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Public input varies in Pendleton, Hermiston art plans

Mayor Houk said the statue finalists were culled from previous

By not engaging the public before re-entering what it must have known would be a touchy endeavor, Pendleton has once again made things more difficult for themselves, and will again have to deal with the grumbling consequences.

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**Fritz Hill
Pendleton**

The latest news from city hall:
Street maintenance program:
The Pendleton Public Works
Department has completed its
plan to bring all city streets up

Frustration with public: The city council continues to be frustrated with public response to issues plaguing city and cites pervasive “negative” attitude towards council.

Rick Rohde
Pendleton

If Al Plute had me in mind when he said “the pundit who no longer lives in Pendleton,” then he should contrast his brief stay in Pendleton with that of my family,

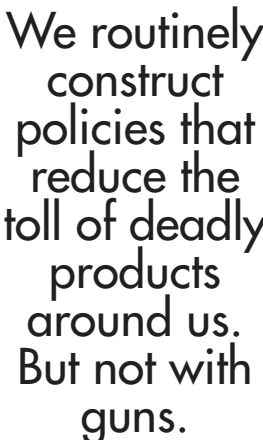
Plute mentioned interagency loans but he failed to mention their decision to take \$650,000 from the library to cover the airport's losses. He also stated, "The airport was awarded a \$1.6 million grant/loan package by the state of Oregon for the purpose of constructing facilities to lease." He failed to

Jerry Cronin
Pendleton

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While Republicans in Congress resist the most basic steps to curb gun access by violent offenders, the public is much more reasonable.



Republicans, listen to your sainted leader.

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