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The electrical wiring, plumbing and gas lines must be completely replaced before Dirks, his wife Cornelia and sons Peter and Walter, can transform the interior into Friesenhaus Restaurant and Bakery, a traditional German restaurant.

"It is fitting this old place will be run by Germans," Dirks said. "New Braunfels needs us and we need New Braunfels."

When the renovation is complete, the building will house a restaurant, wine bar, bakery shop and meeting room.

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