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## 'Muth welcomes new renaissance festival

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VASSAR/FRANKENMUTH -- In days of old when knights were bold, there lived a man named Robin Hood.

No, the young lad who stole from the rich to give to the poor isn't coming to the area. But the times he lived in are, thanks to the hard work of area residents Toni Grainger-Knoll, her son Vince, and Dearborn residents Chuck and Wendy Hough.

The Mid-Michigan Renaissance Festival is coming to town beginning in October. Scheduled for

four weekends, the town of Kleves will emerge on 14 acres of land owned by George Grainger located four miles southwest of Vassar on Frankenmuth Road. Work on creating the village at this location has already begun.

"The organizers will be meeting with us at the library sometime in September," said James Rancilio, director of the Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library. "I expect we'll be involved, too."

The festival's grand opening is Oct. 11, rain or shine. Each weekend through Nov. 2, there will be lots of entertainment for visitors including musicians, jugglers, dancers, delicious food, and merchants displaying their wares. Expect to see gypsies, a living statue, some sword fighting and fencing.

The village of Kleves is a re-construction of an actual village in Germany. It was the home of Anna of Kleves, the fourth wife of England's King Henry VIII. A play kicks off the festival in which all of the characters are introduced to visitors. Each weekend a new theme is introduced.

The cost of a ticket is \$7.95 for adults, children ages six through 12, \$6.95 and children under five years of age will be admitted for free. The festival will be open from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. No alcoholic beverages will be served or permitted. Also no pets or weapons will be allowed.

"We're very excited about this event," said Vince. "Everyone has been working hard to get this festival up and going and we're looking forward to everyone coming out and enjoying themselves."

For details visit [www.midmichiganrenfest.com](http://www.midmichiganrenfest.com)