

Join in the 3rd and 4th of July Celebration in Honor of Danville's Sesquicentennial

"Time flies" goes the old saying. Just think, only 150 years ago our Danville town site was first platted and only 25 years ago the City of San Ramon was incorporated. It all calls for a celebration. What better time for a really big party than the 4th of July.

So mark your calendar in red! On July 3rd the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley will revive Danville's 1958 Centennial *Hay Days* festival. Free ice cream, a children's carnival, a horse show, and the crowning of Miss Pioneer Belle will liven up the Museum parking lot. Meanwhile, over on the Town Green in front of the library, stirring band music and a free barbecue will be served by the Town. Town officials will also introduce **Beverly Lane** and **Laura Grinstead's** new book *Vintage Danville: 150 Years of Memories*.

To connect the two venues the Museum will have an old fashioned hayride circling the town. Forest Home Farms will lend us a tractor to pull the hay wagon. Simultaneously, the new little *Branch Line Railroad* train will offer thrills for the kids with rides in the Downtown. Kiwanis will contribute \$2500 to the Museum so that both rides can be enjoyed for free. Thank you Kiwanis members!

Inside the Museum a special historical exhibit in the Waiting Room called *Glimpses of History* will breathe life into the stories of those early days. Up in the Freight Room model trains return as they do each summer to delight train buffs of every age.

Of course, July 4th has to feature the parade in Danville and fireworks in San Ramon. Watch for more details in the months ahead and plan to come to the party!

By Jerry Warren



The 100th Anniversary Celebration and Parade in Danville in 1958. This is one of the recently discovered pictures featured in *Vintage Danville: 150 Years of Memories*. It was found in the archives of the *Oakland Tribune*.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF *VINTAGE DANVILLE: 150 YEARS OF MEMORIES*

Pre-Orders of *Vintage Danville: 150 Years of Memories* continue at a brisk pace. Although the book will not be released until July, over 150 copies have already been sold. Only 3000 copies will be printed in this first edition.

The Town of Danville and the Museum collaborated to produce this collectible illustrated history to celebrate Danville's Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) this year. All profits from the sale of the book will go to the Museum. *Vintage Danville* was written by Museum Curator **Beverly Lane** and local author **Laura Grinstead**. **Ralph Cozine** and **Victor Georgiou** were instrumental in preparing the pictures and images, along with other technical aspects of the book. It is being published by Donning Press.

The book features a collection of pictures, images, lively stories and events of the past 150 years that capture the spirit of the people and the sense of place shared by our town. Tales of agricultural struggle, the railroad's impact, challenges of war, and suburban growth debates will come alive for readers of all ages.

Local businesses have an opportunity to customize *Vintage Danville* with an insert page recognizing their companies, placed in the front of the books they order, for a nominal charge. It will make an extraordinary keepsake and gift for their staff and clients.

Advance copies of the book may be purchased in the Museum Store or on the Town's web site at www.ci.danville.ca.us

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