

**Wellsville Chamber of Commerce**  
**Chamber Spotlight**  
**Select Steel Fabrication LLC**  
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Our fifth Wellsville Chamber of Commerce Spotlight is Select Steel Fabrication LLC. Select Steel, owned by Bill Thompson and Chase Doherty, is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. They recently built a new facility east of 33 Highway, which has a physical address of 800 Fiber Lane, Wellsville, Kansas.

Select Steel came into existence in 2009, when two small steel fabricators decided to merge operations to allow both businesses to expand and take on more larger jobs. Select Steel recently moved to Wellsville because they outgrew their previous location, and Wellsville had land available to purchase. They were able to build a new facility almost four times the size of their previous building, which has allowed them to expand while currently employing 30 individuals.

Select Steel strives to meet the needs of their customers through workmanship, meeting deadlines, and cost effectiveness. They strive to meet their customers' schedules every time.

Like any business, Select Steel has faced many challenges, but they have also had numerous successes. They are extremely proud of the fact they have been able to grow during difficult economic times such as in 2009 and 2020. No matter the circumstances or the situation, they do everything they can to keep employees working during lean times.

Select Steel's typical day starts at 6:00 am, with 24 of their employees producing the fabricated steel products. These employees are welders, general laborers, machine operators, and shipping and receiving agents. They have six additional office employees who manage sales, project management, and general business operations.

SLC truly values Wellsville, as they appreciate the proximity to I-35 Highway, which allows them easy access to their customers. With Select Steel continuing to thrive, they appreciate the school district continuing to provide vocational technical courses for students to learn trade skills. They would also love to see in the future, an employee base that is trained with welding skills and is ready to begin work post high school.

In the meantime, Select Steel will maintain its goals of continuing sales growth within their business and providing steady employment for their employees.

