Spencer one of the first settlers in 1778**
- **Local wagon trails became the famous Walton Stage Road in 1801**
- **Militia escorted travelers, passing through Crab Orchard in those early days**
- **Became Cumberland County in 1856 with Crab Orchard the largest community but Crossville selected as the capital due to its central location**
- **“Older residents enjoy recalling that Crossville had hogs rooting in its muddy streets long after the Crab Orchard was a thriving operation”**
- **The Tennessee Central Railroad was built around 1900**



The “Old” Courthouse
built in 1905

Half the people you know are below average.

Peavine Cemetery

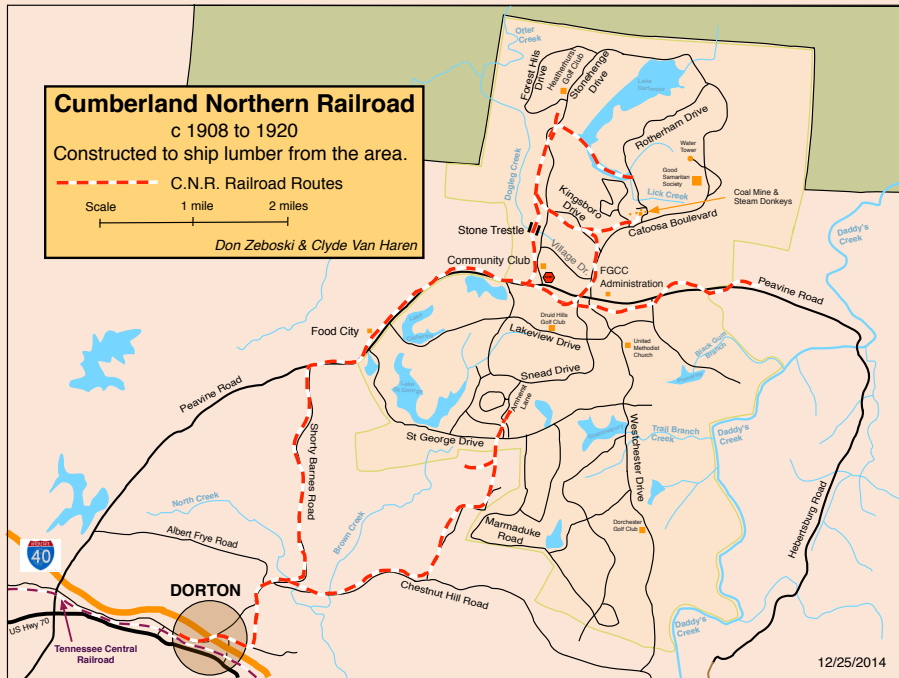


Located at Forest View Drive at Pamala Lane



Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.

The Fairfield Glade Railroad



Logging and coal mines

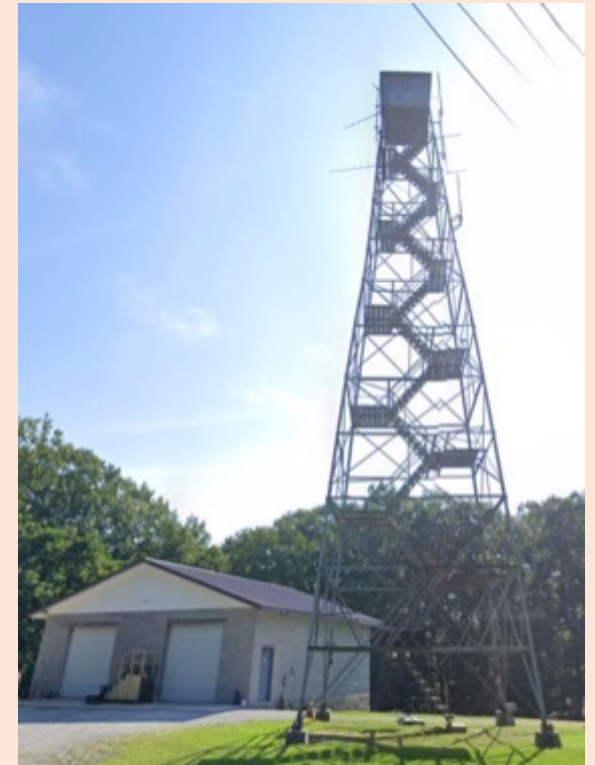


Stonehenge Pond

Never tell people how to do things.
Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

Fire Towers

Location:
Cappshire Road at Beechwood Drive



Peavine Fire Tower

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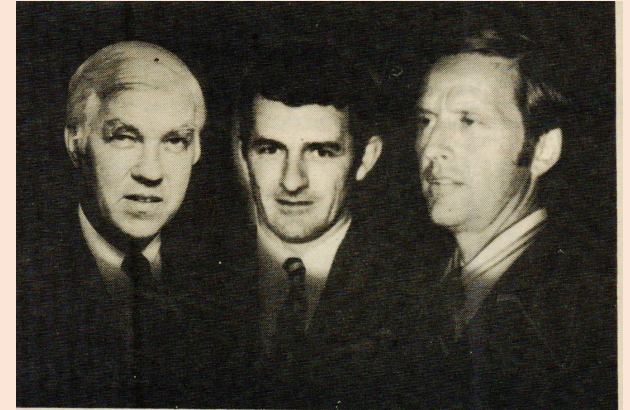
The Start of Fairfield Glade

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RE: History of Fairfield Name

Neal Simonson and George (Jake) Jacobus were original "founders" of Fairfield Communities. They had been friends since grade school and were partners in a construction company at Fort Smith, Arkansas when they purchased the land surrounding Greers Ferry Lake in Arkansas (now known as Fairfield Bay) in 1966.

According to Allene Meadors (Mr. Jacobus's administrative assistant of more than 23 years), "we had everybody in the world sending in names for Jake and Neal's new company". On one occasion when Neal had returned home to New Jersey for a visit, he made a call to Jake from a telephone booth in Fairfield, New Jersey (now you know the rest of the story).



The Founders: C. Randolph Warner, Neil Simonson, George Jacobus

Peavine Road was built in 1955
12,000 acres purchased in 1969
Increased in later years to 20,000 acres

Fairfield Bay, Akansas



Fairfield Communities



Fairfield Glade

There is no such thing as bad weather, only a poor choice of clothing.

The start of it all in 1970

- **1970**
 - Sales Center built
 - Sassafras Restaurant (Bull & Bear)
 - 98 modular homes installed
- **1971**
 - First nine holes of Druid Hills
 - St. George Marina
 - Total modular homes installed = 231
- **1972**
 - Second nine holes of Druid Hills
 - Druid Hills Country Club with pool
 - Total modular homes Installed = 366
 - Wilshire Heights Condominiums
 - Canterbury Dam
 - City water extended to Fairfield Glade
- **1973**
 - Lakeshore Terrace Condominiums
 - Civic Center
 - First grocery store
 - Canterbury Dam
- **1974**
 - Pomeroy Dam
 - Horse corral built
- **1975**
 - Fire and Security Building
 - Lake Forest Townhomes started
- **1976**
 - Sherwood Dam
 - Lake Forest Townhomes
 - New Tennis Center & Pro Shop
- **1977**
 - Malvern Dam
 - Lodge built (100 rooms)
 - Convention Center started
- **1978**
 - Convention Center completed
 - First nine holes of Dorchester
 - Country Club Villas started
 - Oxford Dam
- **1979**
 - Glastowbury Dam
 - Woodland Townhomes
 - Second nine holes at Dorchester
 - Country Club Villas
 - New St. George Marina
- **1980**
 - Village Green Shopping Center
 - Dorchester Pro Shop
 - Sterling Forest Timeshares

We all admire the wisdom of people who come to us for advice.

Viewing Platform

- Built in the 1970's to show prospective purchases the beautiful views from their future homes



Location:

132 Hathaway Drive near the intersection with Chamberlain Drive
(Right next to the power lines)

Pictures taken in 2015

Worrying works! More than 90 percent of the things I worry about never happen!

....it continued in the 1980's

- **1981**
 - Kensington Woods Timeshares
 - Kirkstone Dam
- **1982**
 - Kensington Woods Timeshare
 - Druid Hills Expansion & Renovations
 - Stonehenge Golf Course started
- **1983**
 - Second nine holes of Druid Hills
 - Druid Hills Country Club with pool
- **1984**
 - Lakeshore Terrace Condominiums
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 - New St Francis Catholic sanctuary
 - New St. George Marina
- **1992**
 - Village Green Shopping Center
 - Dorchester Pro Shop
 - Sterling Forest Timeshares

You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother.

Wyndham History Wall



A slice of history in the Wyndham
Check-in Building that opened in 2013

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

....it continued in the 1990's

- **1993**

- Four miles of water lines installed
- Two miles of sewer lines installed

- **1994**

- Village Drive - Oak Knoll to Fairfield Blvd completed
- Four-lane section of Catoosa Blvd completed
- Renovated Tennis Center

- **1995**

- Started site work at new Dartmoor Marina

- **1996**

- Stonehenge Block 1 developed for home sales
- St. George Marina Pavilion built
- Dorchester Pro-shop remodeled

- **1997**

- Druid Hills Country Club remodeled
- Brompton Court Townhomes started
- Utility District begins installing gas lines

- **1998**

- Paved walking paths along Peavine Road
- Fishing pier at Spring Lake completed
- Walking path paved along Kingsboro Drive .
- Westchester Room and Lobby at Druid Hills

- **1999**

- Final plat for Stonehenge Villas project approved
- Druid Hills Pro-shop remodeled
- Village Dr from Fairfield Blvd and Catoosa Blvd completed
- Laurel Ridge Timeshare completed

- **2000**

- Fourth nine holes at Heatherhurst opens

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

....and on in the 2000's

- **2001**
 - Front nine improvements at Druid Hills Golf Course
 - Front nine improvements at Dorchester Golf Course
 - Course improvements at Heatherhurst Golf Course
- **2002**
 - Fireside Room at Druid Hills Country Club renovated
 - Further improvements at Heatherhurst Golf Course
 - Further improvements at Druid Hills Golf Course
- **2003**
 - CMC Wellness Complex completed
- **2004**
 - Construction of Nottingham Villas Timeshares
 - Construction on Glastowbury Pointe Townhomes
- **2005**
 - Back Nine Irrigation System installed at DruidHills Golf Course
- **2006**
 - Construction of both North & South Fire Stations
 - Expansion of Walking Trails
 - Construction of Heatherhurst Townhomes
- **2007**
 - Acquired Stonehenge Golf Course
- **2008**
 - Grand Opening Community & Conference Center
- **2013**
 - New Windham Check-in Building opened
- **2017**
 - Peavine Road widening construction started
 - New outdoor pickleball courts opened
- **2018**
 - Purchased building on Peavine Road for Police Department
- **2021**
 - Peavine Road Widening complete

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to this society. The optimist invents the airplane
the pessimist the parachute.

Major Milestones: Lakes & Dams

No information on St George (125 acres),
St Catherine(38 acres) and Spring Lake(11 acres)

- 1971 St George Marina opened
- 1973 Canterbury Dam – 47 acres
- 1974 Pomeroy Dam – 25 acres
- 1976 Sherwood Dam – 21 acres
- 1977 Malvern Dam – 13 acres
- 1978 Oxford Dam – 5 acres
- 1979 Glastowbury Dam – 46 acres
- 1979 St George Marina opened
- 1981 Kirstone Dam – 21 acres
- 1984 Dartmoor Dam – 201 acres & 88ft deep
- 1992 Dartmoor Marina opened



If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Major Milestones: Golf Courses

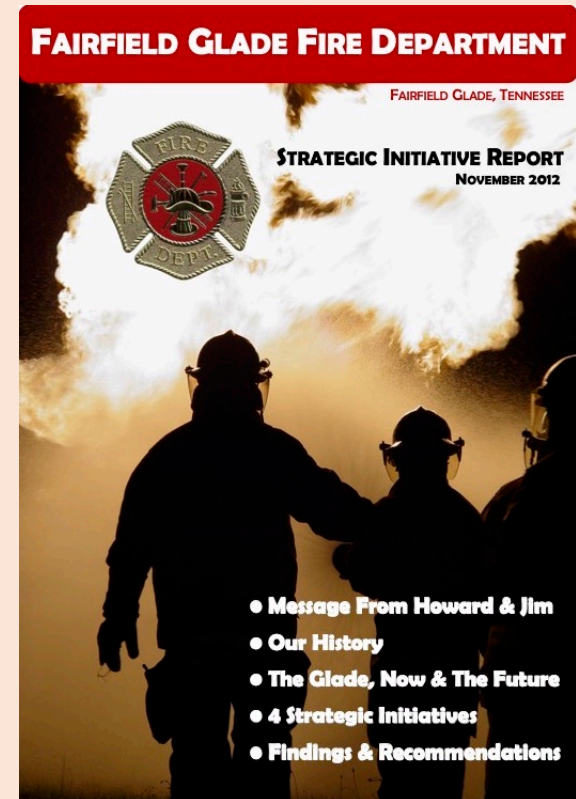
- 1972 Druid Hills Golf Course Opened
- 1972 Legends restaurant opened at Druid Hills
- 1979 Dorchester Golf Course Opened
- 1984 Privately Owned Stonehenge 18-hole Golf Course opened
- 1985 Stonehenge Restaurant opened
- 1987 First nine holes at Heatherhurst
- 1988 Second nine holes at Heatherhurst
- 1990 Third nine holes at Heatherhurst
- 2000 Fourth nine holes at Heatherhurst
- 2007 Community Club Purchased Stonehenge Golf Club



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Fire Department

- The Fairfield Glade Fire Department was formed in 1974
- By early 1976, the fire and security building was completed, a 750 gallon fire engine had been acquired and the roster of volunteers numbered 25.
- Fairfield Glade Fire Department, Strategic Initiative Report, November 2012



The primary job of the manager is not to empower but to remove obstacles.

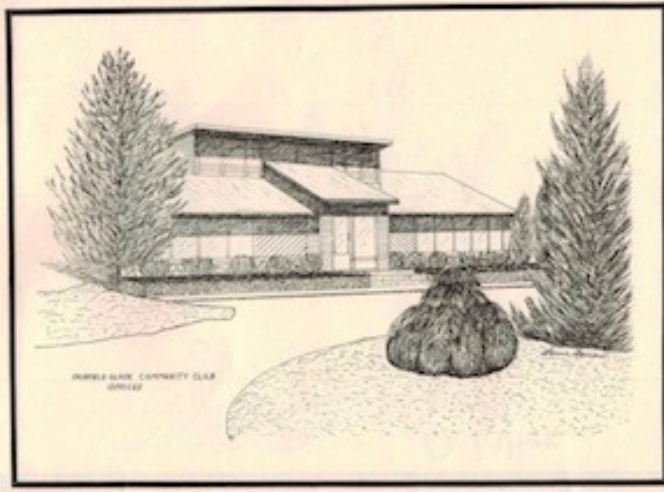
Police Department

- Public Safety Department created in the 1970s or 1980s
- New Baptist Church broke ground in June 2011
- Chief Williams took office in June of 2015
- The Fairfield Glade Police Department was formed in January 2017
- Moved into new building on Peavine Road 2018(?)
- A staff of 15 sworn officers, 3 civilian staff and 7 volunteer auxiliary
- Chief Kate Self took office in May of 2022



The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good.

The Community Club



The Administration Building,
sketched in 1994



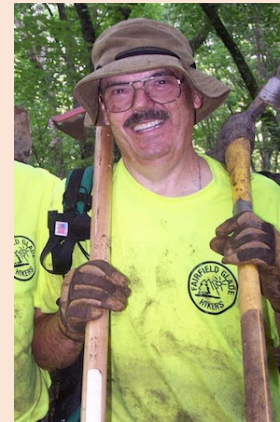
The Center Building, opened
in 2008

50th anniversary in 2020

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

Hiking Trails

- **1970s**
 - Central Paved Trail
 - Original Overlook Trail
 - Tunnel Under Peavine Road
- **2012**
 - Trails Committee Formed
 - Opened McGinnis, Overlook, Thornhill, Kirkstone & Sculpture Trails
 - First Hit the Trails Festival
- **2013**
 - Opened Library, Good Samaritan, Stonehenge, Rotherham and Canyon Trails
- **2015**
 - Opened Seven Bridges Trail
 - First Hiking Marathon



Following the path of least resistance is what makes both men and rivers crooked.

Wildwood Stables



1980 Stables opened
1985 Stables burned down
1986 New stables constructed

The Magnificent Sycamore

- In 1864, Hugh Center, son of Thomas Center, planted a small sycamore tree which he harvested from the shore along Daddy's Creek
- On October 5, 2012, the sycamore tree received its official declaration as a Historical and Legendary tree in the state of Tennessee.
- The sycamore tree measures 96 ft. high, 165 ft. crown spread and the trunk is 16 ft. around.



Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people.

Art Guild

- Because of the distance to Crossville-Peavine Road was winding and treacherous-they decided to start their own art guild here at the Glade.
- The Fairfield Glade Fine Arts Guild was officially born and named October 12, 1978 at its first organizational meeting.
- The Fine arts Guild moved into its “new building” on Wilshire Heights in September of 1982 and promptly held its first Art Show.
- 1982 The Art Guild became an official non-profit organization.
- 1994 with membership over 80, the Art Guild had all but outgrown its facility and voted to hold further meetings at the Multi-Purpose Building.
- 2008 Plateau Creative Arts Center opened for business in their current building



Do Something. If it works, do more of it. If it doesn't, do something else.

Thank You for Listening

My history website: <https://time2meet.com/history>

Do it wrong quickly....so you you have more time to fix it.