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Abigail and Taylor Bennett point to Easter Eggs posted on home windo like a virus on the internet. Photo courtesy of Ashley Lyons.

## Special Easter egg hunt in Norwood goes viral

Something special happened st week in the Norwood neighborhood. Resident Ashley Lyons was lamenting the lack of a group Easter Egg Hunt. She took to the Nextdoor website with a sugges-

day. Just came in catching up on ews. Why would any church hold services, outdoor activities, or gatherings? Why would you risk your congregation safety? I just don't understand# You can have church at home!" she posted.

'Hi, Norwood, I was wondering if anyone would be interested in Posting an Egg in their window for kids to hunt while walking or riding our neighborhood?" she "Next weekend is Easter Week

end and with everyone having to stay at home while staying safe I thought this would give parents and kids something to do. We have so many wonderful neighbors out walking their pets and with kids it would be fun," Lyons continued in the post she titled "Egg Hunt - Norwood with Social Distancing."

The idea caught on quickly and Lyons heard from Lou-Ann Rodgers, Bryan Thomas and Ronda Crawford of Cumberland Estates and Margie McKee of West Haven Village. Nancy Coven of

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Alana Phillips of Norwood decorated her front window with Eas-ter Egg pictures so children walking by can spot them. Many other residents did the same and the idea caught on.

## **BOE maintains** business as usual in digital

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

es in our nation due to the pan demic, the members of the Knox County Board of Education held their meeting electronically on April 8. Following Gov. Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 16, which was issued on March 20, the BOE is required to meet openly and transparently while taking measures to protect the health of each citizen and government official.

Chairperson Susan Horn ran the regular session as usual although it took the form of a virtual gallery of faces of the super-intendent, board members, and KCS staff

After a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairperson Horn relayed the state BOE will meet Thurs-day, April 9, to address student credits, grades, attendance, and matters which are affecting edu-cators directly. Once the Know County BOE receives the state information from this meeting. it will be relayed to the county

accordingly.

Thanks to all those watching tremendous efforts are being made to meet the physical needs of our students through programs as our food distribution plan and ... our KCS@ home program," said Horn. She explained that paper packets are available for kindergarten through eighth-grade students whose homes lack a computer

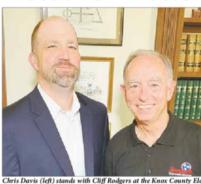
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## Davis selected as next **Election Executive Director**

"We're going to follow the law we're the gatekeepers of democ-racy," said Chris Davis on Tuesday after he was selected to replace Cliff Rodgers as the executive director of Knox County Flec-Rodgers will retire effective May 30th. The commission,

together in the small assembly room of the City-County Building unanimously voted to hire Davis. He's been working as deputy director to Rodgers for 12 years and received his boss's hearty endorsement.

"He can do everything I can do and some things I cannot," Rodgers told the board. The some-times outspoken executive director told the board to "replace me with Chris," adding, "I ain't about to change my mind. The brief me meeting was



Chris Davis (left) stands with Cliff Rodgers at the Knox County Election Commission office. Davis has been Rodger's assistant for 12 years and was chosen by Rodgers to replace him after May 30th. The Elec-tion Commission agreed 100 percent. Photo courtesy of Chris Davis.

Prior to coming to the election

streamed on the Knox County commission office Davis was a communications director for the

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## Council postpones creation of Human Resources Department

Possibly the most controver sial matter before the Knox-ville City Council Tuesday was postponed early in the opening minutes of their Zoom regular meeting

Mountain Park Road, asked for the postponement until June. He said a "virtual meeting is not good for this." The council agreed and little discussion was held on the matter Involving Mayor Indya Kincannon's request to amend the city code to create a Department of Human Resources within the executive branch.

Former Civil Service Board member Bill Pittman had warned the mayor and council in a letter that the creation of the new department "remo everything Civil Service does

and places it under the HR Department." He also said that the current Civil Service Board is missing a Knoxville Police

Department representative. He wrote that when he his term ended on the board he expected his position to be filled but neither former Mayor Madeline Roger nor Mayor Kin cannon has named a police department representative

The mayor is trying to create HR department under he direction and remove respon sibilities from Civil Service. He charged that the Mayor would have authority to reclassify any civil service employee into any job title without a civil service process

"It leaves Civil Service doing nothing while still technical ly existing," he wrote, adding, "Every personnel decision will be at the will of the Mayor.

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