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OCTOBER 26, 1994 - Tyler Lentz poses amid the Halloween decor at the Creswell home of Ron and Paula Gregory. PHOTO BY BILL LUND/THE CHRONICLE ARCHIVES

Creswell boys act quickly to stop beach fire

OCT. 16, 1969 — Beach fires don't stand much of a chance with four Creswell boys around. The fire-fighters, 16-year-old Bob Holt, his brothers Nat and Paul, both 15, and their friend Kelly Davis, 13, made short work of a beach fire at Heceta Beach near Florence last Sunday.

The boys were staying at the Holts' beach cabin when the fire started nearby at about 5:45 p.m. While Mrs. Holt called the Siuslaw Rural Fire Department to report the fire, the boys started to fight the fire. They formed a bucket brigade to get water to the area and started beating out small pockets of flames with "wet brooms and rags."

When Fire Chief Ivan Welty and his firemen arrived on the scene about 10 minutes later, the boys had the fire under control and almost out.

"If we had more young men like these four," Welty said, "Beach fires would be less of a problem."

When asked how the fire started, Bob said, "We don't know, we just felt someone should put it out before it reached some of the nearby houses." The boys calmly poured a little more water on a smoking tuft of beach grass as Fire Chief Welty nodded in approval.

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Alexander is stable after being hit by car

OCT. 31, 1984 — A 1984 graduate of Creswell High School was listed in stable condition at Sacred Heart General Hospital Monday evening after he was struck Sunday by a vehicle on Holbrook Lane.

Robbie Alexander, 18, had his condition upgraded from serious to stable Monday and was being held for observation, according to a hospital spokesperson. He had suffered head injuries in the accident.

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Mazama hearing set for Oct. 26

OCT. 10, 1984 — A hearing that could decide the fate of Mazama Timber Products of Creswell is set for Oct. 26 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 412 at the Federal Building in Eugene, Mazama comptroller Steve Gaughn said Monday.

At the hearing, a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge is expected to rule on motions made last month by Oregon Bank that would allow the bank to take control of the Creswell mill.

The bank's motion for "relief from automatic stay," which would almost surely put at least a temporary end to production at the mill, and its motion to convert Mazama's to a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which would also probably result not only in the mill's closure but also the auctioning of its machinery, equipment and land, were postponed last month by the judge.

Oregon Bank is the largest creditor of the Creswell firm, which filed under Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code early last year. Oregon Bank has loaned Mazama more than \$12 million over recent years. Mazama owner Forrest Solomon deeded over his Emerald Valley Forrest Inn and Golf Course and other properties to the bank earlier this year as partial settlement of the company's debt.

Gaughn said Monday that "lots of things hinge on that hearing," but that "business-wise, things are going pretty good" at the mill.

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