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## All-day breakfast at new restaurant

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
Staff Writer

A new restaurant is joining the International Falls dining scene just in time for the summer tourism season.

Jerald and Sandy Netland, owners of Voyageur Motel, opened a new restaurant April 28, next door to their motel, Jerald said. The restaurant serves breakfast all day long, and focuses on home cooking, he said. It's open seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

They came up with the idea after hearing concerns from tourists staying at their hotel that there wasn't a restaurant within walking distance of the motel, he said. Tourists who have been traveling for eight hours don't want to travel far to find a place to eat, he said.

"It's a good location for

the restaurant, being right by the Holiday gas station," he said. "They can gas up and walk over and get some food before they cross the river into Canada."

While catering to visiting tourists, Jerald emphasized the restaurant is open to anyone who wants to eat there, and not just for tourists staying at the hotel.

The building used to house a Radioshack, he said, and they've been renovating it for about a year to get it ready to open as a restaurant. Aside from bringing in people to work on specialized things like the electrical and plumbing work, he said they've done most of the work themselves.

Neither he nor his wife have experience in the restaurant business, Jerald said, but with a good location, he said he thinks it will be a good situation.



STAFF PHOTO BY SPENSER BICKETT

Sandy and Jerald Netland stand in front of their newly opened restaurant, the Voyageur Restaurant, which is next to their motel, the Voyageur Motel.



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"True Fishermen," a 24"x36" oil on canvas painting, is available at Cherie Serrano's gallery at 825 Third Avenue.

## Capturing Rainy Lake on canvas

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

One local artist is making it easier for those without a permanent view of Rainy Lake to take a bit of the scenery home with them.

Cherie Serrano, owner of the Serrano Art Gallery, 825 Third Avenue, is hosting an open house from 5-9 p.m. Friday. The art on display will mostly be Rainy Lake and floral scenes. There are original oils and prints available.

Serrano said when she initially started showing her work in the Third Avenue office building, the goal was to decorate her husband's office space while at the same time earning some exposure in the community. Serrano's husband Dave, owns Arro of the North Land Surveying, housed in

the same building.

Now that Serrano has collected a large selection of her artwork, she said she feels the need to share it with the community and provide paintings and prints for sale.

"I am very thankful that I am able to make a living from my passion of painting," Serrano said. "Having a location that is available during the day due to the other businesses provides a convenience for people to stop and see my artwork."

The Serrano Art Gallery is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment.



Cherie Serrano

## FEEDING FURRY FRIENDS



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Melissa Fuller, owner of Four F's Farm and Pets pet store, cleans out cages Monday morning. Four F's will hold a grand re-opening this entire week, she said, to celebrate the remodeling she just completed. The store, which opened last June, is at 2960 Town Road 224. New shelving and displays feature pets ranging from fancy mice and cockatiels to chinchillas and fish, as well as supplies for all pets. The store is open 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m.-noon Friday. Call 218-286-1145 for more information.

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