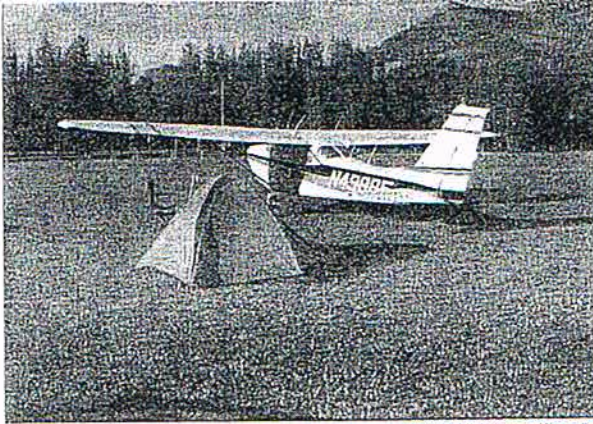


...ter decisions when there is public  
out."  
Rehberg and other bill supporters say  
sh administration officials have been  
ident in not closing backcountry  
strip. They were not nearly as happy  
h federal officials during Bill Clinton's  
residency.  
"While President Bush has suggested  
won't close additional strips, there are  
promises in our form of government,"

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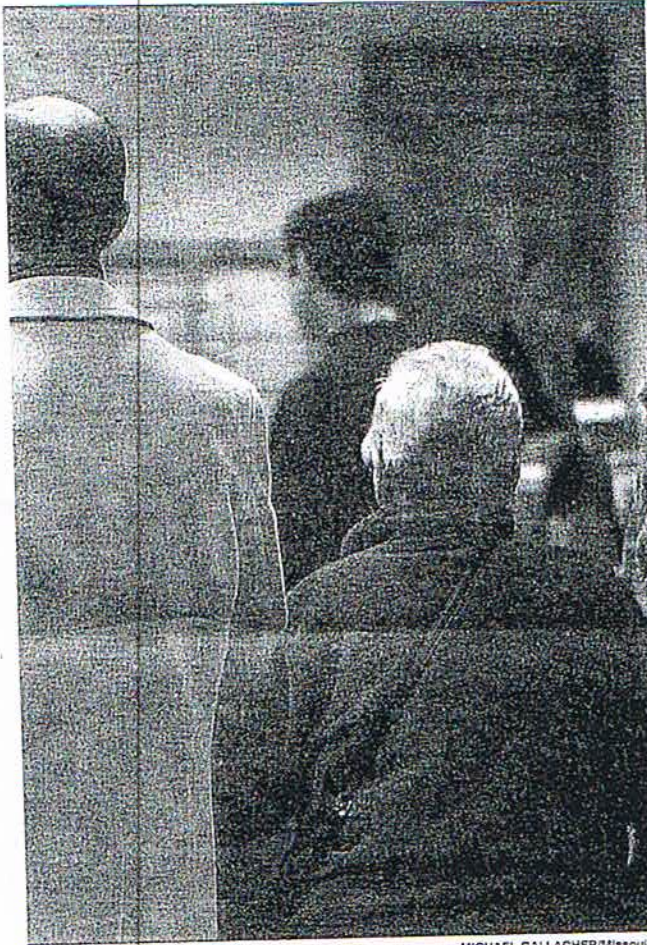
airplane is tied down during a family  
mping trip at the airstrip at Schafer Meadow  
re Bob Marshall Wilderness. The airstrip at  
ater Meadow is the only airstrip currently  
ated in a wilderness area in Montana.



DANIEL LILJA/for the Missoulian

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MICHAEL GALLACHER/Missoulian

...n say the real rush doesn't begin until Dec. 15.

# season

*ristmas are fast approaching*

y-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
ppers Services, 3200 Brooks:  
y-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.;  
y, Dec. 13 and 20, 10 a.m. to 5

ggins Stationers, Southgate Mall:  
y-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
S. Post Office, University  
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Shipping Depot, with locations  
at 2120 South Reserve and 100 E.  
Broadway, are open from 9 a.m. to 5  
p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on  
Sundays prior to Christmas.

The UPS Store at 2401 Brooks is  
open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on  
Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on  
Sundays. The UPS Store at 248 N

## Garnet garners big grant

*Preservation society  
awarded \$60,000*

By ERIN STRICKLAND  
for the Missoulian

The application was 100  
pages long and included letters  
of support from Sens. Max  
Baucus, and Conrad Burns,  
Rep. Denny Rehberg, historians  
and educators.

Valerie Schafer of the  
Garnet Preservation  
Association had applied the  
year before, and while her  
application was in the  
20 percent that made it to the  
second review process, it was  
turned down.

This year, things turned out  
significantly better - to the tune

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## Convict's bail jumps to \$250,000

*Man convicted of  
cooking meth caught  
with drug precursors*

By JOHN STROMNES  
of the Missoulian

POLSON - A \$10,000 appeal  
bond for Cory Minez, twice  
convicted of manufacturing  
methamphetamine, was  
increased to \$250,000  
Wednesday.

A drug investigator testified  
that Minez of Arlee had a quart  
of iodine and other meth-  
precursor chemicals in his  
possession while he was free on  
bond. His convictions and  
lengthy prison sentences are  
under appeal.

Minez, now 41, had been  
free on bond after his

# Garnet

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of \$60,000 – for Schafer and the Garnet Preservation Association.

The grant money will help the association in its mission to protect, preserve and interpret the historic town.

After a grueling application process, the association recently found out it was one of 27 grant recipients from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

“This is by far the biggest, most exciting, and important grant,” said Schafer. “We’re

incredibly complimented and so proud to receive a national grant.”

The National Endowment for the Humanities was created in 1965 to financially support the humanities. That broad mission statement encompasses history, literature, art, philosophy and countless other areas that fall under the umbrella of the humanities. Funding goes to museum exhibitions, libraries, TV, radio, film productions, research projects, and is extremely competitive.

Recipients of the grant are required to match the funds. For the Garnet Preservation Association, this means they

have three years to raise another \$60,000.

They’ve already started.

Earlier in the year the association held a period costume ball to unveil and sell a painting donated by Missoula artist Monte Dolack.

The proceeds from the sale of posters and postcards made from the painting will all be used in matching the grant money. The association also made about \$1,000 from raffling off a romantic night for two in Garnet.

Projects like these are what the NEH is looking for; quality programs run by organizations that are financially responsible, said Schafer.

“We were a really good match for this grant,” said Schafer. “It was tailor-made for our program: a local history project with an operating budget of under \$100,000 a year.”

The Garnet Preservation Association will use the grant money to create an endowment.

“It’s something that’s becoming more and more popular for nonprofits,” said Schafer. “You raise a whole bunch of money – more than your annual operating budget – and you invest it.”

That way, the association can keep on top of its annual budget by using just a portion of the investment’s income.