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ALL BARTLETT CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS EARN RECOGNITION

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Bartlett, Tenn. — Bartlett City Schools (BCS) is celebrating a significant district-wide achievement as all six of its elementary schools have now been recognized as Apple Distinguished Schools, highlighting the innovative teaching, leadership and technology-rich learning environments taking place across the district.

The milestone was reached with the recent recognition of Altruria Elementary School and Oak Elementary School, joining Bartlett Elementary School, Bon Lin Elementary School, Ellendale Elementary School and Rivercrest Elementary School as Apple Distinguished Schools. This brings the total number of schools receiving this distinction to nine out of the 11 schools within the district.

Schools are selected for the Apple Distinguished Schools program based on their commitment to continuous innovation in education and their use of Apple technology to inspire, imagine and impact teaching and learning. Apple describes Apple Distinguished Schools as centers of leadership and educational excellence with a clear vision for how technology-rich environments can support learning goals.

For BCS, the recognition represents more than the use of technology in classrooms. It reflects

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BARTLETT HOSTING FIRST SPECIAL NEEDS TRUNK N TREAT ON SATURDAY

Event at Shadowlawn Park will offer an inclusive Halloween celebration for individuals with special needs and their siblings

BARTLETT, Tenn. — The city of Bartlett Parks and Recreation Department will host its first Special Needs Trunk N Treat from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the new inclusive playground at Shadowlawn Park.

The event is designed for individuals of all ages with special needs and their siblings, offering families an opportunity to celebrate Halloween in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

Organizers are seeking community members and businesses to help make the event a success by hosting decorated vehicles or donating candy, toys and other treats for participants.

Those who host a trunk are asked to decorate their vehicles and provide individually wrapped candy or non-candy items to distribute to attendees. Organizers especially encourage non-candy



items, including small toys, stickers, fidget items and other age-appropriate trinkets.

Businesses and individuals who cannot host a trunk can still contribute by donating individually wrapped candy or non-candy items for backup supplies.

The department said community

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BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER OFFERS TRAVEL, FRIENDSHIP AND DISCOVERY THROUGH GROUP TRIPS

After an eight-day New England adventure, the center is planning a 2027 journey to Mackinac Island, Chicago and Dearborn.

BARTLETT, Tenn. – For members of the Bartlett Senior Center, travel offers more than a chance to see new places. It also provides opportunities to share experiences, explore history and build friendships along the way.

In August, a small group from the center spent eight days exploring New England during the region's colorful fall season, visiting attractions across multiple states and enjoying stops that combined entertainment, history and local culture.

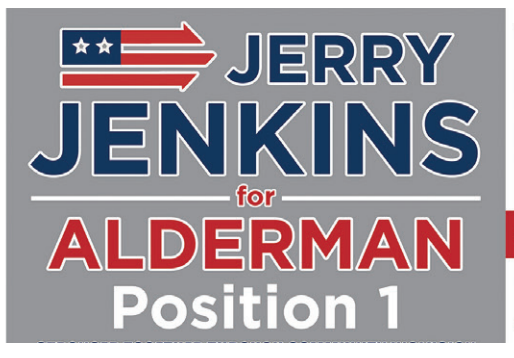
The center organizes trips with smaller groups, allowing partici-

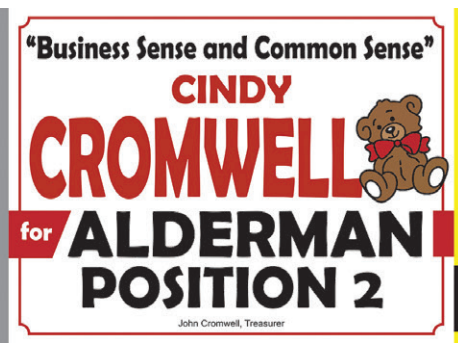


pants to make multiple stops and take part in special guided tours. The approach gives travelers opportunities to explore destinations beyond the typical sightseeing experience while enjoying the company of fellow travelers.

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