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night, students walked across a wooden bridge under a canopy of twinkle lights and trees to enter the main room.

From there, students had the opportunity to pose for a photo to remember the night before walking through a corridor lined with beautifully draped white fabric, trees and strung lights that led to the dance floor.

“This is our take on ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream,’” said Christa Houser, one of two teacher sponsors for prom. “We wanted to bring the forest here. Our students, we got them together, and they did everything from our logo to decorating the trees. They even went out and cut the trees for

tonight and placed them in concrete.

“The students hand punched the hearts out that line the pathway into the dance hall. So, we had craft time when it came to decorating but we had a lot of fun. All the students really came together to make this possible.”

Jennifer Hogsed, a Spanish teacher at TCHS, was the other teacher sponsor for the event.

The highlight of the evening arrived promptly at 10 p.m., when a special prom couple received the coveted title of the night, Prom King and Queen.

Earlier that evening, all in attendance cast votes to

crown their favorite couple, and the winners of the voting process received cheers and congratulations upon their announcement.

2017 Prom King and Queen were none other than seniors Kobe Denton and Madison Landress, who just so happen to have been named Mr. and Mrs. Towns County High School earlier this year.

While the couple was not necessarily surprised about their grand coronation, they were grateful nonetheless.

“We’ve been together a long time, so we kind of expected it,” said Landress. “We’re thankful that we got this too, though. It’s pretty exciting.”

Denton plans to pursue a career in welding after graduation while Landress will be studying at Young Harris College to one day become an English Teacher.

The music that evening was as eclectic as the floral, two-piece prom dresses that swung across the dance floor. Students sang along to “Footloose,” hit the dance floor for Sia’s “Chandelier,” swayed to Adele classics and danced the night away to countless other tunes.

Halfway through the evening, students held a moment of silence for their beloved classmate, Jacqueline Crisp, who would have graduated

with this year’s class. Crisp passed away suddenly after a tragic accident in the summer of 2015.

Students gathered at the front of the dance floor, listening to one of Crisp’s favorite songs, “Landslide” by the Dixie Chicks, and watched a slideshow of photos of their friend pass across the big screen.

While the students felt the absence of their dear friend, they also danced and laughed in her honor as well, taking the dance floor in style to another of Crisp’s favorites, “Paradise City” by Guns n Roses.

“I think this was a special

prom,” said Houser. “We wanted to get this just right. We wanted to keep the party going but we also wanted to honor the memory of their classmate, Jacqueline Crisp.”

“A group of seniors designed a table for tonight in memory of her as well, so they could have a say. That’s been the goal for tonight, hitting the balance between a celebration and remembering their classmate.”

Although the evening was equal parts somber, as it was lively, each student, juniors and seniors alike walked away with memories that they will never forget.



TCHS juniors and seniors partying down. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



TCHS football players huddling up at prom. Photo/Lowell Nicholson