

STERLING FROSTING ON THE CAKE - Employees at the Illinois Valley Sterling Savings Bank Branch in Downtown Cave Junction served cake on Friday, May 7 to cap Customer Appreciation Days last week. The

observance was to welcome customers, shareholders and employees who joined the branch after its Klamath First Bancorp merger. There also was a drawing for door prizes. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

Man confesses to fowl crime

A man admitted to killing "Speckles" the chicken at Ray's Food Place in Murphy.

On Sunday, May 2, Josephine County Sheriff's Office received an anonymous complaint that a person had killed a chicken outside the Murphy store. Adam M. Abbey, 18, of Cave Junction, contacted a deputy and confessed, said JCSO.

Abbey was issued a class "C" felony citation for aggravated animal abuse.

"Speckles" had become a parking lot mascot.



UPS triple-trailer rig sideswipes rig from United Salad; drivers unhurt

Two youths were apprehended for speeding through the scene of a twotruck collision after a highspeed chase on Interstate 5.

On Wednesday, May 5 at approximately 2:50 a.m. on I-5 southbound near milepost 66, a semitruck rig sideswiped another rig parked on the highway shoulder, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO).

A United Salad semitruck and trailer was southbound on Interstate 5 when the lift gate on the rear of the trailer dropped and began dragging on the freeway, said JCSO.

The driver, Gary Jones, 57, of Gresham, pulled to the shoulder. JCSO Deputy Jim Geiger arrived to assist the driver.

Geiger and Jones were

triple trailers southbound on I-5, driven by Michael Tarrant, 49, of Klamath Falls, crossed over the fog line for an unknown reason and sideswiped the United Salad truck.

The UPS truck flipped onto one side. Tarrant was seat-belted in and was reported uninjured.

The crash closed the southbound slow lane for southbound traffic, and the on-ramp for southbound traffic at milepost 66.

While Oregon State Police troopers and Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputies were investigating the crash, a vehicle came through the scene at a high rate of speed, said JCSO.

The vehicle initially stopped after being flagged over by a deputy, but then those inside drove away, according to JCSO. Deputies initiated pursuit, and as the chase proceeded southbound on I-5, OSP took the lead. Rogue River Police Dept. used spike strips in an attempt to stop the vehicle.

The vehicle was spiked and stopped southbound near milepost 46.

Two juvenile boys from Eugene were taken into custody. The car they were driving was stolen, reported JCSO.

At approximately 5:45 a.m., a semitruck rig failed to slow through the crash scene and was stopped. The driver was cited on a charge of careless driving.

JCSO, Oregon Dept. of Transporation, Rural/ Metro Fire Dept., and Caveman Towing assisted OSP at the scene.

OSP reminds motorists to slow down and pay attention to flaggers while traveling through crash scenes. "There are many people involved in large crash scenes," said OSP. "Excessive speed and lack of attention could easily cause further injury or

death."

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standing at the rear of the trailer, when it was hit by another southbound semitruck rig, JCSO said. Geiger and Jones were not reported injured.

A UPS semitruck with

specials and drawing during the Home Show





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