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Ernie’s Era Of “Special Deliveries”
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At the end of October, Independence Hill Retirement Community had to say “good-bye” to our beloved postman of 26 years. Ernie Ybarra has served the residents since we opened our doors for business.

Ernie’s idea of service goes way beyond delivering mail. “I hope I can brighten up my customer’s day and maybe deliver them some good news, like a special birthday card or letter from a friend. My time delivering to Independence Hill has been very special to me,” reflects Ernie. “They know when I’m there and often meet me to catch up. I love talking with them as I sort the mail, just like I would with my own parents or grandparents.” Ernie reminisces with them about old movies or toys they had as kids, their military experiences, sports, you name it! During conversations with Mr. Murillo, the coincidences grew and they discovered they had worked for the same company in San Marcos and were 2nd cousins. Mr. Murillo knew Ernie’s parents, aunts and uncles.

Ernie is also well known for his jokes and quick wit. He would joke with the ladies at times, “looks like you have a letter from one of your boyfriend,” and was surprised when he got a quick witted response, “only one?” Or when he was asked, “when will you be done?” His reply was “like the monkey said when he got his tail cut off, it won’t be long now!” Ernie’s commitment to service and helpfulness is what sets him apart. If he

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