



Nature Trail Incident

As you may have heard, one of our neighbors, Mary Elder, was in an accident a few days ago. The incident took place on the Nature Trail at Glassy Mountain.

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Dear Fellow Mountain Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our emergency response team for a difficult rescue. Trust me, I know, since I was the person rescued. It started out in late morning with a friend, two dogs and myself taking a hike on the Nature Trail. I hadn't been on that trail for 10 years but I remember it as challenging but doable. Over half way into our hike I slipped on a rock and fell. While I was going down, I felt a snap in my foot. End of hike. We called the front gate and 911. About one hour later our path was flooded with Glassy Firemen and EMTs from Landrum and Greenville Paramedics. The EMT's immediately responded to me, starting an IV and administering pain medication. They were so concerned that I was comfortable. Meanwhile the other responders were trying to figure out how to get me out. After deciding on a plan, they gently put me in a bright yellow looking canoe with handles, strapped me in and said let's get this burrito going. Then the work started.

Eight men carried me down to the trailhead. It took them approximately 2 hours to get me out. They carried me, pushed me and worked so hard to get me down safely. I was immediately put in an ambulance and taken to a Greenville Hospital ED.

The point of this story is to let you all know what fabulous emergency assistance we have at our calling. The Glassy Fire Department, Landrum Unit 48, and Greenville Paramedics were tremendous. I also want to extend a special thank you to our own Firemen, Ron Messer, Gary Gaige, and Mark Smith.

Please remember this little story the next time you are asked to financially support our Fire District. I know I will. And if you run into our Firemen please acknowledge their outstanding work.

With warm regards,

Mary K. Elder

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