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## Daisies lead council in Pledge of Allegiance



Del Rey Daisies Troop 308111 charmed the Orinda City Council by leading them in the Pledge of Allegiance Feb. 16, along with troop leader Karlene Stern. The Daisies are Girl Scouts in grades K-1. Daisy Alexia Domenech shared with the council that they are working on a journey badge to learn how to take care of pets and animals in the wild.

– S. O'Doherty

Photos provided

## Friends of Moraga Adobe start spring fundraising as they close in on goal

By Sora O'Doherty

The final deadline for the Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe to submit the last payment to J&J Ranch LLC to acquire the county's oldest building is coming up in September, and the friends are embarking on a vigorous fundraising campaign. In addition to seeking sufficient community support to secure the building, the Friends are also looking for funds that will be necessary to outfit and run a cultural center at the Moraga

Adobe. The building is located in Orinda, above Del Rey Elementary School.

The group will be putting up banners and yard signs urging contributions via its website. In addition, there is an ongoing paver program, in which contributors can donate and have a paver inscribed with their information. President of the FJMA, Kent Long, will be giving a talk about the history of the adobe on March 31 as part of the spring fundraising drive. In the past, the Friends have hosted a fundraising annual fandango,

but have not been able to do so during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe is a group of community members from Orinda, Moraga and the surrounding area who are dedicated to preserving the Moraga Adobe and making it accessible to the public as a History and Learning Center. The Friends have agreed, as part of its acquisition of the adobe and its surrounding 2.3 acres, to raise and contribute \$500,000 to the cost of its renovation.

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**With later additions removed, the adobe is back to its original footprint and restoration is proceeding. Temporary supports hold up the roof pending reinstallation of the old pillars.**

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