

# Earning badge takes long time

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all Scouts earn the badge. "It'll be a relief to finally have it," Max Saint said, noting that he and Russell have been working to become Eagle Scouts most of their lives. As final projects, Saint built a picnic shelter at Smoky Gardens Memorial Park south of Goodland and Russell a memorial to unborn children at the Goodland Cemetery. Russell said he worked for about three months planning, raising money and installing the memorial, which features an engraved stone and a granite bench set on a concrete base shaped like a cross. He said he raised about \$3,000 for the project, which was unveiled in mid-July. Russell said people have responded well to the memorial, honoring all babies who died before they were born. "They've said that it is a good addition to the community," he said. Saint said he spent most of the summer gathering materials and labor for the picnic shelter, which he, his father Dennis and other volunteers spent three days building in July. He said the Sherman County Commission approved the project and the Smoky Gardens board footed the \$1,500 bill for materials.

Saint said people like the new shelter. "Everyone tells me we did a good job," he said. The Scouts said becoming an Eagle Scout will help them qualify for college scholarships and eventually find jobs. Russell said he plans to go to the Air Force Academy next year and Saint said he is enrolled in the communications technology program at the Northwest Kansas Technical College. More importantly, they said, the badges will earn them respect and inspire other Scouts. "Younger Scouts will look up to us more," Saint said. "It really inspires the little ones to work harder when they see us accomplish this." Three other Goodland Scouts have earned an Eagle Scout badge in the past two years, Russell said, but before that it had been 10 to 15 years. Saint said when they became Scouts, the program was weak, but his father volunteered to be Scoutmaster and began recruiting members. "He got a lot of kids to join the troop," Saint said, noting that the program grew stronger as Scouts began earning their Eagle Scout badges. He said a couple more Goodland Scouts plan to earn the badges in the next few years.



Max Saint (left) and David Russell will receive their Eagle Scout badges at a joint ceremony on Saturday.  
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# Broncos endure litany of ailments

DENVER (AP) — Mike Shanahan called it "the dreaded injury report," and he knows whereof he speaks. The weekly litany of ailments continued Monday for the Denver Broncos, with 12 players on the injured list. Besides wide receiver Rod Smith's uncertain status for Thursday's game in Dallas because of his sprained right ankle, receivers Kevin Kasper (ankle) and Scottie Montgomery (knee) were expected to try to practice on Tuesday. Kasper and Montgomery both were inactive for Sunday's 17-10 loss to the Washington Redskins. Backup defensive end Bertrand Berry likely will miss Thursday's game with a shoulder separation suffered on Sunday. Running back Terrell Davis (knee) remains on schedule in his rehabilita-

tion and probably will return to the lineup on Dec. 2 against Miami. Most of the other walking wounded should play on Thanksgiving Day. Safety George Coghill left the Redskins' game with a concussion but should be able to play Thursday. Defensive tackle Trevor Pryce and fullback Tony Carter have pinched nerves in their necks, but should play. Offensive guard Dan Neil re-injured his ankle on the third play of Sunday's game but played through it. Offensive tackle Matt Lepsis has an injured right knee that eventually will require surgery but has continued to play. Defensive tackle Chester McGlockton has a bruised shoulder and irritated calf. Safety Kenoy Kennedy played Sunday despite a bruised lower back.

# Bonds wins 4th MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Bonds became the first player to win four Most Valuable Player Awards. Bonds won the National League MVP in a landslide to cap a record-breaking season in which his 73 home runs broke baseball's biggest season record. He received 30 of 32 first-place ballots and 438 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

The 37-year-old outfielder hit .328 with 137 RBIs for the San Francisco Giants. Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa got the other two first-place votes and finished second with 278 points. Bonds also won the MVP award for Pittsburgh in 1990 and 1992 and for the Giants in 1993. He finished second to Atlanta's Terry Pendleton in 1991 and to San Francisco's Jeff Kent last year.

# Kansas loses in final second

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — The pile of players in the corner of the court looked like a March moment rather than one in mid-November. But Ball State earned the right to celebrate after beating No. 4 Kansas 93-91 Monday in the opening round of the Maui Invitational. The Cardinals were down six points with just under three minutes to play and their best player had fouled out. Still, the backcourt of Patrick Jackson and Chris Williams came up with huge plays in the final minute for the upset. "I'm not embarrassed to say that's a program we want to emulate," second-year Ball State coach Tim Buckley said. "But this can't make our season. We have to build on this. I wish we could go run around and celebrate but

we have to play again." The win moved the Cardinals on to Tuesday's semifinals against No. 3 UCLA, which beat Houston 71-60. The play that got Ball State to the next round was Patrick Jackson's driving layup past four Kansas defenders with .8 seconds to play. "I was just trying to make a play," said Jackson, who finished with 23 points. "I thought we had more time but I heard Coach yelling 'Drive.'" The win was another blow to the pre-season Top Ten. Five of those teams have now lost a game less than two weeks into the season. "They made the plays down the stretch and we didn't make them," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "Basically, we feel very disappointed in the

outcome and we have to get a lot better." Ball State looked impressive in building a 55-48 halftime lead. But the Jayhawks, behind the career-high 31 points of junior forward Drew Gooden, rallied to take a 70-68 lead with 12:17 left on a drive by freshman Keith Langford. That was their first lead since 9-8. When Gooden scored down low with 2:14 left, Kansas had an 89-83 lead. But Robert Owens hit a 3-pointer with 1:58 left, and Jackson scored on a drive 36 seconds later to make it a one-point game. Gooden scored with 1:05 left to make it 91-88. Williams, who finished with 24 points, scored his only points of the second half on a 3 to tie it 45 with seconds left.

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