

Specialty Iron Works

When it comes to welding, Specialty Iron Works can just about do it all—rails, stairs, trailers, hitches, racks, fireplace screens, and more.

“Heck, we’ll fix a busted lawn mower handle if you need us to,” says owner Steve Benjamin. “We can build, repair, or modify whatever.”

Steve has loved welding ever since he was a farm kid. While some of the neighbors were taking the winter off, Steve’s father would keep the kids busy out in the fabrication and repair shop. His father was one of the first in the area to have an electric welder, and later, in 1987, he was the third in the state to get his hands on a computerized cutting torch. That year, Steve used this innovative technology to start Specialty Iron Works in Great Falls.

“For the first year, all I did was cut designs out of steel plate in the evenings while working a fulltime job in another fabrication shop,” he says.

Today, Specialty Iron Works’ services are expansive, with an emphasis on fabrication and trailer modification and repair. Technicians are trained to work on trailer wiring, jacks, couplers, hitches, etc.—anything to do with towing.

“We’re towing experts,” says Steve. “We know what’s available on the market. We know what the options are, and



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As for fabrication, Specialty Iron Works has designed everything from window well grates to spiral staircases and even metal plate for a headstone. What the company is probably best-known for is its custom railings—a mainstay of Specialty Iron Works for decades.

"It's one of our trademarks," Steve explains. "It's made of heavier material. Everything's welded instead of being a component system, so it's sturdier than the industry standard. I'm not happy if it's got wiggle to it."

The railing isn't just rigid, it looks great too. From designs that are simple, yet elegant to the complex and ornate, Specialty Iron Works can meet the aesthetic needs of any client.

"Everything we do is custom," says Steve. "We measure it, build it, and install it so that it fits exactly what the customer needs."

Recently, Specialty Iron Works celebrated its 30th year as a business—



three decades of serving central Montana and beyond.

"I'm proud that we've come this far," says Steve.

Specialty Iron Works—like its products—was built to last.

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