

Code: will be presented to community

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"Some tribes have said religious articles can't be used as collateral," Engle said.

"So a person wouldn't be able to come to Tribal Court and be able to reclaim it. One thing we know we do not have is self-help repossession, and there's no way it's going to be done any differently."

The Tribal Model Code was introduced to business leaders on the reservation Sept. 15, when Sue Woodrow, chairperson of the committee that developed the model code, visited the reservation.

The code was written based

on Article IX of the UCC to help standardize law between states and Indian reservations, the goal being to improve commerce. With standardized commercial law, banks would assume less risk and apply the same interest rates to residents of Indian reservations as to people who live off reservations.

"Then we have a better chance to secure affordable credit at reasonable terms for those tribal members accessing credit off the reservation, consumer or business credit, and eventually for (business owners, toward) inventory and expansion," Engle said.

Eventually, he said, a standardized commercial code would help businesses based on Indian reservations, includ-

ing Warm Springs, to extend their own credit or loans to consumers off the reservation.

"That's where secured transaction law works both ways," Engle said.

Engle sat in one of the meetings during the drafting process of the Tribal Model Code.

"I found out they were looking for readers, since they needed input from Indian Country, and I volunteered," he said.

When he was invited to join the committee, he noticed the people working on the model code were officials from NCCUSL.

The officials included people who had helped revise chapters of the UCC, attorneys that represent tribes, and May Linn

Smith, the director of the Indian Law Clinic at the University of Montana.

"It was wonderful to watch the group work," Engle said. "I did a whole lot of listening. What I saw was a very professional group working toward a common goal. There was no dissension. It was one of the best examples of a working committee I've ever worked with."

He said that during this particular meeting, participants examined every word of the draft, exchanging information, and asking each other how each change would impact other sections.

"The knowledge those people brought to the table, because of their experience in writing or rewriting (parts of the UCC),

plus what tribal members brought, gave a wonderful representation to the stakeholders," Engle said.

Tribal members working on the Tribal Model Code represented tribes from all over the U.S., including "tribes that have land bases, tribes that don't, tribes with casinos, tribes without casinos, tribes economically moving forward, tribes still wondering what to do."

A \$30,000 grant through the Department of Interior may become available to allow more work on the model code. Engle said the grant is still being considered.

The first training session for implementing the model code in Indian Country would be in Missoula, Mont., at the University of Montana's Indian Law

Clinic next spring. But Engle said he hoped at least one training session could be set at Kah-Nee-Ta.

"I've made the suggestion to the NCCUSL," he said. "I keep dropping the hint."

Additionally, consumers and business owners on Indian reservations would need to be trained to help acclimate them to the new business environment that a harmonized commercial code would afford them.

This could include what Engle termed "enlightened consumerism," including things like how to deal with car dealers or lease-to-own purchases, and the dangers that lie in some purchases.

Hunting: success for bow hunters

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"Some days I knew the elk were there, but they wouldn't answer (after his calls)," he said.

Smith is one of several Warm Springs hunters who were successful during the archery hunt. He named Joel Santos and Anthony Santos as also being fortunate during the archery season.

Smith said he uses finger tabs to release the arrow and has a range of 30 to 40 yards.

"I can shoot 30 yards comfortably, or anything under," he said. "You just have to make sure no tree limbs are in the way, and get shooting lanes."

Terry Luther, Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife Department manager, said the archery elk hunt was a success.

"Tribal members have had the opportunity to bow-hunt on the ceded lands but never on the reservation, at least not in recent times," he said. "The archery hunt was introduced be-

cause we had a growing number of tribal members interested in archery. With the reduced deer season, we wanted to give more of an opportunity for elk hunters, and also for those who wanted to try archery."

The rifle deer season, usually through September and October, was shortened to only October this year to help rejuvenate the deer population on the reservation.

All 40 tags for the elk archery hunt were taken rather quickly, Luther said.

"It's a little surprising," Luther said. "In the ceded area, we've always given fewer than 40, but there's been good interest for reservation archery."

Luther said Fish and Wildlife plans to conduct a survey to find out how successful the hunters were, to gauge the hunters' experiences, and ask for feedback for the future.

The 30-day rifle deer season on the reservation started Saturday and continues until Sunday, Oct. 30, with one tag per family per season.

The tribes' rifle elk season, though, starts 15 days earlier

than usual and lasts until the end of November.

Following up last year's successful bighorn sheep hunt, four hunters were selected for hunting in either the Deschutes River canyon or the John Day River area. A total of 24 hunters entered the drawing to hunt in the Deschutes but only five in the John Day.

The Deschutes River hunting area offers much easier access than does the John Day, which explains the Deschutes Canyon's popularity. Last November, Albert Santos, a tribal member who lives in Portland, shot an eight-year-old big horn sheep. On that trip, he and his brother Joel floated down the John Day River 70 miles, most of it on punctured raft.

"You have to float 50 miles or so, and as a result, not as many are interested in renting or buying rafts, or have the knowledge and skill to navigate the river," Luther said.

Both hunts are on the Warm Springs tribes' ceded lands, which cover a 10 million-acre area of north central and eastern Oregon.

Letters of apology

To the High Desert Resort and Casino, I am writing you this letter in regard to my trespassing into the Kah-Nee-Ta premises. I would like to take this time to apologize for my actions on the morning of Sept. 4, 2005 at approximately 3:59 a.m. I will not enter unlawfully in or upon the property again. I am aware and take full responsibility for my wrongful decision in doing so. Once again I am so sorry. This will never happen again. Therefore, thank you for your time in this matter. Respectfully, **Emilena Suppah.**

My fellow Springers, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and the Warm Springs Police Department. I am sorry for drinking and driving, and I have chosen not to do it any more. I have also started to get my life back on track by staying physically, mentally and spiritually active in our community. Please accept my apology and join myself and others every Sunday at the Agency Longhouse for services. **Jake Buffalo-Horse Eastman.**

I would like to take this time to apologize to the community for my wrongful actions. I am sorry for being behind the wheel of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and putting the community members at risk of injury. Once again I am so sorry and I take full responsibility for my wrongful actions. It shall never happen again. **Laura Robinson.**

To the community of Warm Springs, I would like to apologize for the actions taken in July, which included driving under the influence of intoxicants while four people, including three children, rode in the bed of the pickup, included possession of marijuana. It was wrong and stupid what we had done, and for that I apologize. I pray it will never happen again. **Joel Q. Craig.**

Kuthla, I'm sorry for any danger - infinity would be the only thing I could claim to say, I'm sorry. Bad situation have happened between myself and your mother in the past and all were resolved. But this doesn't change how I feel for you. I love you and I am so sorry. **Laura Crowe.**

I would like to take this time to apologize to the community of Warm Springs. I would like to take full responsibility for my actions and being in the community with narcotics in my possession. Again I would like to say I'm sorry and I will never be in the community with NDDHD in my possession. **Valena Sargeant.**

To the community of Warm Springs and officers of the police department, I apologize for giving a false name because I had a warrant. I would also like to apologize for not wearing my seatbelt for my safety. I hope the community can forgive my wrong doings. Thanks. **Aaron Scott.**

My life and my action about getting a DUI on the rez. Sorry about it. To report and business about me, make me get arrest. For my action get back in recovery. It will good me development leave to a good life. Sorry. CR543-05. Jay **Whintney.**

Fundraiser

The Victims of Crime Senior and Disability Program is raising money on Friday, Oct. 21 for caregivers training in November.

Menu is as follows:
Indian tacos with pop, \$5.
Fry bread, \$2.
Bowl of beans, \$1.50.
Beans and fry bread with pop, \$5.
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