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Bob Quick, left, and Troy Easton of Roy, Utah, stopped at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day to visit with the local ambulance crew as they journey from Cannon Beach to Fire Island, New York. Easton is a paramedic who saved Quick who had a massive heart attack in 2004.

Near-death experience leads to LIFE-AFFIRMING JOURNEY

Heart attack victim and paramedic who saved him roll through John Day on cross-country ride

By R.J. Marx
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What a way to make a friend — in the back of an ambulance as you're suffering cardiac failure.

Landscaper Bob Quick of Roy, Utah — just west of Ogden — led an unhealthy lifestyle. He paid the price in 2004.

"I could tell he was dying as soon as I saw him, for sure," paramedic Troy Easton said. "Complete cardiac failure, ashen, blood pressure, 80 over nothing, he was real anxious, you know you're dying. He said, 'Please do everything you can to save my life.'"

Easton, first on the scene, said Quick had no pulse and was not breathing when they "let him have it," shocking him with 360 joules from a defibrillator.

For 3 1/2 minutes, Quick's life hung in the balance.

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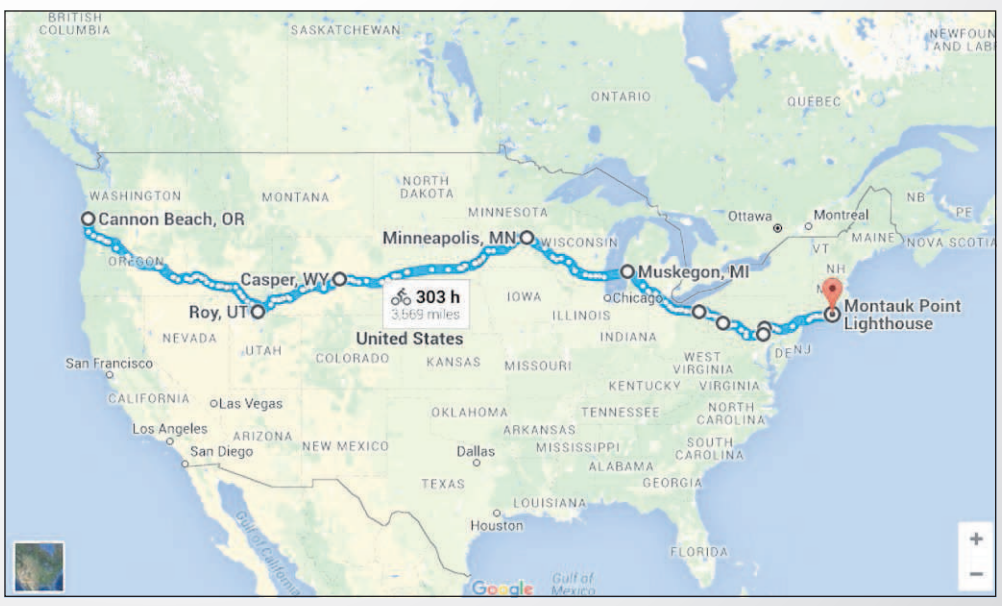

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The route Bob Quick and Troy Easton will follow on their ride.

Supporters golf for CASA kids

Event raises $6,000 for program

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Twenty-four golfers teed off Saturday in support of kids at the Sixth Annual Grant-Harney County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Golf Scramble.

The event, held at the John Day Golf Club, raised $6,000.

The proceeds will be used to train and support citizen volunteers in Grant and Harney counties.

"I'd like to thank our local business sponsors and participants who contributed to the success of this event," said CASA Executive Director Tracey Blood. "About 30 percent of our funding comes from state, and we rely on fundraising, grants and donors to fund the other 70 percent."

Grant-Harney County CASA will also hold a golf scramble with Kids Club of Harney County on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Valley Golf Club in Burns.

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Travis Jones of John Day drives the ball during Saturday's CASA Golf Scramble with his teammates (back, from left) Alex Finlayson of Canyon City, Dave Nelson of John Day and Ed McCrary of John Day.

Blood said children who navigate the court system with a CASA volunteer are more likely to be adopted than linger in long-term foster care, are half as likely to re-enter the foster care system and are more likely to do better in school.

In 2015, 47 children were served by Grant and Harney county CASA advocates. Currently, 42 children are assigned to the Grant-Harney CASA program, with 25 children served by a CASA volunteer. Ten adults serve as CASA volunteers in the two counties.

"We are always looking for volunteers and are especially in need of volunteers in Harney County," Blood said.

Results:

First place: Ryan Torland, Steve Schuette, Ken Peterson and Randy Horner
Second place: CASA volunteer Ed McCrary, Dave Nelson, Alex Finlayson and Travis Jones
Closest to the Pin (KP): Ken Peterson
Men's Longest Drive: Chuck Wilson
Women's Longest Drive: Aidan Broemeling

8-9-10 softball All-Stars take third in Milton-Freewater

13-14-15 All-Stars to play South Salem

By Angel Carpenter
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Three Grant County All-Star softball teams battled it out in Milton-Freewater last week in the District 3 tournament.

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Grant County 8-9-10 All Star Lauren Wenger focuses on getting an out at the District 3 tournament.

8-9-10 All-Stars

The Grant County 8-9-10 Softball All-Star team slid into third place at the tournament.

The team, led by manager Zach Williams and coaches Levi Watterson and Marissa Williams, came out on fire Sunday, June 19, beating Baker 17-4, followed by an 18-2 win over Milton-Freewater the next day.

In the semifinals last Wednesday, they suffered an 11-6 loss to La Grande.

The Grant County team was up 6-1 in the second inning, then lost ground, giving up six runs in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Drewsey Williams pitched through the fourth, throwing several strikes for Grant County until she was hit by a line drive. Lauren Wenger was 4-4 for the team.

On Thursday, Grant County was overcome by Pendleton, 18-6.

Williams pitched three innings with seven strikeouts, and Brilynn Combs finished out the game.

Wenger was 3-3, and Halle Parsons was 2-3.

Manager Zach Williams said he was proud of the team.

"Overall, for being 9 and 10 year olds, they did a great job," he said.

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