Cliffs sale raises funds for fire district

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A rummage sale sponsored by residents of The Cliffs Communities raised more than $20,000 for the Glassy Mountain Fire Department.

Cliffs of Glassy and Cliffs Valley homeowners donated items and organized and ran the sale, according to Glassy Mountain Fire Chief Bryan Riebe.

They also made many of the homemade goods that were sold in a bake sale and added $690 to the funds raised, he said.

This is the eighth year Cliffs residents have supported the northern Greenville County fire district with a rummage sale.

Since the fundraising activities began, Riebe said the district has been able to upgrade its fire stations and equipment "to allow us to provide better public safety for our community."

The Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area was established in 1987. It covers nearly 60 square miles with a population of 2,500 residents.

The district gets its funding through tax assessments, grants and fundraising.

Riebe said the department is "very gratified" by the community's support for the fundraiser.

"Tax dollars can only take us so far and the ongoing economic times continue to impact the fire department through significantly increased costs of utilities, fuel, maintenance, etc," he said.

"Many folks don't realize how important fundraising for the fire department is to the district."