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## Your Weekend



- First Day Snowshoe Hike at Emigrant Springs
- Murder mystery dinner theater in Hermiston
- The Spazmatics at Wildhorse on Sunday

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### Catch a movie

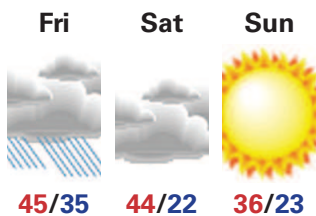


Niko Tavernise/Twentieth Century Fox

Hugh Jackman gets so excited about starting a circus that he bursts into song and dance in "The Greatest Showman."

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### Weekend Weather



## Bakery must pay fine for refusing to serve lesbians

By PARIS ACHEN  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon's Court of Appeals has upheld a decision to require the owners of a Gresham bakery to pay a lesbian couple \$135,000 in damages for refusing to make them a wedding cake.

Sweet Cakes owners Aaron and Melissa Klein's refusal to bake the cake for Rachel and Laurel Bowman-Cryer in January 2013 made national headlines and prompted Bureau of Labor and Industries Commissioner Brad Avakian to award the damages to the couple for emotional distress.

On Thursday, Dec. 28, the court affirmed BOLI's conclusion that the Kleins violated the civil rights of the couple and Oregon's law that businesses not

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pedestrians and vehicles navigate snow-covered roads on Thursday in downtown Pendleton.

# PENDLETON'S SNOW POLICY LET IT STAY

Downtown streets still covered as businesses see customers slowly return

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

Downtown Pendleton businesses weathering this winter's snow and ice differ on whether the city should have a snow plow.

The sales crew at the Hamley Western Store, 30 S.E. Court Ave., said Thursday they would like to see the city cleared streets of snow that fell more than 36 hours prior. Jessica Lapp and Rachelle Erb said they have been walking to the store for each shift, and even traveling on foot has been treacherous.

"I put on trail spikes just to get to work," Lapp said.

Store manager Penny French lives outside Adams, and said the worst driving of her trip to work was not on the long stretch of Highway 11, but the city streets she had to navigate in Pendleton.

Pendleton Public Works Director Bob Patterson said the city has plows for the runways at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport, because those are a requirement of the Federal Aviation



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Traffic negotiates a snow-covered Main Street on Thursday in downtown Pendleton.

Administration. But on city streets, rather than remove snow, the city drops gravel, especially at intersections and on inclines.

Erb said that is little help. Vehicles press the gravel down, she said, and soon enough the snow and ice cover it and the traction is gone.

But Patterson said the city is

looking at getting a plow if the winters continue to deliver loads of snow and worse on a more frequent basis. But a plow would mean residents could not park on streets, would have to deal with berms and digging out vehicles.

The snow plow discussion in

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## Snowfall brings out entrepreneurs

By JADE MCDOWELL  
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Snowflakes drifting from the sky may elicit groans from people worried about driving in it, but for others the snowfall is an opportunity.

From teenagers armed with snow shovels to landscapers with plow attachments for their trucks, private snow-clearers can help fill in the cracks after government snow plows clear (or don't clear) the streets and city-owned parking lots.

Gary Foust of Hermiston said when snow hits it is hard for work to continue at the metal recycling yard he owns, so he advertises snow removal services to keep busy.

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Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan

Jeff Krupp moved to Hermiston in March, and enjoys skiing and boating in his spare time.

## HERMISTON

# Calpine business manager enjoys outdoor adventure in his spare time

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
East Oregonian

Jeff Krupp's relocation to Hermiston could be considered a power move.

Krupp, 45, moved north from Hayward, California in March to accept a new position as business manager with his longtime employer power-generation company Calpine.

"I've held all kinds of different management positions in power," he said. "One area that was the weakest was finance. When the opportunity came up, it was a way for me to hone that skill."

Krupp had lived in California



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for about 17 years, but is happy to be in Eastern Oregon.

"I love it here," he said. "I wish there was more trees, but I think the community is something to be proud of. People are nice, they stick together."

Though Krupp now handles the day-to-day financial operations for Calpine's Hermiston Power Project facility, he has a long history with the company.

"I've worked in turbine controls, all the way up through

high-voltage electricity, power distribution," he said. "I've had maintenance manager and operation manager roles through different plants."

Born in Nevada, Krupp served four years of active duty in the Navy and two more in the reserves. He was largely stationed in the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

After his service, he was enrolled in a college class where his lab partner mentioned that a power plant was hiring. He started working there, the beginning of a long career in power.

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