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## Iron age

How often does one have a much-loved hobby, then get to turn it into an enjoyable career?

Husband and wife team, **Anna and Nathan Breeden** have done just that. The result - **Breeden Iron Works**.

Anna began working with metal when she was in high school, taking all the shop and welding classes that a small school offered.

Nathan said he began working and experimenting with metal when his father worked for Al Voss about 15 years ago.

"When I was 14, I placed my first piece, a large decorative plant stand with brass accents, in a 4-H competition. Amazingly, it won."

Nathan became the head fabricator for Christopher Voss, 4th Generation Craftsman, where he furthered his knowledge and skills.

Prior to that, Anna and Nathan discovered, shortly after meeting through friends, they would make a good team and could open their own business.

They began with iron fences and handrails, then on to hand-made gates and doors.

"As far as our favorite type of metal work, we enjoy creating modern, sleek home furnishings, such as coffee tables, beds, doors, and other custom work," said Nathan.

"So far, our favorite piece is a multi-level coffee table that sits in our living room. We liked it so much, we decided not to sell it."

Breeden Iron Works also offers drive-



Garden gate - their first piece as Breeden Iron Works

way and garden gates, wine doors, front doors, fences, tables, home décor, balcony handrails, spiral stair cases and window covers. They are in the process of expanding to wooden fences as well.

"Our craftsmanship is of the highest quality and our designs are very unique," said Nathan. "When the Breedens aren't having fun welding, they're hiking to bat caves, scuba diving in Akumal, Mexico, and riding motorcycles."

Breeden Iron Works is currently operating in New Braunfels, but is in the process of opening a new location just south of San Marcos. -rd

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## Naptime at the Fowlers



Tana Fowler with (L-R) Australian Shepherd, miniature horse, and Minpin. Rod Fowler, **Horizon Interior Systems**, was working that day!

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## A funny thing happened on the way to the forum ...



A Texas Luau broke out! The SA Chapter of **National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)** took a road trip to the Region 7 Forum in Corpus Christi Apr. 13-14. **Judy DeWeese** demonstrates the Texas Hula for **Tamie K. Taylor**, the new national president-elect from Alaska. The SA Chapter won the Regional Block Kids award and will now be entered in the national competition. -kf