

BARN DANCE

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adding that an anonymous donor has agreed to match \$50,000 of proceeds each year of the event for 10 years.

The group is planning a night of dancing with the Crooked Pine Band from Brevard, and well-known caller Joe Sam Queen. A barbecue dinner from On The Side will be served, and the Junior Appalachian Musicians of Blue

Ridge will perform.

People who have never line danced or square danced shouldn't be intimidated, Shawler said. The group is hosting free dance classes at the library to help folks prepare for the event. The final class, scheduled for 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, July 19 at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library, is free and open to the public.

"We're also going to have a silent auction and raffle off a piece of furniture," Shawler said.

A special addition to the silent auction will directly support the school's woodshop classes. Teacher Kenneth Pierson worked all last semester with his freshmen through senior students, as well as a few students earning community service credit, to build a shed that will be auctioned off at the event.

The 12-foot by 16-foot shed is complete with windows and vinyl siding and is worth at least \$3,500, Pierson said. After building costs, the funds

raised from the auction of the shed will go to support Pierson's carpentry classes, which incorporate a combination of math, physics and geometry to help students learn life-long skills.

"These girls and boys worked hard to build a high-quality building," Pierson said. "It's difficult to get district funding for these kinds of projects, and a lot of schools can't undertake something this big because of a lack of funding."

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A promotional poster for a barn dance event. The background is dark with a silhouette of a barn on the left. At the top, there are strings of white lights. A banner across the top reads "BARN DANCE & BAR-B-Q". Below the banner, the date and time are listed: "Saturday, July 22 * 6 - 10 PM". The location is "High Hampton Pavilion". Two names are listed as performers: "★Crooked Pine Band★" and "★Joe Sam Queen, Caller★". Below that, it says "For The Benefit of Blue Ridge School". Ticket information follows: "Tickets \$100 per person Available at Bumpkins' & Chamber of Commerce". At the bottom, it says "For table Reservations & Info Call: 828-743-5481" and "mountainyouthcharities.org". The phrase "Please Join Us" is written in a cursive font on the left side of the barn silhouette.

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