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Army on July 20th, 1967. Following basic training, Ruud was trained as a helicopter mechanic.

Seven years later, Ruud became a maintenance inspector and Platoon Sergeant.

He concluded his military career as a First Sergeant, 12th Calvary Regiment, at Fort Polk, LA.

Ruud's stateside assignments included Fort Lewis, WA, Fort Eustis, VA, Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Polk, LA.

His tour came to an end on July 31st, 1987. All told, Ruud served his country for 20 years and 11 days.

During that tour, Ruud was awarded the Bronze Star, Army Commenda-

tion Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Battle Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development with 3 Device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon,

Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Senior Aircraft Crewman's Badge.

Quilts of Valor promotes the message of **Honor**, that **Freedom is not Free**, and **Comfort**, to let veterans know that their quilt is stitched with love, prayers and healing thoughts of home and family.

God Bless America!

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last three years we have been able to supply them with more than \$1,500 to support animals until they find their "forever" homes.

"We appreciate our partnership with the Mountain Shelter," Paris said.

The event puts an emphasis on recycling and document destruction, Paris said.

"At this event we will take televisions for a \$10 fee," he said. "This is what it costs to recycle televisions due to the high amount of mercury in the



Lamar Paris

glass. Document destruction also will be provided at this event."

Other items accepted free of charge include personal

computers, laptops, modems floppy/disk drives, printers, UPS batteries, CD-Roms, Fax machines, cell phones, circuit boards, copiers, phones, PC power supplies, stereos/VCR/CD-players, scanners, keyboards, typewriters, microwaves, mouse/mice test equipment, cabling, computer monitors, and networking equipment.

"To help us make your drive through quick and easy so you can enjoy your weekend, please remove all cabling

from your devices and place them in a bag," Paris said.

Items not accepted include console/projection televisions, car batteries, washer/dryers, toaster ovens, freezers, vacuum cleaners, dehumidifiers, blenders, humidifiers, gas-powered tools, household trash, refrigerators, tires, mixers, battery-powered tools, and ovens.

"We want to thank everyone who takes part in this special event," Paris said.

Community donates school supplies



Union County students with donated school supplies

The students of Union County Schools are very fortunate to have a community that cares about meeting the need for all students to have access to school supplies that will allow them to be successful in school. This year, as in years past, the community has been very generous in donating school supplies, hygiene items, and monetary donations to help ease the financial burden on families. The supplies are stored in the Union County Family Connection office and are available throughout the year for any student in need. The Union County Primary, Elementary, Middle and High School, as well as Mountain Education Charter High School, the Alternative Education Program and Woody Gap

Schools have access to the supplies. Teachers are also able to save the money they have been spending out of their own pocket for classroom supplies.

Family Connection would like to thank the following for their generous support of our students: Walmart of Blairsville, the Goldwing Riders Chapter J Motorcycle Group, Bi-Lo, First Baptist Church of Blairsville, First Methodist Church of Blairsville, Liberty Baptist Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Shady Grove Church, Cornerstone Thrift Store and Coosa Methodist Church.

If you have a student in need of supplies, please contact the Family Connection Office at 706-745-9615 for assistance. 8(Oct27)CA

UCHS Class of 1955 reunion

Union County High School Class of 1955 – will hold their 58th High School Reunion, Saturday, October 19, 2013. The reunion will be held at Steve's Cookie Jar. All classmates and friends are invited. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. We will eat around 5 p.m. You may order from the menu or eat from the buf-

fet. You will be responsible for payment at the restaurant.

You may contact anyone on the reunion committee: Rose Marie Terry 706-745-4268; Bennie Joe Nichols 706-745-2797; Mary Southern 706-745-6790 or Maxine Jones 706-781-1310. Please let us know if you will be attending.