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## Farmyard Darlings Bring Country Back to Lafayette

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A little bit of country was added to the small town of Lafayette last Thursday morning when 12 cowgirls rode their horses through downtown. The destination? Farmyard Darlings, a local business at 20 Lafayette Circle, and a visit to the Round Up Saloon for some refreshments.

This was a pre-planned March birthday ride for fellow cowgirls Megan Lingberg, a Burton Valley resident, Anne Branagh from Orinda, and JoAnn Gillespie from Briones-based Rawking Horse Ranch, as well as nine other riders.

At one point, Mt. Diablo at Oak Hill traffic was stopped and Lafayette Police Officer Michael Marshall was in attendance to add a little humor by handcuffing and pretending to arrest one of the birthday girls, Lindberg. A Lafayette Parking Enforcement Officer also joked with Lafayette

Cowgirls on a March 3 birthday ride. Photos provided

resident Allison Dent Curletto and pretended to give her a parking ticket while her horse was tied to the meter. One cowgirl even brought her horse into the Round Up.



Lafayette police officer Michael Marshall makes a mock arrest during the festivities.

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