



Project Spotlight

LYNN & RONDA FIECHTER

Residential Recreation & Entertainment Building • 5,808 Square Feet • Keystone, Indiana



Lynn and Ronda Fiechter wanted more than additional square footage. They wanted a place where family life could stretch out, where grandkids and kids at heart could play hard, and where hosting gatherings could feel easy. They envisioned a warm, welcoming recreation space that fit their property and complemented the look of their home. Lynn brought the capability and desire to take on major portions of the work himself, so Meyer Building stepped in as an expert partner. Shaping the shell and the exterior character helped translate a big family vision into a buildable plan.

The Challenge

This residential project needed to serve multiple roles without feeling like a cold, utilitarian box. The building had to support active recreation, convert quickly for gatherings, and still leave room for practical storage. Lynn wanted to self-perform much of the concrete and the interior work, which required clean coordination and clear responsibility lines while protecting the quality and finishes Meyer Building stands for.

Our Approach

Our team collaboratively worked through the building's placement, proportions, and exterior details early so Lynn could plan the site and foundation work with confidence. We designed two distinct zones for recreation and utility, shaped the entry with a mansard roof accent, planned window layouts for daylight and curb appeal, and coordinated the structural framing for wide-open interior use.

As Lynn handled major self-performed portions, our team stayed flexible and collaborative. We delivered a tight, durable shell with long-term performance details, then set the project up for smooth interior finishing with ceiling nailers and clean framing layouts.

The Outcome

The Fiechters gained a recreation destination that feels like an extension of home life and a gathering space for a large family with dozens of grandchildren. The finished space supports everything from pickup games to large gatherings, and it shifts roles quickly as seasons and needs change. The building looks intentional from the drive, feels warm and inviting inside, and gives the family a long-term space to make memories for decades. Inside, the athletic court area sets up quickly for basketball, volleyball, or pickleball, and the loft creates a second level of hangout space that keeps everyone connected. One corner features padded flooring and walls for a safe wrestling practice area that carries a competitive family tradition forward.

"Lynn and Ronda wanted a space that brought people together, and Lynn also wanted to take on a lot of the work himself. We loved that partnership. We focused on the shell, the structural clarity, and the exterior character so the building looked sharp, performed well, and set him up to finish the interior exactly the way his family imagined it."

Matthew Gerber
Owner, Meyer Building

Construction Techniques

This residential recreation and entertainment building pairs post-frame construction's efficiency with a client-led foundation plan. Lynn poured the concrete slab and footings, and our crew anchored the primary structure with Sturdi-Wall brackets, with Lynn installing Sturdi-Wall Plus brackets at the corners. We built long-term performance into the envelope with 12" vented overhangs, vented soffit, a Univent II ridge cap, and full housewrap behind the steel. At the rear, the 18'x56' lean-to ties into Perma-Columns for durable covered storage.



Coordination and Project Management

The Fiechters' project depended on clear handoffs and strong communication. Lynn self-performed major scopes, and our team aligned framing, layout, and installation details so his work and our work met cleanly. We coordinated door and window installation, aligned responsibilities for owner-installed items, and delivered a shell that supported a smooth path from structure to finished interior.

Project Impact

The Fiechters can now host family and community celebrations with ease, and their property enjoys a versatile destination that supports active recreation and meaningful, fun-filled gatherings. The building adds long-term value because it stays flexible. It can serve as a sports court today, a workshop or storage space tomorrow, and a hosting hub for friends or whenever the family calls everyone home.





PROJECT FEATURES

Size & Layout:

The design pairs a 60'x80'x16' living and recreation area with an additional 18'x56'x11' lean-to for covered storage.

Roof & Ventilation:

A 4.33/12 roof pitch with scissor trusses, 12" vented overhangs, and a Univent II ridge cap keep airflow moving through changing seasons.

Foundation Longevity:

Sturdi-Wall brackets anchor the main building to the slab and footings, with Sturdi-Wall Plus brackets at the corners. The rear lean-to uses Perma-Columns to keep wood out of the ground for long-term durability.

Weather-Ready Shell:

Housewrap behind all steel siding adds a continuous barrier that helps manage moisture and protects the insulated wall system.

Openings:

A 20'x14' insulated steel overhead door supports easy equipment access, along with bronze insulated steel walkdoors and a thermopane window package of five 3040 single-hungs and eight 5020 fixed lites.

Entry Detail:

A 12'x28' porch with a finished ceiling and cedar-wrapped posts creates a welcoming front entry, and two 3'x5' mansards with cedar supports add character to the elevation.

Lean-To Access:

The 18'x56' lean-to includes a 12'x11' overhead door frameout, an insulated steel walkdoor, treated post miters, and a 70"x30" window frameout.

Exterior Accents:

A 4'x4' vented cupola with weathervane and premium base curb crowns the roofline, and 80' of contrasting metal wainscot trim adds a finished break at the base.

Interior Finish Prep:

Insulated sidewalls use 6" fiberglass (R-19) with Visqueen, steel liner, and a T1-I1 and perforated white-liner mix for a crisp look with warmer character and improved sound control. The ceiling finishes in white steel liner with Visqueen and 10" blown insulation (R-38), plus one attic access for maintenance.

Recreation Use:

A multi-sport court layout supports basketball, volleyball, and pickleball, with scissor trusses adding overhead clearance. The loft and padded wrestling corner give the family a second-level hangout and a safe practice zone.

Client-Collaborative Build:

Meyer Building installed windows and walk doors and coordinated a scope that respected hands-on ownership while protecting quality results.