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#### Letters

#### Dear Smoke Signals:

We at the Clothes Closet want to thank all of you who participated in Youth Education Elementary K5 Program's Socktoberfest. We were so surprised at the number of socks you all had collected. We are so appreciative of what people like you do for us.

The clients who received the socks were so thankful and we were sure to let them know that it was because of you and all the parents and children who participated in giving. One lady was almost crying as she picked up her pair of socks. She said that she was going right home and putting on her socks because the ones she had on had holes in them.

Thank you again.

#### **Kathy Soderberg**

(Editor's note: According to Matt Bucknell, Socktoberfest collected 227 pairs of socks, 20 hand-knit stocking hat beanies, one pair of winter boots, one pair of mittens and one scarf. They were all new.)

# Social Services Committee to conduct survey

The Tribe's Social Services Committee will be conducting a survey and would like all Tribal members age 18 and older to participate.

The committee will be raffling off  $10~\$25~\mathrm{gas}$  cards and one  $\$50~\mathrm{gas}$  card to those who participate.

The survey only will be available online. If you don't have a computer, please visit your local library, including the Tribal Library, or visit the Tribal satellite office in Portland or the Tribe's Social Services Department, or ask a friend to let you use their computer.

The committee is hoping to have the survey ready by the end of March, Chair Jenny Sanchez said. ■

# **Volunteers wanted**

The Tina Miller Community Center Thrift Store, 110 B. St., Willamina, helps fund the after-school and weekend youth community center located in the old Willamina High School gym. The thrift store is seeking volunteers who can help run the store, in addition to donated items and customers. The store accepts clothes, books, knickknacks, etc., as donations. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday. Donations also can be left at the Wildwood Hotel and Restaurant in Willamina. For more information on volunteering, call 503-876-7897. The youth center and thrift store are nonprofit and 100 percent self-sustaining and volunteer-run. ■



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## **General Council meeting**

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