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Fortunate Kate Widmann (front, in blue) along with her aunt, Michelle Donaldson, uncle, Colin Parmelee, and cousin, Ashton Donaldson-Parmelee, are ready to fish at the Lafayette Reservoir Photo Andy Schreck

Local Little Angler Lands First Fish

By Cathy Tyson

With the Lafayette Reservoir stocked with trout and catfish, not only is this gem of Lamorinda a great place to walk and hang out, but also a great place to fish. Unfortunately as many fisher-people know – even with the best of intentions, a favorite fishing pole, and the right kind of bait – sometimes an outing is more about relaxing than actually catching any fish.

On a recent sunny Saturday morning, soon to be second grader at Burton Valley Elementary School, 7-year-old Kate Widmann, hit the jackpot and caught her very first fish at the reservoir. She hauled in a total of two and a half fish – she had a little help with the last one. Her mom Janet Widmann said it was “a fabulous day;” family members in the boat caught a total

of eight “little bitty” fish and released them all. They could see bigger fish swimming around, but Widmann figures they knew better than to nibble.

Kate was out on the reservoir with her aunt, Michelle Donaldson, her uncle, Colin Parmelee, and her cousin, Ashton, who were visiting from San Diego. ... continued on page A12

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Hosts Wanted for National Night Out

By Cathy Tyson



Kids enjoyed investigating this police cruiser at last year's Night Out in Lafayette. Photo Carol Yates

Night Out has been around since 1984 to promote neighborhood camaraderie, crime prevention and emergency preparedness.

While getting ready for a disaster may not be everyone's idea of a good time, when the next earthquake, wildfire or burglary happens, homeowners will be glad they spent some time getting to know their neighbors. The idea is to have a casual get together and to make valuable connections in case of emergency.

Organizers in all three municipalities are calling on neighborhoods to host any type of gathering from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5 – a potluck, happy hour, ice cream social or barbecue – to rub elbows and meet with special guests. Representatives of the police departments, city councils, fire districts, citizen corps councils, and community emergency response teams are making themselves available to pass along best practices and safety information.

The get together is infinitely flexible and can take place in a back yard, a cul de sac, or even a park, but the key component is getting folks to volunteer to spread the word about the event and make arrangements, even if it's BYO snacks and beverages. In years past, one Orinda neighborhood had a bouncy house to entertain little ones while their parents mingled. Lots of support is available for would-be hosts, including materials, flyers and help arranging for guest speakers from among a wide variety of civic and emergency response personnel. ... continued on page A8



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