Students dance the night away during Prom 2018

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It’s official – Wildfire Preparedness Day is Saturday, May 5th.

Towns County Sheriff Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw announced a proactive meeting to take place this Tuesday, April 17, regular county meeting.

He was joined by members of the Towns County Fire Awareness Coalition, including Coalition Chair Martha Elliott, as well as County Administrator Chalres Brickhouse, R&CD Council Executive Director Frank Riley.

Wildfire Preparedness Day is a movement that was started to make everyone aware all year round, that there is an all year round preparedness that needs to take place all over the country.

This year, the theme is “Wildfire Preparedness Day – Where Do You Fit In?”

The theme was presented at the beginning of this meeting to give everyone a true idea of what they are getting into.

During the meeting, Commissioner Bradshaw made a proclamation that May 5th is Wildfire Preparedness Day in Towns County.

The proclamation followed by Mayor Downing Declaration of Wildfire Preparedness Day.

The proclamation was reviewed by Mayor Downing and Commissioner Bradshaw.

Local fire departments were then given the opportunity to present their capabilities and resources they have available to prepare the county for any emergency that may occur.

Each fire department was then given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the meeting.

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Towns County Sheriff Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw, along with other members of the Towns County Fire Awareness Coalition, then presented a PowerPoint presentation that was well received by the attendees.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Early voting April 30 through May 18

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Early voting for the May 22 General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election begins Monday, April 30. Every weekday between April 30 and May 18, during the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., registered Towns County voters will be able to vote at the Towns County Board of Elections and Registration office, located at 151 Central Avenue, Hiawassee.

The board office is located in Suite A/B at 161 Lakeview Circle in Hiawassee, and it will be open to voters even during lunchtime. Early voting is one day set aside for voters at the board office, which will be Saturday, May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Macedonia Precinct has changed from the town of Towns County Schools to See Voting Page 6A.