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New Famie TV shows to air next month

The third and fourth installments of chef-turned-documentary filmmaker Keith Famie's "Our Story" series will air in December on **WXYZ Channel 7**.

"Our Greek Story" is scheduled to air commercial-free at 7 p.m. Dec. 8, and "Our Arab-American Story" will air at 7 p.m. Dec. 15.

Famie, a former chef and cast member of CBS' "Survivor," is now owner of **Visionalist Entertainment Productions** and co-producer of the series.

The "Our Story" series documents the culture, social and business fabric of ethnic groups in Southeast Michigan and the challenges each encountered in the U.S.

Of the four, Famie said filming "Our Arab-

American Story" was the most challenging. That's because the Greek, Polish and Italian communities dealt with people from one country that largely faced and overcame their primary challenges years ago.

For Arab-Americans, the challenges are current and involve people from about 22 different countries, Famie said.

"You are dealing with two different major relations, and in some respects three, and you have a wide range of political issues that are at the forefront of society today, and you have the aftermath of 9-11," Famie said.

— Brent Snavelly