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Contributor

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MORE INFO
For more information about Zach, visit his wish fun Facebook page at tinyurl.com/zachwish.
For more information about Mary Immaculate School, visit mischool.org.

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Zach Thibodeaux displays the scholarship presented to him by Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind. Submitted photos

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Rosemary Martinez contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of Mary Immaculate Catholic School.

SCOUTING

Service unit honors adult volunteers

By ZITA DEGRAFFENREID
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Carrollton Girl Scout Service Unit 405 recently honored its adult volunteers with awards and dinner at Polser Elementary School in Carrollton.

The Girl Scout organization depends on adult volunteers and honors them with a variety of awards every spring. Nominations and support letters are submitted by parents and girls and then approved by a council-level awards committee.

Shawn Young received Outstanding Volunteer and Mark Avery received the Green Angel. Kathy Baker, Ashley Kees, and Dora Scarborough received Outstanding Leader, and Debbie Anderson, Annette Carr, Michelle Chadwick, Diana Enriquez, Lisa Holdorf, Laura Nisbett, and Kristen Shepard received the Troop Cookie Manager Trefoil Award. Sharon Mentasana was honored with her 10 Years of Service pin.

Service Unit 405 serves troops in several Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD and Lewisville ISD schools.

For more information about Girl Scout Service Unit 405, email youngsmtx@gmail.com or visit su405.com.

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Photo submitted by ZITA DEGRAFFENREID
Diana Enriquez (left), Shawn Young and Mark Avery were among the adult volunteers who received awards at a Carrollton Girl Scout Service Unit 405 event May 5.

FACES OF THE MILITARY | MEMORIAL DAY

Knights of Columbus members present observance

By RODGER CRAMER
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There will be a traditional observance of Memorial Day at 1 p.m. May 30 at the Knights of Columbus hall at 2280 Springlake Road, Suite 100, in Farmers Branch. The event will be presented by the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 5052 of Farmers Branch.

The public is invited to the event, said Council Grand Knight Cliff Starnes, and assembly members are issuing a special invitation to members and veterans of the military and their families.

"We will formally retire a worn out American Flag," Starnes said. "The Notre Dame Assembly Choir will perform, and buglers will play their traditional roles." In addition, speakers will pres-

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ent a brief history of Memorial Day and reflect on the significance of the flag in prose and poetry. Participants will receive handheld flags; refreshments will be served.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal and benevolent organization.

For more information, visit kofc5052.org.

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On their way

Girl Scout Cadettes of Troop 1585 conducted a bridging workshop for fellow Junior Girl Scout Troops 802, 1430 and 3636 on May 1. The workshop introduced the Junior Troops to their next level as Cadettes and was a take-action service project that completed the Cadettes' Amaze Journey. The girls also collected donations for Lewisville ISD's Dressed to Learn program.

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