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If you still use the USPS to deliver your mail, you might want to visit the Post Office today or Saturday morning and stock up on the *Forever* stamps while they are still 63 cents each. Starting on Sunday, July 9th, the rate will be 66 cents each. The increases will raise First-Class Mail prices approximately 5.4 percent to offset the rise in inflation. The price for 1-ounce metered mail will increase to 63 cents, and the price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 51 cents. A 1-ounce letter mailed to another country would increase to \$1.50. There will be no change to the single-piece letter and flat additional-ounce price, which remains at 24 cents. The USPS says that two new package delivery options will be launched on Sunday They will be called Ground Advantage[™] and USPS Ground Advantage Return Service. See [USPS Ground Advantage[™]](#) for information on the new services. The following services are being merged into the new services: First-Class Package Service[®]; USPS Retail Ground[®] service; Parcel Select Ground[®] service; First-Class Package Return[®] service and Ground Return Service.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ There will be a Solid Waste Disposal Committee on Thursday, July 13th at 5:45 pm in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, July 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.
- ✓ **TONIGHT** the 2023 Sounds of Summer series presented by Friendly City Festivals features **"Run Katie Run"**. They will be performing at Market Park Pavilion in downtown Athens, starting at 7:00 p.m. **Friday.** There's no admission charge. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Church News and Events

- West End Baptist Church will have homecoming this Sunday, July 9th. Services begin at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- The Carter's will be singing on July 30th at 11:am at Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, in Etowah. Everyone is invited.

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Obituaries

♦ **Samuel J. Olsen**, age 76, of Athens, passed away on July 2nd. Sam was born on August 15th in Peterborough, NH. He graduated from Cedarville University and went on to receive his Doctor of Ministry from Temple Baptist Seminary in Chattanooga. He and his wife, Judy, served in full-time ministry for over 50 years. Sam and Judy have 3 children, Deborah, Samuel and Elizabeth. A *Celebration of the Grace of God in the Life of Sam Olsen* will be held at 12:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Athens on July 22nd. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. prior to the service. A private family interment will be held at Concord Union Church Cemetery, in Evensville on July 7th.

♦ **Marilyn Gail Anderson**, age 89, one of the founding members of the Community Action Group of Englewood passed away Wednesday, July 5th of natural causes in her home. It is with a heavy heart that our community sadly lost a pillar. If we had to choose one phrase to describe Gail, it would be serving others. Whether it was kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, relatives, friends, community, or church, her life story was about being there for others. While every mother, wife, friend is special, Gail was extraordinary in her life and her willingness to help her family and others. The values that she lived by and taught her family has influenced her children, grandchildren, and even her great-grandchildren. In spite of her disability and because she loved her community, she remained active in CAGE thru early 2022. Her passion for making Englewood a better place to live led her to such accomplishments as helping create the Community Action Group of Englewood, which is responsible for the Englewood Textile Museum and Company Store. Gail was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Englewood, Community Action Group of Englewood, Library Board of McMinn County, and the Tennessee Overhill Committee. She was an instrumental part of bringing 411 through Englewood, the creation Englewood Celebrates, and the Englewood Textile Museum and Company Store. A Celebration of life service will be held at 7:00 pm, Monday, July 10th at Smith Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 4:30-6:30 pm Monday at the funeral home prior to the service. The committal service will be 10:30 am, Tuesday, July 11th at Mt. Harmony Cemetery in Niota. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

♦ **Helen (Marie) Anderson**, age 74 of Niota, passed away Wednesday, July 5th at her residence. She was a native and long-time resident of McMinn County. She was a member of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and will always be remembered for the way she loved and cared for others and her generosity. Funeral services will be at 7:00 P.M. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will be 10:00 A.M. Saturday in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Ruth Brock Wall**, 104, of Englewood, passed away Wednesday, July 5th. She lived in McMinn County her entire life. She was a talented seamstress, china painter, quilter, and gardener. A member of Zion Hill Baptist Church, she taught Bible classes and organized Christmas plays and VBS for many years. She loved God, her family, and her church. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 8th in McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Betty (Sue) Foxx**, age 79 of Athens, passed away Tuesday, July 4th at her residence. She was a native of Andrews, North Carolina, and a resident of McMinn County since 1979. She was the life of the party and was the host that took care of everybody. She was an active member of West View Baptist Church. She always put herself last and every member first. She was loved by all and she loved her friends. Beloved Wife, Mom, and grandmother. A memorial service will be at 12:00 Noon Friday, July 14th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 A.M. - 12: P.M. prior to the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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