

# Jeffers takes People's Choice Award at 'Rally in the Valley'

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The second "Rally in the Valley," sponsored by Spirit Mountain Casino, has grown this year.

More bikers and more vendors, said Tamara McKnight, Events Coordinator for the casino. Making the event all the sweeter, Tribal member Belden Jeffers won the People's Choice Award with his 1961 powder blue Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

About 375 riders started the poker part of the rally on Aug. 23 from two locations: one at Paradise Harley in Tigard and another at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Prizes for the event included Best Hand, Low Hand or Chapter Challenge. Winners received a trophy

and a \$300 gift certificate from Paradise Harley.

The rally also included a bike show with winners selected for Best Chrome, Best Paint and People's Choice.

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Entertainment brought out the Seattle Cossacks, a motorcycle stunt and drill team, Responsible Party Band and Phamous Phaces Band. Vendors included Bert's Chuckwagon, Taco Valle, Ye Old Grog Distillery and Rusty Truck.

Jeffers, a logger, could not be reached for comment, although he reportedly was thrilled with the win. He had restored the bike to its original condition just this year. ■

# Rolling the dice



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Ian Evenson pretends to drive his grandfather's 1946 Chevy pickup as his sister, Paige, sits in the passenger seat during the Veterans Roll the Dice Car Show held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Saturday, Sept. 13. The event was organized by the Tribe's Veterans' Special Event Board to raise funds to help both Tribal and non-Tribal veterans in Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan.



Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr., chairman of the Tribe's Veterans' Special Event Board, announces the trophy winners during the Veterans Roll the Dice Car Show held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Saturday, Sept. 13.

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## Rules changed on exemption

Individuals eligible to receive health care from an Indian Health Service, Tribal or urban Indian health program provider are now able to claim an exemption from the shared responsibility payment through the tax filing process starting with the 2014 tax year.

This benefit was previously only available to members of federally recognized Tribes.

American Indian and Alaska Native individuals will continue to have the option of submitting the exemption application through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell announced that the availability of the online tax filing process to apply for the hardship exemption will save time and reduce duplication of effort. Qualification for the Indian exemption can be established by attestation of membership in a federally recognized Tribe or eligibility to receive services from an Indian health care provider.

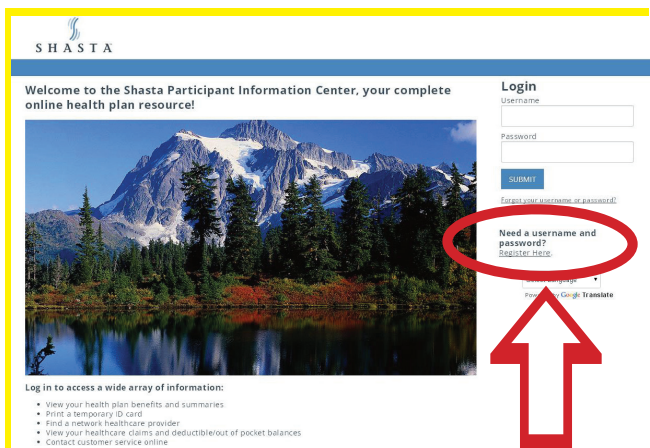
The benefit of claiming the exemption through the tax filing process was initiated based on requests by Tribal leaders. Burwell first announced the updated rule at the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee meeting on Sept. 18. Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy is a member of the committee. ■



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