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SAXONBURG BOROUGH TO COMMEMORATE 185TH ANNIVERSARY WITH COMMUNITY EVENT AND CELEBRATION

Saxonburg's 185th anniversary celebration will be on Main Street on Saturday, July 15th

SAXONBURG, PA (May 30, 2017) – Saxonburg Borough, located in Butler County, was founded 185 years ago, in 1832 by John A. Roebling who traveled to Saxonburg from Mühlhausen, Germany. Over the past 185 years, Saxonburg has maintained its roots of a proud German town and is renowned for its quaint, small town atmosphere and bustling Main Street shops and friendly community culture. To commemorate this milestone anniversary, Saxonburg is hosting a celebration event on Saturday, July 15th on Main Street in downtown Saxonburg.

The event will kick-off with a morning parade and afternoon street party with live German music to reflect the town's heritage. Food trucks, vendors and other activities are being planned as well as a dinner reception at Saxonburg Museum. Roebling historian and author of *The Roebling Legacy*, Clifford Zink will be the Keynote Speaker and will also be available for book signing. A special church service, held at the historic landmark "little church," built by Roebling at the head of Main Street, will be on Sunday morning, July 16th.

In correlation with the founding of Saxonburg, the event will also celebrate the 175th anniversary of Roebling's U.S. patent for the wire rope. Roebling is known for his invention of the wire cable that was first used to raise canal boats over the Allegheny Mountains. His invention later became most well-known for suspending the Brooklyn Bridge and inspiring the design for the Golden Gate Bridge.

"Everyone is welcomed to visit Saxonburg's iconic Main Street as well as Roebling Park and the Saxonburg Museum," said Fred Caesar, a celebration coordinator and Butler County Tourism and Convention Bureau board member. "Become an honorary 'Saxonburger' and enjoy the celebration and hospitality while following in the footsteps of the Roeblings and others who emigrated from Germany."

To honor the Roebling family, Saxonburg officials have invited Kristian Roebling, the great-great-grandson of John Roebling and his family to attend the event. As part of the "Sister City" relationship initiative with Saxonburg, a delegation from Mühlhausen, Germany will also be in attendance.

For more information and to purchase tickets for the reception and dinner visit www.saxonburgbusiness.org.

ABOUT BUTLER COUNTY

Butler County is located along Interstate 79 in the rolling hills just north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Butler County is filled with gorgeous scenery, recreational activities and more than 200 years of history. It's the perfect place for a weekend getaway with upscale hotels, charming bed and breakfasts and rustic camp sites. Moraine State Park is the centerpiece of the county's outdoor life with more than 15,000 acres offering fishing, boating, biking, hiking and hunting. Go to www.VisitButlerCounty.com for more information.

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