

# First Class may be cheaper

Postal customers are spending more money than they need to at the post office, according to postal officials.

This is the result of a confusion over the difference between Priority Mail and First Class Mail when mail weighs less than 12 ounces.

Both of these classes of mail offered by the U.S. Postal Service give the customer economical and quick delivery anywhere in the United States.

All mail under 12 ounces is endorsed as First Class Mail. Mail weighing 12 ounces and up to 70 pounds is

Priority Mail. The minimum charge for Priority Mail is \$2.40, whether the mail weighs 1 ounce or 2 pounds.

According to Robert J. Opinsky, general manager/postmaster, some customers have been mailing articles that weigh less than 12 ounces with a Priority Mail endorsement, therefore paying more postage than necessary.

Customers may continue to mail articles under 12 ounces with a priority endorsement, he added. There is no minimum weight requirement for Priority Mail, only a minimum postage rate of \$2.40.