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FAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO HOST LEGO REPLICA

Uniontown, PA – LEGO building bricks are a classic for a reason. A great many children throughout the years have enjoyed flexing their creative muscles by building whatever they can imagine. But LEGO building isn't just for adults, with many enjoying the hobby well into adulthood.

Tim Freshly is one such adult. He began building LEGO creations as a child and has continued, even helping to found a group for adult LEGO enthusiasts, Steel City LUG, in 2012.

"I first started with LEGO as a child back in the 1970s," Freshly said. "I have always loved models and making things. LEGO provided a medium to create whatever I could dream up and, just as important, allows as many revisions and changes as you want to make."

On Saturday, one of the Pittsburgh-area builder's latest creations will be unveiled during the Fayette County leg of the America250 PA kickoff tour. A LEGO replica of the Fayette County Courthouse will grace that very building.

Freshly said he chose to build a LEGO model of the Fayette County Courthouse in part because he likes its architectural style.

"One of my main interests is architecture. Western Pennsylvania has many great architectural buildings from which to draw inspiration," he said. "For a number of years, our LEGO group has done a display at the Fayette County Courthouse at the invitation of 4-H. In 2024, I wanted to build something distinctly Fayette County. So, I looked for pictures of the Fayette County Courthouse and decided to build a model to display at the fair."

Freshly said the model courthouse "took about six weeks to design and build," and he used and estimated 6,000 to 8,000 bricks, though he has not done an exact count. The replica is approximately 30 inches wide, 32 inches high and 25 inches deep.

Freshly has built a number of other well-known buildings – some from real life, and some inspired by television and movies.

"I've built a minifig scale Hogwarts Great Hall (from Harry Potter). I've built 425 Broome Street in New York City, known as the 'Richard Castle House,' as it was used for exterior shots for the show 'Castle,' starring Nathan Fillion," he said. "Locally, I have built the Gulf Building, the K&L Gates Building, the Keenan Building now known as Midtown Towers, and a section of buildings on Liberty Avenue."

The LEGO Fayette County Courthouse will be on display at the real-life courthouse through July 4. It will then be able to be viewed at the Fayette County Fair.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit www.fayettecountypa.org.

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