

# Kenny Rogers backs food drive

Entertainer Kenny Rogers is sponsoring a food drive in conjunction with a concert at Joe Louis Arena Sunday, Sept. 2.

Concertgoers attending his 7 p.m. show may bring with them canned foods — preferably meat, fish, fruit or vegetables — which will be distributed to Detroit-area social agencies by the Gleaners Community Food Bank. Or persons may bring food to any of 16 tri-county Dodge dealerships, which is co-sponsoring the food drive, until Sept. 2.

Rogers, who has sponsored food drives throughout the country, has collected more than 700,000 pounds of food in 40 cities. The goal for the Detroit area is 200,000 pounds.

Rogers has said, "I have come to understand how appalling and far-reaching the problem of hunger is in America. My wife and I want to educate the public about hunger and do something immediate and direct about feeding hungry people."

Gleaners, an organization of southeastern Michigan residents and businesses, began in 1976 and is dedicated to solving the twin problems of hunger and food waste in the community.

Gleaners procures, stores and redistributes food products that result from incorrect packaging, surplus commodities, manufacturing overproduction or an abundance of fruits and vegetables in season.

It redistributed 10.5 million pounds of food in the last year.

For more information call the Gleaners Community Food Bank, 923-3535.

## upcoming things to do

- AUDITIONS OPEN**  
Men and women who would like to sing with the Plymouth Community Chorus may audition at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross, 46250 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For further information, call 455-4080.
- SUMMER STUDIO**  
The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford will present its third annual Summer Studio Production, two one-act plays, "Whiskey" and "Impromptu," at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Aug. 17-18 and 24-25, at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, just south of Five Mile, Redford. Tickets are \$2.50. No reservations are required.
- GUYS AND DOLLS**  
The Garden City Civic Theatre will hold auditions for "Guys and Dolls" at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. The center is one-half mile north of Ford, one block west of Merriman. Auditioners are asked to have a prepared song with sheet music, and they will be asked to dance. An accompanist will be provided. Performances are Oct. 19-21, 25-27.
- COLD STORAGE**  
Auditions will be held for the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's next production, "Cold Storage," at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the guild playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, just south of Five Mile, Redford. There are roles for two middle-aged men and one woman. Performances are Oct. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20. For more information, call 522-8057.
- STUDIO PRODUCTION**  
Skatin' Station will host its third annual Skateathon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association from 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, to 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at the roller rink at 8511 Ronda, Canton. For more information, call Skatin' Station at 459-5400 or the Muscular Dystrophy Association at 381-3838.

Look for more upcoming things to do elsewhere in this section.

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## second runs Tom Panzenhagen

A second decade of films at the Detroit Film Theatre, in the Detroit Institute of Arts, got under way earlier this month.

The lineup once again boasts a combination of film classics with contemporary and often seldom-seen films. Friday evenings are devoted to the newer films, while most Saturday evenings beginning Sept. 1 are given over to the classics.

Sunday evenings this year, from Sept. 23 to Nov. 18, feature "Chaplin - Lost and Found," consisting of several Charles Chaplin classics along with many more one- and two-reelers acquired through the Chaplin estate. The latter films rarely have been screened.

Tickets are \$2.50 (with the exception of "L'Argent" this Friday, Saturday and Sunday — \$3.50). A book of 10 tickets is available for \$17.50.

With few exceptions, showtimes are 7 and 9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday times vary quite a bit. For more information and a complete schedule call 832-2730.

"The Vikings" (1958), 3 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 50. Originally 141 minutes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.

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"The Vikings" may have been overly long to begin with, but cramming it into a two-hour slot can only handicap this colorful, sprawling adventure yarn. "The Vikings," starring Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh and Ernest Borgnine, is Hollywood at its big-budget best, paying little attention to factual Nordic detail but working romance, action and scenery to wondrous advantage. At times the characterizations are banal and the plot twists incredible but, buoyed by its strong points, it's quite compelling nonetheless.

Rating: R.

"The Russians are Coming, the Russians are Coming" (1960), noon Sunday on Ch. 2. Originally 120 minutes. TV time slot: 135 minutes.

Director Norman Jewison's film may be a bit farcical for all tastes, but those who enjoy the antics of co-stars Carl Reiner, Alan Arkin and Jonathan Winters are sure to eat this one up. Jewison, too, keeps a handle on the humor, so it's not nearly so broad as, say, "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World." Eva Marie Saint, Brian Keith, Paul Ford, Theodore Bikel and John Phillip Law round out a wonderful cast.

Rating: R.

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