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WEST SHORE BANK'S RHYTHM & DUNES CONTINUES TRADITION OF SUPPORTING LOCAL BAND PROGRAMS



LUDINGTON, MI - West Shore Bank is proud to announce another successful season of Rhythm & Dunes, its annual summer concert fundraiser, which raised \$23,000 this year to benefit local high school band programs throughout Mason County.

Completing the 14th year, Rhythm & Dunes brings the community together through live music while raising funds to support music education at Ludington Area Schools, Mason County Central, and

Mason County Eastern. Funds are generated through community donations, sponsorships, merchandise sales, and event-related fundraising activities.

Since its inception, Rhythm & Dunes has raised \$182,250 for local school band programs, helping provide instruments, equipment, educational opportunities, and resources that enrich students' musical experiences. Despite less-than-ideal weather and environmental conditions, the support of sponsors, donors, volunteers, and community members remained strong. The continued commitment demonstrated throughout the summer reflects the importance our community places on supporting music education and opportunities for area students.

"Each year, Rhythm & Dunes demonstrates the power of community," said Ray Biggs, President and CEO of West Shore Bank. "Even when weather conditions are not perfect, the generosity and support we receive from our sponsors, volunteers, donors, and community members never wavers. That commitment helps ensure local students have access to valuable music education opportunities for years to come."

West Shore Bank extends its sincere appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that make the event possible, including community donors, event sponsors, volunteers, food vendors, local businesses, municipal partners, and area residents whose support contributes to the fundraiser's success year after year.

For more information about Rhythm & Dunes and West Shore Bank's community involvement efforts, visit:

<https://bit.ly/RhythmAndDunes>.

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