

26 BUILDING AWARDS



honorable mention

Hoops House Of Basketball

Louisville, KY

Building owner: The Hoops Basketball Academy
Builder: Lichtefeld Inc., Louisville
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Architect/designer: Berry-Prindle Archt. Inc., Louisville
Building manufacturer: Butler Manufacturing Co.
Building size: 90,000 sq. ft.
Project cost (less land): \$4.5 million
End use: Recreational center

Structural or design features: Butler manufactured the Widespan framing system and MR-24 standing seam roof system used in conjunction with tilt-up concrete walls. The facility, which serves as a prototype for possible future franchises, was completed in eight months.

Special interest: This design-build project had to undergo a complete redesign when a different site was selected during the planning process. The new site in a business park required the facility to have the appearance of a multi-tenant office building. That was achieved using faux entrances and spandrel glass that mimic normal windows. The basketball facility contains four high school and two college regulation courts with NBA-quality floors, six skyboxes, seating for 2,000, a fitness center, café, party rooms, and retail areas.

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Outstanding Projects Highlighted In Annual Metal Building Awards

Independence Day isn't the only big event in July—it's also the month for the annual *Metal Construction News* Metal Building Awards! This year's contest entries were outstanding and made judging the projects very difficult. However, we did name five winners and several honorable mentions—they appear beginning on page 10. Take a look and see if you agree with our selections. Complementing our annual Metal Building Awards is the Product Report section focusing on metal building systems. Listings containing product descriptions, photos and contact information start on page 60.

By now school is out for the summer for most students across the U.S. That also means school districts are busy with repairs to their buildings. Metal is a perfect fit for these types of projects and you can see why on page 49, with our Project Focus section featuring schools. And please be sure to take a look at the third installment of the Cool Metal Roofing Forum on page 43.

As loyal readers of *Metal Construction News*, I'm sure you are aware by now of the exciting changes occurring here recently. Well, I'm about to announce a couple more. We happily welcome Kate Gawlik as editor-in-chief and Brad Sipe as regional sales manager. Please say "hello" when you see them out at various events, and give them your thoughts on the magazine.

Krista Hovis
 managing editor

