Christmas cheer



ens at work: Barbara Wallace (from left) was in charge of the frosting, while Stacy Brickman and Melinda Gold of Farmington Hills and Tavia Forndall of Livonia made the cookies during holiday happenings at Angela Hospice Home Care Center in Livonia Dec. 17. The activity was part of a new teen volunteer program involving Angela Hospice Home Care of Livonia and Community Hospice Services of Westland.

5 local teens fly up to rank of Eagle Scout at ceremonies

Five local teens have been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at two separate Court of Honor ceremonies in Farmington Hills

ceremonies in Fermington Hills recently.
Christopher Abate, Brendan Fay and Chris McVety of Boy Scout Troon, 389, sponsored by Nerdin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, were honored at a Nov. 20 ceremony.
Christopher Francis and George Nagrant of Boy Scout Troop 110, sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington, were honored at a ceremony on Dec. 3. State Rep. Jan Dolan was the guest speaker.
Abate attends Catholic Central High School in Redford, where he is a sophomore and plays on the football team. He has been a Scout since 1885, when he joined Pack 321 at Beechview Elementary School. After earning Webolorank in 1889, he joined Troop 389 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church.
Abate has served as senior patrol leader and is a junior assistant Scoutmaster. For his Eagle service project, he sponsored the installation of 16 wooden benches around a fire ring at Herial Forceived the Good Citizer or project, he sponsored the installation of 16 wooden benches around a fire ring at the Park and Foreign Wars, assisted the Kugh Lader of Columbus in their annual fund-raising drives and the Kught of Columbus in their annual fund-raising drives and the Michigan Department and the Michigan Dep

attends classes at Oskiand Com-munity College. He has been active in Scouting for 10 years and started in Cub Scout Pack 321 at Beechview Ele-mentary School. He has held nu-merous leadership positions in his troop, including senior patrol leader and junior assistant Scout-master.

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or his Bagle service project,
designed and built two
ed-in horseshee courts for the
percund at Proud Lake Rec-

ation Area. Fay is also interested in art, notography and music. He was a armington Observer carrier for

Farmingon Guest's Stray and Stray years.

McVety has been a Scout for six years in Troop 389. He is a senior at Groves High School in Birmingham, where he is co-captain of the Suture Problem-solving Team, member of the National Honor Society, serves on the fo-



Christopher Abate





Chris Francis

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renaica team and has participated
in the leadership program Generstion of Promise sponsored by
Leadership Detroit consisted of
supervising the building of 16
wooden park benches around a
firs ring at Heritage Fark.
He plans to attend the University of Michigan where he is tomajor in law, concentrating on becoming an environmental attorney and a freelence writer.
Francis is a student at Purdue
University in Indiana and plans
to major in mechanical engineering, He graduated from University
of Detroit High School in June
where he was in the top third of
his class. He received the Michigan State Competitive Scholarship, was in the Spanish Club
and on the mini-United Nations
debate team.
He was on the track team, football team, cross country team,
beatestball team and played in
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He has been an assistant patrol leader, instructor and held the po-sition of Order of the Arrow. For his Eagle service project he orga-nized the construction of 10 bird houses for Founder's Park in Farmington Hills.

His parents are Carolyn and Robert Francis of Farmington Hills.



Goorge Nagrant

Nagrant is a freshman at the University of Detroit Mercy where he is majoring in mechanical en-

university of Detroit Mercy where he is majoring in mechanical engineering.

He graduated second in his class from University of Detroit High School in June 1994. He received the U.S. history award, Bausch and Lornh science sward, presidential academic fitness award, Tandy Technology scholar award, National Merit finalist scholar athlets award, Michigan competitive scholarship and the University of Detroit Mercy Insigns scholarship, He also participated in the Spanish Club and on the bowling team.

Nagrant performed with the U-D High Marching and Symphonic Band, the pep band and brassquintet, Livonia Youth Philharmonic and Livonia Symphony Orchestra. He is a Farmington Musicale Scholarship winner.

In the Boy Scout troop, he has been a bugler, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, den chief, chaplain aids and senior patrol leader. His Eagle project involved the city of Detroit. He organized and conducted the clearing of an overgrown foot trail along a stretch of the Rouge River in Rouge Park.

His parents are Nicholas and Marianne Nagrant of Farmington Hills.

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