

# POSTAL NEWS

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## 1. Postal switch detrimental

October 13, 2009, 12:00 am

I am a local postal worker concerned about the postal service's plan to shift mail sorting currently done at the Elmira facility to Rochester.

Despite U.S. Postal Service assurances to the contrary this "consolidation" will have a negative effect on the Elmira area.

Sending our mail to Rochester for processing has already hurt local businesses and personal quality of service. Removal of the mail processing equipment will further hurt the quality of service. The postal service claims the move will "improve efficiency," but it has failed to provide any real evidence that the plan would save money or that the current level of service could be maintained.

Elmira's postal workers encourage citizens and community leaders to take a stand against the consolidation. Write or call your congressional member and voice your choice against this "consolidation."

Linda Lewis

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## 2. Offended postal carrier responds

From staff reports

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By P.S. Suchan

I am writing this in response to the recent editorial rants of Cynthia Parkhill, in which she points the finger of blame at the U.S. Postal Service for the late delivery or, perhaps, sometimes non-delivery of the Lake County Record-Bee newspapers to it's

subscribers in Lake County. The specifics of her accusations are misleading to the paper's readers and are not completely accurate. She would have every subscriber believe that the U.S. Postal Service is responsible for every late delivered or undelivered paper that is subscribed to by mail. She states that all of these papers are sent first to an out-of-county postal center before they are mailed back to Lake County to the subscribers and this is not true.

I am a substitute mail carrier for the Highway Contract Route in Upper Lake. The few newspapers that I deliver for that route which runs to Nice and returns to Upper Lake are delivered to the Upper Lake Post Office every morning by an employee of the newspaper itself. A "paperboy" with a delivery route that includes bringing papers to the post office for distribution via the mail. They are delivered to us there just like they are delivered to the rest of the subscribers on the route who have regular Record-Bee newspaper boxes in front of their houses on the street. There have been many mornings when this newspaper carrier has arrived late or sometimes not at all. I have answered a knock at the back door and listened to a carrier, more than once,  
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curse and complain about their transportation breaking down, etc., and give excuses as to why these papers were late and possibly wouldn't make it to be delivered in time with our mail.

We, at the post office, are not "paperboys" or employees of your newspaper's circulation department. We have mail to deliver for that we readily accept the blame, sometimes daily, for the many things relating to the mail that can go wrong. Often these are things over which we have absolutely no control.

So as we already have taken responsibility for so many things relating to the mail, perhaps the Record-Bee needs to take responsibility for its own mistakes. These include any problems with its circulation and perhaps taking responsibility for the inaccurate information it tends to be printing a lot of lately. Perhaps you should consider hiring proofreaders to correct the many spelling and grammar errors seen daily. If you think that you can do my job better, you are more than welcome to it.

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### **3. Postal service packaging leads the way in recycling**

By DEBRA MITCHELL, U.S. Postal Service

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What's better than "free?" How about "free and environmentally friendly?"

Express Mail and Priority Mail packages and envelopes - available to postal customers free of charge - are now 100 percent recyclable. Decals, labels, examining inks, tapes and adhesives from the Postal Service are recyclable, too.

As a result the Postal Service not only exceeds governmental standards from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, it is also the only mailing or shipping company to earn silver-level "Cradle to Cradle" Certification from McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry for human and environmental health.

100 percent recyclable products save natural resources and prevent climate-changing gases from being released into the atmosphere. For example, the recycled content of the more than 500 million Express Mail and Priority Mail packages and envelopes the Postal Service provides its customers each year saves more than 15,000 metric tons of carbon equivalent emissions each year.

"Free and environmentally friendly" - that's a message everyone can send! Cradle to Cradle - certified envelopes, packages and mailing supplies are available in Post Offices across the country and online at [www.usps.com/business](http://www.usps.com/business).

The Postal Service is a global leader in environmental initiatives.

For more information about purchasing stamps, stamps by mail, postal regulations, a free subscription to USA Philatelic magazine, Post Office events, the location of the nearest postal store or contract unit, or for answers to your specific Postal Service questions, contact USPS at 1-800-275-8777, or visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). To schedule a presentation for our community, club or group on how the Postal Service brings the Post Office to your home or office computer, call 239-573-9638.

Mr. Zip's Tip: The Postal Service won the 2008 EPA WasteWise Partner of the Year Award - for the ninth consecutive year - for overall waste reduction achievements.

An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that visits every address in the nation 146 million homes and businesses. It has 37,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to pay for operating expenses, not tax dollars. The Postal Service has annual revenues of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.

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#### **4. Accenture wins modernization contract from Postal Dept**

Accenture would design an enterprise IT architecture and migrate the Department of Post to a more efficient IT system

New Delhi: Global IT and consultancy firm Accenture on Monday said it won an order from the Postal Department to modernize the post offices across the country.

The financial details of the deal were not known.

As per the modernization contract, Accenture would design an enterprise IT architecture and migrate the Department of Post (DoP) to a more efficient IT system, Accenture said in a statement.

The project is designed to help the DoP, which has been reporting losses to drive revenue and regain market share in different services and products such as bill payment, e-posts, life insurance, money transfer and banking.

The technology upgrade would also benefit citizens via speedier banking and insurance services, track and trace abilities and would help the postal department to compete effectively with the local and international courier firms.

Accenture would also advise DoP on the development of a wide-area network that helps connect all post offices on which various online services can run.

Krishna GV Giri, who leads Accenture's Management Consulting practice (Health and Public Service operating group) in the Asia Pacific region said, "Armed with efficiency at DoP, the government will be better positioned to share various social schemes, such as Mahatma National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, with even the most remote citizens."

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