

**“Rachael’s Music by the Bay”**  
**Scholarship Fundraiser Slated for July 11, 3pm,**  
**Bates Landing, Belleisle Bay, Kings Co.**

On July 11, family and friends of the late Rachael Duffley are organizing an afternoon benefit concert, “Rachael’s Music by the Bay”, on Belleisle Bay, adjacent to the Bates ferry landing. It will feature Darren McGinnis, The Cool Chicks & The Ugly Doc-lings and Shanklin Road and raise funds to augment the Rachael Dawn Duffley Memorial Scholarship Fund. Many individuals, community groups and the musicians are donating time, talent, goods and services to the cause. The musical afternoon falls just a year after the tragic accident which claimed the promising young university student and athlete who loved music.

Rachael Dawn Duffley grew up in Kiersteadville, on Belleisle Bay, the oldest daughter of Mark and Lynn Ann (Jennings) Duffley. The High Honours graduate from Belleisle Regional High was frequently recognized for her contributions to the school community though her involvement in sports, student activities, fund-raising events, student council, and tutoring. Rachael’s abilities as a leader and talented athlete won her the admiration of her large extended family, friends and teammates.

St. Francis Xavier University, where she had completed her Freshman year, recognized Rachael’s scholarly success with an entrance scholarship and Award of Merit. Her talent for rugby won her the respect and interest of fans and players. She was a member of the Belleisle Rugby Club, the St. Francis Xavier University Women’s Rugby team, the NB U-19 and Black Caps women’s programs, and the Saint John Trojans.

On July 6, 2008, Rachael’s life was taken away in a tragic car accident. The loss was strongly felt not only but her family, but by her community, local sports associations and the Atlantic Canadian rugby communities. Rachael’s family has established the Rachael Dawn Duffley Memorial Scholarship Fund with the Greater Saint John Community Foundation as a lasting memorial to her commitment to family, youth, education, sport and the Greater Saint John area. Graduates of Belleisle Regional High School, entering post-secondary education institutions and demonstrating academic success, leadership qualities, extracurricular/community/athletic involvement, and financial need are eligible for the scholarship.

Family members were present this June for the first award of \$1,000, which went to Kirby Lynn Morrill, who coincidentally, played rugby with Rachael Duffley. Kirby will be pursuing studies in Science at UNB this fall.

On July 11, 3pm, family and friends are organizing a three hour, outdoor, afternoon benefit concert, “Rachael’s Music by the Bay”, on Belleisle Bay, adjacent to the Bates ferry landing. Tickets are \$15 and available at Easy Kleen Pressure Wash, Sussex, on the Belleisle: Valley View Sales, Bates Landing, in Hampton: Carquest, Ron’s Convenience, Bayview Credit Union; KV: Coles Convenience, Kent; Saint John: Eddy, Dykeman’s Hardware. Organizers are suggesting to bring lawn chairs.

Refreshments will be available.

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