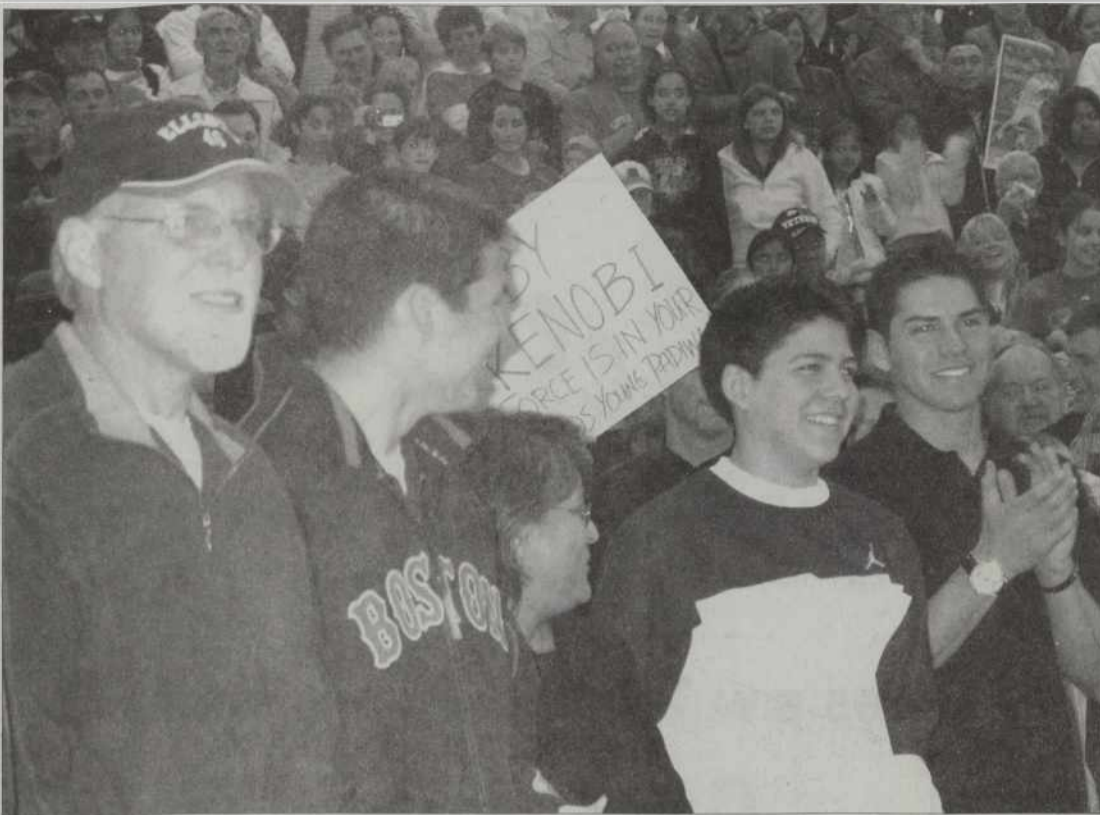


Hometown hero's welcome for Ellsbury



Jacoby Ellsbury (right) and family appreciate the welcome home rally at the Madras High School gymnasium.



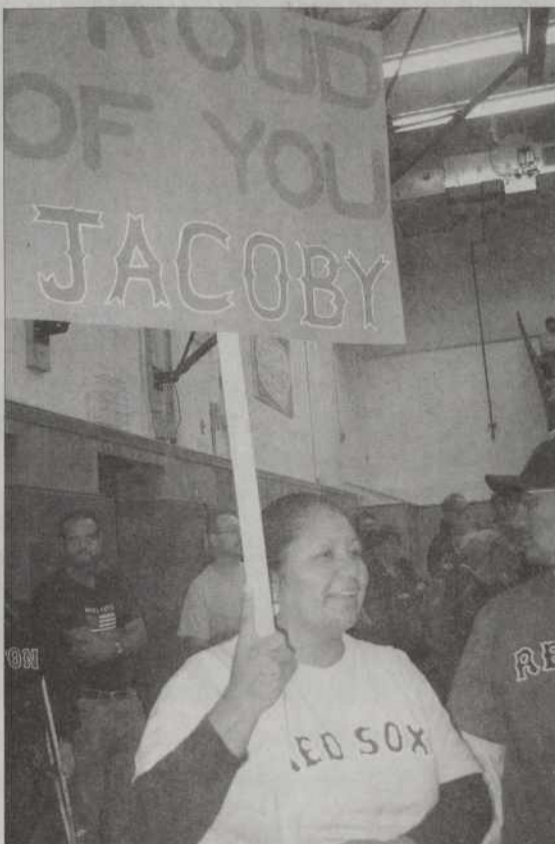
Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club take part in welcome home parade. "Dreams Come True" was the motto of their parade entry.



White Buffalo athletes in parade.



During the rally, Warm Springs traditional drummers wore their Jacoby jerseys.



Lana Leonard shows pride.



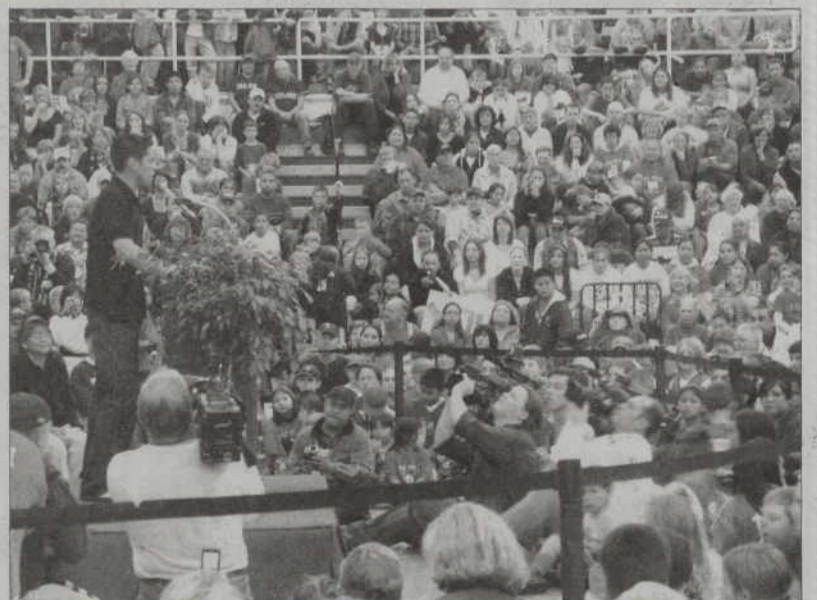
Tribal Council members present a Pendleton blanket to Ellsbury during the dinner at Kah-Nee-Ta.



The Warm Springs and Madras communities last Saturday welcomed home Jacoby Ellsbury, star outfielder for the World Champion Boston Red Sox. Ellsbury grew up in Warm Springs and Madras.

The day started with a parade in Ellsbury's honor, followed by a large gathering in the Madras High School gymnasium. Ellsbury spoke of his 2007 baseball experience, which by all standards was truly amazing. Ellsbury moved from Double-A to Triple-A and then up to the Red Sox just in time for the World Series, where he was a star player.

After the parade and assembly, the Confederated Tribes hosted a welcome home dinner for Ellsbury. The theme for the evening was, "Jacoby Ellsbury, Indian Country's MVP."



Ellsbury addresses the audience, estimated at over 3,000 people, at the high school gymnasium where he used to play basketball.