

HAWC fundraiser Aug. 7 to feature Sweet Lizzy Project

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Life is “ruff” so relax and enjoy a fundraiser at Park Theater on Aug. 7 to benefit Helping Animals of Warren County.

The special guest band is a Cuban rock group from Havana. Sweet Lizzy Project is known in many parts of the world and continues to grow in popularity. The band was formed in 2013 when lead singer Lisset Diaz, otherwise known as Lizzy, met with the band’s guitarist, Miguel Comas, and collaborated on their songs. When they released their first album in 2015 “Heaven,” other talented musicians joined the band because of the album’s success. In 2017, the band performed on PBS’s “Havana Time Machine” alongside

The Mavericks in Cuba. The lead singer for The Mavericks invited the band to come to Nashville and offered them a recording contract.

Currently, Sweet Lizzy Project is recording an album titled “Technicolor” at Blackbird Studios in Nashville. The album is expected to be released this year.

Helping Animals of Warren County was formed to 2016 with the purpose of uniting people and organizations to better the lives of animals.

It offers low cost spay/neuter vouchers to individuals, works closely with both animal control departments, and animal organizations within the community.

President of HAWC, Hollie Cox, encourages people to attend this exceptional band for new and exciting music

and to help a good cause.

“The more support and donations we get, the more animals and groups we are to help,” said Cox. “I met Lisset Diaz when she came in from Cuba to watch the PBS premier of ‘Havana Time Machine’ at Park Theater. She was so sweet and I got to see samples of their music during their feature on the show.”

Sweet Lizzy played a sold-out show at the first Bluegrass Underground since it has moved to a new cave in Pelham.

“Sweet Lizzy is a new to USA group I think will go far, so please help us sell this show out,” said Cox.

Tickets can be purchased for \$15 using a link located on Park Theater’s website. Music begins at 7 p.m. For more information call Park Theater at 506-2787 or visit HAWC on its Facebook page.



Sweet Lizzy Project hopes to have a purrrrr-fect performance at Park Theater on Aug. 7. The show will benefit Helping Animals of Warren County and tickets are \$15.

Holden and Bricken vie for 47th District House Seat

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In the fight for the 47th District Tennessee House seat, only one of two Republican candidates will advance to the General Election in November.

Rush Bricken and Ronnie Holden recently participated in a *Southern Standard*/WCPI political forum in an effort to share their views with constituents. The 47th District includes about one-third of Warren County and all of Coffee County. Both men are from Tullahoma.

Bricken is a recently retired bank CEO who has spent 22 years on the Coffee County Commission.

“The reason I’m running is because I care about our community,” said Bricken, who was raised by a single mother. “What I’ve always learned is to try to make a

small, positive difference in everything you do and that’s what I’d like to do as your state representative. Good government is limited government, keeping it simple and keeping money in your pocket. We do have a wonderful state and as your representative I will work to keep it that way. I am a fiscal conservative. That’s the way I’m grounded.”

A life-long Tennessee resident who worked in emergency medical transportation for 15 years, Holden is straightforward about his views which echo the current Republican platform.

“I’m pro-life. I’m pro Second Amendment,” said Holden. “Every constitutional right we have, I will fight for it. I favor no new taxes. I support our president on immigration. I care about the people. I am a people person. I hunt. I fish. I care about the farmers



Ronnie Holden, left, and Rush Bricken are Republicans running for the 47th District Tennessee House of Representatives. Only one will advance after Aug. 2 to the state General Election in November.

because I eat vegetables and meat. I’d like to represent everybody with a common-sense approach because that’s all I know.”

When asked if he has any plans which might improve school security, Holden said he believes there should be more guns in schools.

I’d like to see the sheriff’s departments and local police come in and do gun safety. They can teach what to do. I’d like to see that.”

Bricken says he has done research on the school security question by talking to educators and officers.

“I’ve certainly talked to several school principals and law enforcement officials in Coffee County about this issue,” said Bricken. “The protocols of security of each school needs to be understood and restructured for the safety of our children. We can’t make the schools of our state fortresses. The grant dollars, \$33 million, I hope the schools can use for security without making fortresses for our kids.”

When asked one idea he has to make a positive impact on the state, Bricken said he would like to implement programs to keep inmates from reoffending.

“The revolving door of the inmate population is a real concern,” said Bricken. “I’ve been on the Coffee County Commission for 22 years and the budget chairman for the last 12 and the amount of dollars we spend, over \$15,000 per year per inmate, is absolutely ridiculous. That’s your money we’re spending and we have to work to reduce that.”

Holden says his idea for making the state a better place is to crack down on illegal immigration.

“Enforce the laws we have,” said Holden. “I’d like to see something done with illegals being here and that would be one of the top things that would help Tennessee right off the bat. Come legal and we welcome you. But don’t come illegal so we don’t know who you are, or know anything about you.”

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