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# Council to hear latest on RTC

By Heather Rule  
Daily Journal

There was some concern, mainly voiced by Tim Rundquist, at the last Fergus Falls City Council meeting about the timetable for the redevelopment of the Regional Treatment Center. The council will get an update on where things stand with developer Historic Kirkbride at its

meeting Tuesday. Listed on the agenda is an update on the RTC, city utilities and selective demolition plans. The idea of having a council liaison for the project was discussed at the last meeting, since the communication between the city, RTC adviser Kent Mattson and developer Ray Willey seemed to be a concern for some council members.

At this point, the main person communicating with Willey is Mattson, according to City Administrator Mark Sievert. At the end of the night, the council will adjourn to a closed meeting to consider an offer/counteroffer of the sale of the RTC to Historic Properties Inc. Other business on the agenda Tuesday:  
•A Toward Zero Deaths Award

will be presented to the Fergus Falls Police Department. The council will look to approve a quote from Comstock Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$19,754 for improvements to the city council chambers. The carpet and door will be replaced. The city has budgeted \$75,000 per year for general government building improvements and maintenance.

•The city will its annual Port Authority meeting immediately following the regular council meeting. On the agenda will be approval minutes from Feb. 19, 2013, elect officers and conduct any late business. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, the regular council meeting is moved to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the city council chambers.

## Models walk like brides and grooms at Sunday's gala



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Daily Journal  
Belinda Slettedahl, left, of Blossoms and Bridal, talks with bride-to-be Darcey Wilde, who is planning a July wedding.



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Brigit Mortenson walks down the runway Sunday at the Bridal Gala, sponsored by the Bigwood Event Center. The fashion show was put on by Elegant Events. About 100 attended the annual event. The winner of the \$500 cash prize was Kelsey Nygaard of Fergus Falls; and Lindsey Jensen of Underwood won the one-night stay in a whirlpool suite at Best Western.

### BUSINESS



Journal file photo

Cooper's Office Supply and Computer Center, which has operated in Fergus Falls for more than 65 years, sold its copier division, effective Jan. 1.

## Cooper's sells copier division to Liberty Business Systems

By Chris Reinos  
Daily Journal

Liberty Business Systems has finalized an agreement with Cooper's Technology Group of Fergus Falls to purchase Cooper's Copier Division, according to a press release put out jointly by the two companies.

The purchase became effective Jan. 1. Liberty will maintain a showroom and service area within Cooper's location, as well as a local technical support team.

The deal became necessary "due to growth in Cooper's other segments of the business," according to the press release. Liberty has kept on two technicians previously employed by Cooper's and is accepting applications for employment in sales.

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## Peterson mulls his political future

By Brett Neely  
MPR News — 91.5 FM

WASHINGTON — As Republicans look at the Minnesota election map this year, many believe their best chance of picking up a congressional seat is the 7th District, which covers the western half of the state and runs from the Canadian border almost all the way to Iowa.

Voters in the conservative region have reliably selected Republican presidential candidates for years. But since 1991, U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, a gun-owning, guitar-playing conservative Democrat, has represented the district in the U.S. House. Now the state's longest serving member of Congress, Peterson hasn't yet announced whether he will run for re-election this year.

"I'm waiting until we get the farm bill done, I've got a lot of other things on my mind," said Peterson in response to a question from MPR News about his political future.

Peterson was the architect of the 2008 farm bill and has been closely involved in the drafting of the current bill, which could be finished by February though it has been long delayed by internal Republican politics.

In his 23 years in the House, Peterson has fashioned a reputation as a straight-talking dealmaker and vote counter who has used his perch as the top Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee to

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## New iPad? Library offers classes to help learn about the device

By Heather Rule  
Daily Journal

There's a difference between turning an iPad screen off versus turning the device off entirely. That was lesson No. 1 Friday during one of the free tech help classes offered at the Fergus Falls Public Library: iPad 101.

"We're really going to start from the beginning," said Katelyn Boyer, adult services librarian.

She led the class, along with Emily Millard, assistant librarian, to help those who needed help with the basics of the iPad.

Really though, the iPad is a hard thing to mess up, Boyer said.

"The best way to learn how

to use your iPad is just to click on things," she said.

The class learned about what popular apps are out there, like the addictive Candy Crush and Pandora radio, along with how to connect to wireless Internet, setting up email and having some fun taking photos using the camera on the iPad.

Barry Nelson, of Battle Lake, was having trouble with registration and passwords, so he got some help with that from the library staff.

"I just got it for Christmas, so all I've done is gotten very frustrated by not being able to use it," he said.

He was looking forward to practicing with his high-tech Christmas present after the



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Assistant librarian Emily Millard helps Barry Nelson Friday during the iPad 101 class at the Fergus Falls Public Library.

class, planning to use his iPad for the internet and scheduling. There are a couple other reasons, too.

"I'm going to shop with it," Nelson said. "You can comparison shop. And games, of course."

Leslie Schuelke, of Fergus Falls, got some one-on-one

help before the class began Friday, and she learned lots with her iPad that she's had since the beginning of December.

"Just took it out of the box less than a week ago," she said. "The one-on-one help

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