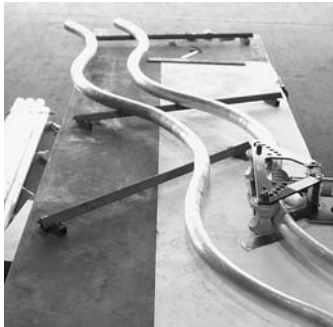


Welding Works Helps to Beautify New Archway on the Road to the West

Welding Works is proud to take part in the construction of the new Great Platte River Road Archway Monument, currently being completed in Kearney, Nebraska. As it crosses over Interstate 80, this 309-foot archway will honor the pioneers who travelled west, 150 years ago, on the Great Platte River Road, whose path the Interstate now follows. The archway will house two levels of interactive exhibits that will trace the history of the route from the Oregon Trail days to the present. Multimedia presentations will make the Wells Fargo Stagecoach and the Pony Express "come alive" for visitors.

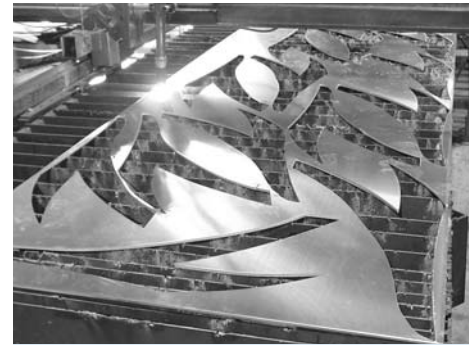


Forming horizontal supports for trellis.

The Great Platte River Road Memorial Foundation commissioned Kent Bloomer, adjunct professor of architectural design at the Yale University School of Architecture, to design the exterior ornamentation for the structure. Bloomer conceived of a metal trellis, which will stretch across the top of the Archway in a braided

wave style, evoking the feeling of the Platte River.

Welding Works has been chosen to fabricate the 14-foot-tall trellis, which will be made of aluminum pipe and plate, supported by grade 50 steel support columns. We will also handle the construction of the sculptures which adorn the towers of the Archway, along with their structural steel and pipe supports. All of the sculptures are to be constructed from aluminum plate.



Plasma cutting of feathers for wings.

The north and south towers of the Archway will be topped by 25-foot-high sets of wings, also designed by Bloomer. Wings were chosen, says Bloomer, "to symbolize movement, transportation and communication." A horse leaps out of the wings on the north tower, representing the Pony Express. Once Welding Works completes the fabrication of the ornamentation, it will be delivered to Nebraska and installed in time for the Grand Opening of the Archway in April, 2000.

See reverse for enlarged detail of Archway Monument.



Our new conference room is only one of the improvements we have made during 1999.

Recapping 1999: A Year for Improvements

Business has been good at Welding Works during the past year, and that has allowed us to make some improvements to our facilities. We have expanded and remodeled our upstairs offices, and we now have a larger conference room, shown at left. Our new larger and more comfortable reception area overlooks the production shop. We have also made space provisions for more office personnel, who will be needed as we continue to grow.

Our Engineering Department has moved into new offices downstairs, and we have added a laser printer for E size drawings. We can now make large one-piece templates for our plasma and flame cutting machines. In addition, we can receive drawings via email. The email address to send **drawings only** is **Price@WeldingWorks.com**.

In Manufacturing, we have increased our crane area by 3,500 square feet, with the addition of two five-ton cranes. This change has enabled us to increase efficiencies of production.

Dave Steele Plays Key Role in Timely Completion of Work



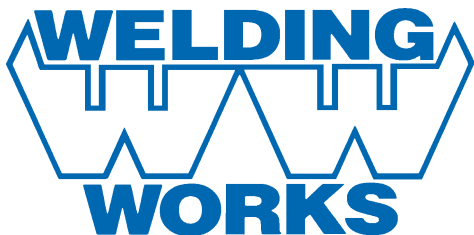
Dave Steele, who has been with Welding Works for seven years, was recently promoted to the position of Manufacturing Engineer. Once you place an order with us, it is Dave's job to coordinate with our President, Price van der Swaagh, to schedule and direct the processing of the work order to ensure that your due date is met.

He is responsible for processing the information necessary to manufacture the fabrication(s) you request. He determines any special requirements of the job and communicates them to Manufacturing, and he and Price also coordinate with that department to determine the most cost-effective way to complete the job. Dave maintains direct and frequent communication with all departments involved in your project, and while it is in progress, he is the person you will deal with for any information on it that you may need.

Dave is the proud father of two children. He enjoys playing golf in what little free time he has.

Looking Ahead to 2000

As the new Millennium begins, we have every reason to believe that business will continue to be good. In 2000, Welding Works will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary. Be sure to look for special Anniversary promotions from us!



Welding Works Meets Tight Schedule for Replacement of Deteriorated Duct

We were recently contacted by Southern Environmental, Inc. of Pensacola, Florida, with a rush project which involved our producing two stack thimbles and one duct elbow. These were to be used in replacing a deteriorated duct at Public Service of New Hampshire's Merrimack Station. These three large fabrications measured a total of 10' x 10' x 30', and their combined weight was 45,500 pounds. We promised delivery within approximately three and one half weeks of the order placement.

Welding Works agreed to provide all the materials and labor required to complete the fabrications, as well as all necessary shop drawings. We even arranged for shipment of the over-width loads to New Hampshire. They arrived several days earlier than we had promised and were actually ready even sooner, but we had to comply with transportation restrictions.

Mik Chambers of Southern Environmental, Inc. said, "We found Welding Works to be very easy to deal with, and they provided us with exceptional service. When we sent one of our representatives to Welding Works to facilitate the project, he was made to feel very welcome and was given a tour of the entire plant."

We at Welding Works are ready to offer every customer the same friendly and speedy service. For a prompt quotation from your specifications, contact Walter Camp.



Welding of 45° flue elbow.



Enlarged detail of Great Platte River Road Archway, showing horse leaping out of wings. (See story on front.)

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