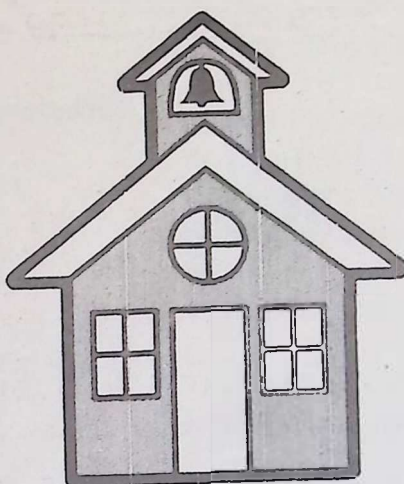
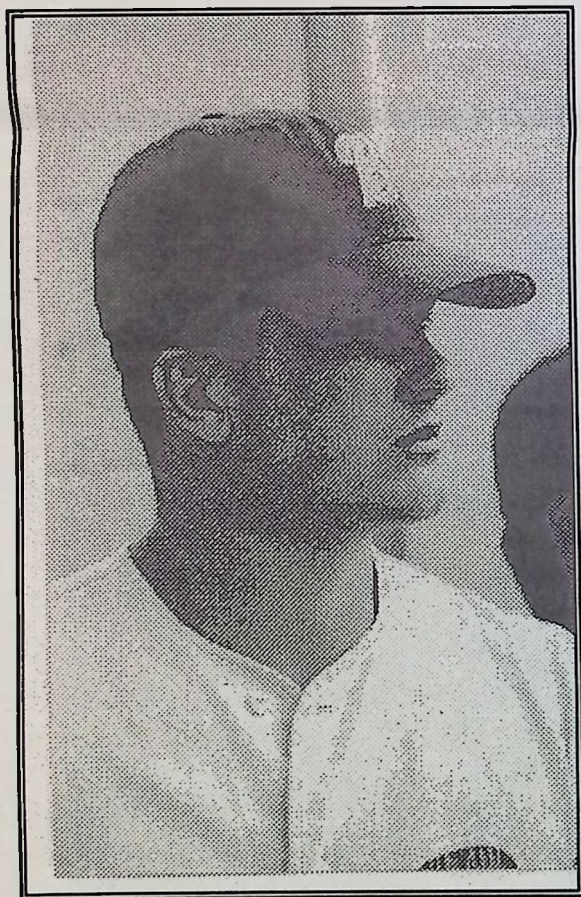


SPOTLIGHT ON KIDS

This month's spotlight is on Johnny 'Mac' Bowen, a June graduate and a life time resident of Butte Falls.



Johnny Mac Bowen

proudly replied, "the Marines are known to be the best and that's what I want to be!"

Johnny Mac leaves here on July 7 for Portland, and from there he will be flown to San Diego, Ca. where he will be stationed at Camp

Listening to Mac Bowen these days is like listening to a Marine Recruiting Officer. Here's a young man who has made a decision about what he is going to do the next four years of his life and he is proud of his decision. Mac has enlisted in the US Marine Corps.

When asked why he decided to join the service, Mac said it was an easy way to see the world and have a job for four years. When questioned on why he selected the Marines, Mac

Pendleton for boot camp. Following graduation from basic training, he will return to the Medford area for twenty days as a Recruiter Assistant. Mac said he will be visiting local high school campus' to tell about the boot camp experience. At the end of his stay in Medford, Johnny Mac will travel to Camp LeJune, North Carolina for eight weeks of Tech School where he will study combat engineering. He explained that he will learn to build many things, from bridges to explosives and booby traps. Johnny Mac is eager to start his career in the military, however he's been told that it's possible he will be in Germany by the end of the year. He expressed concern that this could be a stopping point on the way to Bosnia.

Johnny Mac is the third generation of his family to graduate from Butte Falls High School. While in school he was active in athletics, and was secretary/treasurer of the recycling club. When asked what his best high school experience was, Mac jokingly replied, "Graduating." About his worst experience he said, "Mr. Bone in my freshman year." He explained that it took some time to get comfortable with him, but now feels that Mr. Bone was probably one of the most influential people in his life. He said that he was strict, but always fair. Johnny Mac explained that he's had a couple of teachers who have been very influential on his life, however "the most influential person is my dad", Mac said "he's always been there for me!"

When talking about high school Johnnie Mac was asked if he would have preferred to go to a larger school. He replied that a larger school may have had more available options but he preferred the smaller school here because everyone knew each other so well. As an example, he said he and Nicola Adamov (foreign exchange student) have become close friends and in a larger school they probably would not have done so.

Johnny Mac said he will miss his friends and family when he leaves for the service but plans to write often.