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Ami Feller works on a customer's roof in New Braunfels on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. MIKALA COMPTON | Herald-Zeitung

## County to mark 175th anniversary

### Resolution to cite Comal County founding in March 1846

By Will Wright  
The Herald-Zeitung

There wasn't a public commemoration of Comal County's 175th birthday, which all but went unnoticed except for the Texas flags placed by Historic Commission members around the downtown courthouse Wednesday morning.

County commissioners will honor the county's founding by approving a proclamation titled "Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Creation of Comal County, Texas," during their weekly meeting on Thursday.

Most county residents have nary a clue to the significance of March 24, 1846.

"It was the day the Texas Legislature created Comal County," Judge Sherman Krause said. "Even though we might be in the middle of a pandemic, and we don't want to have large gatherings that could spread the coronavirus, we don't want to forget that day."

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"We put a resolution on tomorrow's agenda to recognize that date — and remind everybody that although we can't all be together to celebrate it, they should take time to remember all of the things that have gone on in the county over the last 175 years."

Commissioners will again consider a detention services agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice's United States Marshals Service in San Antonio. The measure, delayed from last week, would board some of its offenders in

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# Women's Work

## Trades offer opportunity to an often-overlooked group

By Lisa Dreher  
The Herald-Zeitung

Blue collar trades are often viewed as dominated by men, but local women are changing that narrative as they show up to job sites with skills and tools in-hand.

March is Women's History Month, with the week of March 7 to 13 marked as Women in Construction Week. Yanni's Heating and Air Conditioning owner and certified technician Wanda Ousaklidis said she hopes more women join trade industries.

"Being a female in a male dominated industry has its up and downs. We're kind of unicorns," Ousaklidis said. "The latest statistic is that about less than 2% of HVAC technicians are female and fewer are contractors."

About 1.4% of 367,900 HVAC mechanics and install-



ers were women in 2018, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Ousaklidis and her husband, Yanni, began their business together in 2015 with the very

last money in their account. Ousaklidis was the majority owner and helped Yanni with work, becoming fascinated with how air conditioners work. Yanni passed away in

October, leaving her to coordinate with distributors and on-the-job tasks. She recently became certified and is licensed under the lead technician and is now studying for an exam to become a licensed contractor. She said she loves the trade but often finds people are unfamiliar with a woman running the business and being a technician.

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## New Braunfels moves to steer shortcut-taking trucks off city streets

By Steve Knight  
The Herald-Zeitung

Lake Front Avenue and state Highway 46 because of excessive large truck usage. "They indicated they were using Lake Front and Freiheit as a cut through to avoid traffic delays at I-35 and 46," Ford said. "It's an issue when that intersection is congested, and there are delays."

City engineering staff compiled a traffic study in November and January, which included a site investigation, multiple observation periods of data collecting and a review of the crash history in the study area,

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Freiheit Road between Lake Front Avenue and state Highway 46. MIKALA COMPTON | HERALD-ZEITUNG

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